

# St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Greetings from Fr. Tony and the staff at St. Jane Frances de Chantal on this third Sunday in Easter!

"While they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them." Luke 24:15

Today we journey with two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They have left Jerusalem sad and confused after the crucifixion of Jesus. Soon, they meet a strange man who then accompanies them, teaching them about the scriptures and filling them with hope. When they recognize that the man is Jesus, he vanishes from their sight.

While he was not physically still with them, their joy and hope remained! They were "on fire" as the Scriptures were opened to them. We, too, can hear the scriptures and find "our hearts burning within us." While Jesus is not available to us in the Eucharist, we can commune with him in the Scriptures. Try the Ignatian Imaginative Prayer printed in the bulletin (page four).

During this Easter season, we continue to see the Risen Lord in the acts of kindness reported in the news, in the liturgies we share in on television or the internet, and in each other as we reach out to bring God's good news to others through phone calls, emails and texts.

Please join Archbishop Vigneron at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral for Mass today at noon as we gather in community during these 50 days of Easter. We look forward to praying together every day at noon as a community of St. Jane Frances.

May the spiritual presence of Jesus be a comfort to you today and every day. He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Catholic Community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal congratulates the following couple on receiving the Sacrament of Marriage on April 18, 2020. Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kassab & Angela Hellow

Witnesses: Sinan Kassab and Jacqueline Thomas Sponsor Couple: Dave and Lynn Burley **CONGRATULATIONS** 

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St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

# **NEW TO THE PARISH?**

Would you like to join the St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish family? Become a Parishioner! You may register anytime using the online form available at sifparish.org. We would love to have you!

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## **PRAYER LIST**

Brad Wilson Dan VanAcker

*"Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise!"* 

James 5:13

Names added to the Prayer List will remain on the list for a period of 4 weeks. If the illness or situation persists after that time and additional prayers are needed, please call the Parish Office. Thank you!

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Let us pray for you!

Although we are not together, our Intercessory Prayer team is still praying for all requests submitted.

Our Intercessory Prayer box remains open on our website. Visit sjfparish.org to submit Intercessory Prayer requests.

If you have any questions, or would like assistance finding the online Intercessory Prayer box, contact Laurie Hall at LHall@sjfparish.org.



DEBBIE MAZUR Christian Service & Adult Formation Coordinator dmazur@sjfparish.org Ext. 107

These past few weeks, I have spent more time on social media than ever. I have seen people share about their family and friends who have been sick or dying, and seen more requests for prayers than I

think I've *ever* seen (and even more people responding to these requests!). I've seen members of our parish and community help one another by offering to pick up groceries, making masks, and checking in to make sure everyone is OK.

I choose to ignore the negativity of the situation and rather focus on the heroes, the first responders, and the people who are caring and sharing God's love with each other. In particular, I found one message from a New Zealand community faith nurse (from **nativity.org.nz**):

To the Sisters in my Life:

**Be a Sarah**: Age doesn't matter; trust and believe that all things are possible in God's perfect time and season.

**Be a Rebekah**: Never forget that true beauty lies within. Draw all your loved ones closer to God through your Christ-like character.

**Be a Rahab**: Whatever the conditions or circumstances, believe in the power of God's Word. Give your best to Him, and He will remember you and your household.

**Be a Ruth**: Be loyal in all your relationships; walk the extra mile and don't quit when things get tough. Someday, you'll see why it was all worth the effort.

Be a Hannah: Never cease to pray; it will never be in vain.

**Be an Abigail**: Remember how each decision can turn your life around for good or bad. Be wise.

**Be an Esther**: Be bold and courageous, stand for the truth, voice your opinion, and fight for the good of others, even when it means sacrificing yourself. If God has put you in a certain position, it is for a purpose. Never be afraid to heed to the inner voice.

**Be a Mary**: Be humble and submissive. You don't have to be great in order for God to use you; you just need to obey.

**Be an Elizabeth**: Never doubt what God can do; He is the God of many Miracles.

**Be a Mary Magdalene**: Never let mistakes or the judgment of other people stop you from experiencing the joy of God.

**Be a Lydia**: Let your homes be open, let your hands be generous, and let your hearts be big enough to help anyone in need. Joy is greatest when shared.

