



St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2020

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

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. Today, let us listen for and hear the Shepherd's voice and know that he is our God.

Today is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly celebrate vocations to ordained ministry and religious life in all its forms. Please pray today for all our priests (and especially for Fr. Tony) and for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and religious life everywhere.

This week we also mark National Nurses Day (May 6th) and National Day of Prayer (May 7th). Additionally, the month of May is traditionally known as the Month of Our Lady. We have many reminders and opportunities, both secular and religious, to increase our prayers. Let us especially thank God for the many nurses who give of themselves for the care and comfort of others.

Please join Archbishop Vigneron at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral for Mass today at noon as we gather in community during these 50 days of Easter. Please also remember our noon prayer.

As we go about our lives this week, let us take time to listen to the voice of our Good Shepherd in prayer and in the loving actions of others. Peace be with you!



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As you are aware, Governor Whitmer has extended the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" executive order until May 15th. Two weeks ago, you received a letter from me asking you to send your contribution to the parish or to give online.

I wish to thank you for your generosity during these challenging times. Your contributions have allowed us to stay current on our bills, and no one on the staff has been laid off. Rather, the staff has been working from home to keep you well-informed of the current situation. I am blessed to minister and work with the staff of St. Jane Frances de Chantal. They have done, and continue to do, a stellar job. Thank you.

As an aside, Archbishop Vigneron has moved the annual Catholic Services Appeal to mid-September.

Again, I wish to thank you for your generosity. Please know that I keep all of you in my prayers and Masses. I look forward to the day when we can return to Church and celebrate as a community. Stay well.

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

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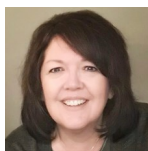
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Last year, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, I wrote an article about worship after reading a text from a class I was attending at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

I have recently been reflecting on my participation in digital Mass, striving to experience the same Spirit that I encounter when attending Mass at St. Jane Frances. I am mindful of all those who cannot attend Mass regularly, due to illness, lack of transportation, or a lack of priests, such as is found in the Amazon. I now feel a solidarity with others that I unfortunately never thought of before.

While there is a marked difference between public worship and digital worship, the questions asked in my article from last year can be applied to our current situation. Food for thought—drop me an email to let me know what you think.

From the bulletin of May 19, 2019:

This short spring semester, I am enrolled in a course at Sacred Heart Major Seminary titled, “Liturgical Prayer of the Church.” It is a course that includes a close look at the Liturgy Documents, the Liturgy of the Hours, and other liturgical prayer resources.

One resource we are reviewing is a small book entitled *Liturgical Worship...* by Joseph A. Jungmann, published in 1941. Although some information is dated, many of Jungmann’s words speak as clearly today as they did 78 years ago. On the subject of the Sunday liturgy, the Mass, Jungmann states:

From its own inmost creative forces the Liturgy is always sending forth fresh waves of renewed life, of inspiration and vigor, so as to imbue its external forms, old as they are, with an imperishable spirit of adoration and soul-stirring reverence.

These beautiful words really resonated with me. When we worship God at the Sunday liturgy, do we feel renewed and/or inspired? Do we bring with us a desire to be moved or even transformed by the liturgy? Do we take time to reflect on our worship and bring it to fruition in our lives and our world?

A second point made by Jungmann is that the liturgy is our public worship of God. The liturgy, prior to Vatican II, led to many private devotions, as the liturgy didn’t involve much participation from those in the pews. Our public liturgy today calls for our participation in all aspects, in song, in spoken prayer, in response to prayers led by the priest, in our gestures and actions. In the Mass we find, according to Jungmann:

“a language worthy [...] to worship and adore the all-Holy God.”

Are we participating—*truly* participating—in mind, body, and soul? Are we present to the liturgy, or are we thinking about what else needs to be done today? Our worship, our participation in the Mass, is essential to bring about change in our often world-weary souls. The Mass lifts us from the everyday, bringing us closer to God and to the Body of Christ in his people. It invites us to transformation through the Word of God and the Eucharist. Take time this week to reflect on your worship experience. Consider how you are engaging in the Mass and how you can deepen that experience. May your reflections lead to a greater appreciation for, and participation in, our beautiful liturgy!

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.

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As we continue to self-isolate, we may begin to feel impatient. We are stuck inside with nothing to do. We can only speak to our loved ones over the phone or the Internet. We cannot

indulge in the luxuries we could before—no going to the movies, no going out to eat, no getting a haircut, no going to the mall, etc. Out of concern for our own health, and the health of others, we have chosen to give up certain privileges.