**Be a Doreus**: Use your talents, however small they may seem. They can put a smile on someone's face and be a blessing to many.

We are living in a special time. We've wondered if there are similar situations in the Bible that could be comforting. These women came to mind. In order to remain strong, we must adjust to this new situation as quickly as possible. The best thing we can do is to trust in God for everything.

The National Prescription Drug Take Back was originally scheduled for April 25, 2020. Due to COVID-19, this has been postponed; however, we should still be aware of the opiate problem and be vigilant in the handling of medication.

**What are Opiates?** Opiates are a group of drugs used for treating pain. They are derived from opium, which comes from the poppy plant. Opiates go by a variety of names, including opiates, opioids, and narcotics.

**Opiate addiction**. Opiates produce a sense of wellbeing or euphoria that can be addictive to some people. Opiates are legitimately used for treating pain. When used for pain relief, many people develop tolerance, meaning they need more and more to get the same effect. Some develop an addiction to opiates, obsessively think about getting more, and, in some cases, engage in illegal activities to do so. A high dose of opiates can cause death from cardiac or respiratory arrest. Tolerance to the euphoric effect of opiates develops faster than tolerance to the dangerous effects. Therefore, people often overdose by mistake.

**How addiction affects the family**. Addiction is a family disease. When a person is addicted to alcohol or drugs, the family suffers as well. The rule of thumb in a family dealing with addiction is "don't speak, don't feel, don't ask."

Some families are embarrassed about their loved one's addiction or the associated behavior. Some families isolate themselves in order to avoid being asked embarrassing or shameful questions. Family members are consistently lied to and begin to lose trust. They expect the worst out of every situation. Their lives are often an emotional rollercoaster, and their home life is often unstable and difficult.

The greatest effects occur in young children who need a stable, secure home life. All children need attention and children apply a variety of strategies to get the needed attention, including becoming over-achievers, under-achievers, clowns, or a lost child. The stress placed on family members whose loved ones are addicted can have adverse health effects. They may blame themselves (or be blamed) for their loved one's behavior.

If you suspect a family member is addicted, or you feel you may have a problem, visit sjfparish.org under Health Ministry for a list of referral agencies and support groups. Contact Macomb County Substance Abuse Services at 586-948-0222 or the 24-hour crisis center phone line at 586-307-9100.

# **HELP MICHIGAN**

The State of Michigan is seeking healthcare and community volunteers to help respond to the pandemic. Further information is available at **michigan.gov/coronavirus**.

Homemade masks. St. Aloysius Neighborhood Services, as well as other organizations, are handing out homemade masks to their community members. These masks do not need to be medical-grade. If you are making masks and wish to donate them, please contact Debbie at 586-977-8080, ext. 107 or at DMazur@sjfparish.org.

Advocacy. Please contact your local officials and remind them not to forget the poor, marginalized and vulnerable when making decisions in response to this crisis. Specifically consider the needs of undocumented members of your community who might not qualify for public assistance and for workers who might not be able to quarantine themselves because of the essential nature of their job.

**Engage in prayer**. Visit **aod.org** to view Spiritual Closeness resources and engage in your faith during this time of social distancing. You may find the Solidarity Prayer (below) from the USCCB helpful. For more, visit **usccb.org**.

# **COVID-19: A PRAYER OF SOLIDARITY**

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time, may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort, and love to all. Grant peace, comfort, and healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.





LAURIE HALL Pastoral Associate & Worship Coordinator LHall@sjfparish.org Today we hear one of my favorite pieces of Scripture: the retelling of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. This passage illustrates Jesus' great teaching on accompaniment, the most important aspect of evangelization in our new world. In Archbishop Vigneron's Pastoral Letter, Unleash the Gospel, he writes in Marker 6.2 of this scripture: "Accompaniment of those being evangelized is an essential part of

unleashing the Gospel. When Jesus walked with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, he did not immediately begin to instruct them. Instead he first listened to them and allowed them to share their hopes and disappointments, winning their trust. He met them where they were in their faith and helped them to go further."

In our world today, we need Jesus' accompaniment more than ever. Invite Jesus in, share your hopes and disappointments, and let Him meet you were you are, in joy, in sorrow, in grief, and in hope. One way to connect with Jesus is through Ignatian Prayer, which is "imaginative, reflective, and personal." St. Ignatius Loyola "encouraged people to develop an intimate relationship with a God who loves them and desires the best for them," "trusted human desires," "believed that our deepest desire is to return God's love," and "trusted feelings," believing "that feelings of joy and sorrow, peace and distress, were important indicators of the path toward fruitful decisions and deeper union with God."

The following is an imaginative prayer session focused on today's scripture from **ignatianspirituality.com**. I hope it is of value as we continue to navigate these uncharted waters.

#### Imaginative Prayer: A Meeting on the Road to Emmaus

#### By Vinita Hampton Wright

It's a long walk home from Jerusalem, but you're glad for the exertion. The physical work of walking might ease, just slightly, the harder work that's going on inside you today. It is the work of grief. You lost a friend just a few days ago—not only a friend, but your leader, your beloved teacher. And he didn't simply die; he was executed in the most torturous, shameful way. You've seen a lot in your lifetime, but the memories of Jesus' ordeal are forever branded into your memory. You close your eyes and see blood; you go to sleep but dream about someone suspended, gasping for air.

At least your friend is with you—both of you followed the teacher, with equal conviction and enthusiasm. So you bear your grief together now. As you walk and walk through the long, rainy afternoon, you encourage better memories—of all that the teacher said, of the people you know whom Jesus healed. You can't seem to stop talking, although several times one or both of you must stop talking because you must cry for a while.

A stranger joins you while you are still several miles from home. Within moments, it's clear that this person has no idea what has been going on in Jerusalem. With great heaviness and some annoyance, you fill in the barest details for him. All you have to say is "crucifixion" and anyone in Roman territories knows exactly what you're talking about. But the stranger engages in the conversation with great energy. He must be some kind of teacher, because he launches into an explanation of how Jesus' fate is actually a good thing and the proper fulfillment of what was predicted long ago. This is fascinating—you and your friend are all ears. Before you know it, you've arrived at your home and it's getting dark. You invite the stranger to have supper with you and spend the night, rather than risk injury or other misfortune while on the road at night alone. Also you want to hear more of what he has to say. He graciously accepts your offer.

The first thing you do upon entering the house is prepare the evening meal. The three of you sit down to eat. Then the stranger takes the bread and blesses it. You feel a strange energy move through you and hover in the room. Where have you heard this sort of blessing before? The stranger hands each of you a piece of the bread. You take it, and memory washes over you—of a hillside with thousands of hungry people, of a few loaves and fishes being transformed in an instant to miraculous abundance. Suddenly, it is clear who this man is, eating at your table. You look into his face.

What do you see? What is his expression? What do you feel? What do you know in the truth of your heart? Your friend has barely gotten the words out—"Why, it's the Lord!"—when the stranger vanishes. The room still feels strangely warm, and there are waves of that energy, like lightning sparking all over the room. You and your friend stare at one another, and finally, you say, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he explained the Scriptures? Didn't we know something even then—we just couldn't identify it?"

You finish your meal—what a healing pleasure to eat the bread blessed by those hands! But then you look at each other and know what you must do. You head back to Jerusalem. You have to tell Jesus' other followers who are still there in the city. What is your conversation like on the way back? You are traveling at night—something you never do, for safety's sake. What does it feel like to be on the road at such a strange hour? What thoughts keep running through your mind on this journey? How has your perspective changed, now that you have met the resurrected Jesus?

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FR. TONY SULKOWSKI Pastor FrTony@sjfparish.org Ext. 102 I hope and pray that everyone is well. I remember all of you in my prayers and during daily Mass. I will admit that it is very strange to say Mass without a congregation. To help me focus, I imagine

where everyone sits in church. We all know that everyone, including myself, has their own special place to sit in church. Let us continue to pray for each other and for those who are most in need of God's presence and attention today.

As we are in the midst of, and celebrate, this Easter season, I would like to share with you a prayer that is attributed to Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero, but was pronounced for the first time by Cardinal John Dearden. This prayer reminds us that God has a plan for each one of us, and we are invited to participate in that plan. God is greater than we can ever imagine. As we continue through the Easter season, let us be open to God's plan for us. It is not important that we understand His plan, but that we surrender ourselves to it.

"Every now and then, it helps us to take a step back and see from a distance. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts; it is also beyond our vision.

"In our lives, we manage only to achieve a small part of the marvelous plan that is God's work. Nothing that we do is complete, which is to say that the Kingdom is greater than ourselves. No statement says everything that can be said. No prayer completely expresses the faith. No creed brings perfection. No pastoral visit solves every problem. No programs fully accomplish the mission of the Church. No goal or purpose ever reaches completion.

"This is what it is about. We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that others will watch over them. We lay the foundation of something that will develop. We add the yeast which will multiply the possibilities. We cannot do everything, yet it is liberating to begin. This gives us the strength to do something and do it well. It may remain incomplete, but it is a beginning—a step along the way. It is an opportunity for the grace of God to enter and do the rest. It may be that we will never see its completion, but that is the difference between the master and the laborer.

"We are laborers, not master builders, not servants, and not the Messiah. We are prophets of a future that does not belong to us" (Disciples Together on the Road, Words of Pope Francis for Priests. 2016, Liberia Editrice Vaticana).

Bon mot: "What God is to the world, parents are to their children." - Philo

Have a great week. I hope to see you soon.

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

# **SIGN UP FOR PARISH NEWS!**

Get the latest news from St. Jane Frances de Chantal delivered straight to your inbox! While Masses are suspended, we are sending daily emails that contain resources, prayers, and ways to deepen your faith this Easter season. Sign up at sjfparish.org!

# OFFERTORY INFORMATION MARCH 9—APRIL 5, 2020

Total Offertory Collected\$25,142.00Total Four-Week Budget\$48,176.00Difference-\$23,034.00

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#### April 26, 2020 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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I have been sharing, via email, weekly resources from the Archdiocese of One of the Detroit. Archdiocese's suggestions was to post a verse from

Scripture on a window or door of your house. With it, delivery people or those passing by will see the Scripture and receive the blessing of encouragement.

I have had this verse (left) from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17—"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing"—on my door since April 1<sup>st</sup>. I have had the pleasure of seeing the UPS driver come to deliver a package, stop to read it, and smile! It also serves as a reminder to me each time I pass the front door.

Hopefully we will soon see more consistently warm weather. Imagine walking through the neighborhood and seeing visible reminders of God's goodness and mercy on windows and doors! If you need a little inspiration for your own scripture verse, here are some suggestions from Unleash The Gospel:

- "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10
- "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of • them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6
- "The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." Exodus 15:2

With online schooling through the end of the year now underway, your family might be struggling to balance schooling-from-home, managing schedules and computer time, or establishing a routine. In the midst of all of that, don't forget to continue to take time as a family to pray, eat, relax, and play together.

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I am a student at Oakland University, and one important thing I learned during the shift to online classes was how to set specific times for study so that I could accomplish my work but still have time to relax. School emails, work emails, text messages from teachers, coworkers, friends, and family might not follow a set schedule. If we don't set aside personal time in the midst of that, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed. To help your children balance online schooling with home time, consider doing some of the following:

- Encourage your children to keep a regular bedtime and waking schedule. •
- Set specific times each day for school work with reasonable time limits. Younger children cannot stay on task as long as older children.
- Try to break the work into smaller, manageable tasks, such as spending 20 minutes on a math worksheet, or 15 • minutes writing, or a half hour reading. That way, students can see the rewards of their efforts.
- Let your children be involved in setting up their work schedule.
- For children who have difficulty being motivated to work, consider having them work toward rewards they can earn as they complete tasks. You can be creative with rewards, such as baking cookies or watching a movie together.
- Don't forget that children can be stressed just as we can. This can be a good opportunity to teach your children some healthy ways to relax, such as taking walk or going on a bike ride.
- Even as the weekdays blur together, remember to keep Sunday as a day of rest and a day to pray and worship God.



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LINDA SMITH

Stewardship Liaison & Evening Support Staff BKlassen@sjfparish.org Ext. 113 Sometimes it is the little things that bring us the most joy. I received a text from a neighbor asking if we would help her throw a surprise birthday party for her husband. With everything going on in the world, you

may ask how this was possible. Well, the plan was to have all of the neighbors out in front of their houses at a certain time, and she would have her husband come out so we could surprise him.

At 5:15pm on a cold Tuesday evening, seven families with 11 children came out for the birthday party. As the husband came out, we all yelled and sang happy birthday while standing on our respective sidewalks.

While there were no gifts given, we all had the gift of friendship. While there was no cake to be cut, we all felt the sweet feeling of fellowship. I have to say that, given what we are all going through, it was a joy to see all of the families pulling together to wish someone a happy birthday. It gave each of us the feeling of being together while we practiced social distancing. We shivered in the cold while we talked over the street and sidewalks, and our hearts were warmed by the feeling of love.

We are called to be the Risen Lord's hands and feet here on earth, regardless of the conditions. Social distancing doesn't mean we can't reach out to bring joy and fellowship to our friends and families. We can stand on the sidewalk and demonstrate God's love and hope. We can do something as simple as a phone call or a text to brighten someone's day.

I pray that you are all safe and healthy. I'm looking forward to when we can be together again.





The faithful and patient mercy of God never tires of reaching out to lift us up when we fall. He wants us to see him, not as a taskmaster with whom we have to settle accounts, but as our Father who always raises us up. <u>#DivineMercySunday</u>

Posted on April 19, 2020



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<u>#PopeFrancis</u> on <u>#DivineMercySunday</u>: During life's storms, Christians must respond with mercy & compassion toward everyone, especially those most in need. May this Christian mercy inspire nations to share and help each other in solidarity.



Posted on April 19, 2020



Though the disciples on the road to Emmaus were unaware, Jesus still went out to meet them, walked, and ate with them. As we mark this Wednesday in the Octave of Easter, the Risen Lord is alive and well, walking with us on our journey. Where have you encountered Christ today?

Posted on April 15, 2020

# SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020

Sunday, Third Sunday of Easter: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest: Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, Saint Pius V, Pope: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday, Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59 or Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Easter: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

# MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 27: NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 28:

7:00pm Dec. John Peterson (Judy Taylor)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29: NO INTENTIONS

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30: NO INTENTIONS** 

#### FRIDAY, MAY 1: NO MASS

#### SATURDAY, MAY 2:

4:00pm Dec. Shirley Putrycus (7th anniv.) (Putrycus Family) Dec. Ralph & Marie Berufait

(Robert & Frances Kraft)

Dec. Sandi Kotulis (Judy Kotulis)

Dec. Eugene & Frances Berthiaume (Joyce)

#### SUNDAY, MAY 3:

9:00am First Sunday Monthly Memorial Members Dec. Shirley Putrycus (Novak Family) Dec. Kenneth Kuefler (Laurie Hall & Family) Dec. Raymond & Florence Grobbel (Family)

**11:30am** For the Parishioners

- Dec. Marsha Olson (Family) Dec. Marina & Giuseppe Gasporoni (Rosa Maiani)
- Dec. James Polizzi (Wife)

# DID YOU KNOW?

While our attendance and participation at Mass is suspended, Mass itself isn't. Fr. Tony celebrates private Mass daily, offering the Mass for all the Intentions requested, the needs of the Church, the world, and our community.

# **UNIVERSAL PRAYERS**

- 1. That the leaders of our church remain healthy and strong as they minister to our people in this time of separation and isolation, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2. That our state and national leaders put aside their differences and be guided by the teachings of Jesus to make decisions that benefit all, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3. That your people recognize Jesus in our world and allow Him to guide us along this uncertain path, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4. That all those working on the front lines of this pandemic are kept safe and rewarded for their dedication and courage in this time of crisis, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5. That those who have died, especially those who died alone, are received with tender love into Your Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6. For the intentions of our Masses, the petitions received through our website, and the private requests that we have in our hearts today, let us pray to the Lord.

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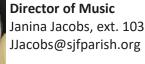


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# SACRAMENTS

# **CHILDREN'S BAPTISM**

Do you have a child you would like to have baptized? We would be delighted to talk to you about your options! Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is temporarily suspended in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Please contact our Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to start your preparations and make arrangements. Couples should stop by the office and fill out the Request for Celebration of Marriage form. Fr. Tony will call the couple and answer any questions regarding marriage.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule one-time or regular visits.

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? We are thrilled to have you! Contact our Pastoral Associate & Worship Coordinator, Laurie Hall, to begin the process by calling the Parish Office. Welcome home!

# **MINISTRIES**

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