One of the many struggles of the COVID-19 pandemic is that the virus is invisible to the naked eye. We cannot look out the window and see what difference we are making against the virus. We cannot look back on the past few months of self-isolation and see *clearly* how our efforts have made a difference, because numbers continue to rise. Know, however, that the current number of cases is far lower because of our self-isolation than it would be if we were proceeding as normal. Simply knowing that, though, may not be much of a comfort.

The second reading from this Sunday (1 Peter 2-20B-25) speaks about patience and suffering. It highlights how Jesus suffered for our sins, and for the sake of the human race:

*When he was insulted, he returned no insult;
when he suffered, he did not threaten;
instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly.
He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross,
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.*

These are powerful words that we should keep in mind as we proceed through this pandemic. Christ endured difficulty with patience, expecting no reward. He accepted death on the cross for our sakes. When we face self-isolation, then, we should keep Christ's patience in mind. If we feel frustrated that we cannot enjoy the privileges and comforts we could in the past, we can call on Christ to grant us patience. If we feel as though we cannot possibly bear to stay inside a moment longer—if we wonder why we continue to self-isolate if we cannot see immediate results—we can remember that Christ demonstrated the ultimate patience and tolerance for no reward at all.

Today's second reading puts it best:

*If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good,
this is a grace before God.
For to this you have been called,
because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.*

By dying on the cross, Christ left an example for us. So long as we are patient in our "suffering"—resisting the temptation to go out and socialize, and taking every precaution for what is good, so we can stop the spread of COVID-19—we are following in Jesus's footsteps.

I would love to hear your thoughts on how you are dealing with self-isolation. How are you looking to Christ to help you through it? What struggles have you faced? What victories? I am available at LJeffrey@sjfparish.org and would love to hear from you.

**Pope Francis**
@PONTIFEX

Jesus formed the hearts of the Apostles to serve the people. He taught them the pastoral attitude of being near the people of God. Pastoral ministry is not accomplished with structures, but with the heart of a shepherd. Let us [#PrayTogether](#) for the Church's pastors. [#HolySantaMaria](#)

Posted on April 24, 2020

**Catholic News Service**
@CatholicNewsSvc

Bishops of U.S., Canada will consecrate their nations to Mary May 1. "This will give the church the occasion to pray for Our Lady's continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the unwell and wisdom for those who work to cure this terrible virus," said @ArchBishopGomez.



Posted on April 24, 2020

**U.S. Catholic Bishops**
@USCCB

We pray through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary that all parish communities affected by abuse find peace, reconciliation, and justice. [#calltoprayer](#)

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FAMILY RESOURCES

From unleashthegospel.org

Encounter: Pray to the Holy Spirit.

Encounter the Holy Spirit in a new way today! Pray to the Holy Spirit. It can be as simple as asking, "Come, Holy Spirit" a few times while you pray. It can also be a more formal prayer. To learn more about the Holy Spirit, visit unleashthegospel.org.

AS A FAMILY:

Grow: Take a Family Bible Challenge.

Take some time to learn more about Scripture and play a game as a family! Reflect on the Resurrection of Christ in this Easter season. Visit unleashthegospel.org for a reflection guide and quiz! The game is available in both English and Spanish.

AS A COUPLE:

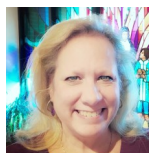
Witness: Unplug, Unwind, and Re-Connect. Take a break from technology today and engage with your spouse. Find at least an hour today to disconnect from your phone, television, computer, or other electronic devices. Do something with your spouse such as play a board game, go for a walk, do an activity outside, or just talk.

AS A CHURCH:

Worshipping at Home on Sunday, May 3: Pre-Mass and Post-Mass Music Playlist

Music is one way to enter more deeply into prayer; as St. Augustine said, "He who sings prays twice." Select a song or two to listen to before Mass to help the family focus. Consider picking a song or two to play throughout the day to continue your celebration, like *Good Good Father* by Chris Tomlin. Grab a CD or log onto your favorite streaming service and have family members help pick songs that they like. Check out the Spiritual Closeness playlist at unleashthegospel.org for ideas.

Want more like this? Visit aod.org!



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Last week was my birthday. I was humbled by the number of people who reached out with warm wishes. It really highlighted how we are a community and a family here. Many of our parishioners sent me

personal messages of how much they miss coming together—at Mass, in the Gathering Space, and through the activities we have here. I look forward to coming back together and celebrating with our family!

Many of you are in contact with each other and are doing some amazing things to help each other. I would love to share some of these stories of community in our bulletin. People have been grocery shopping for their neighbors, making masks, delivering food to our first responders—what have you done? Have you been the recipient of a kindness? How has this affected you? You can email me at DMazur@sjfparish.org and I will try to share these stories in future bulletins.

Some of you may be wondering how you can help. A recent article from *Encounter Grow Witness* said:

"Many who are stuck at home during this period of social distancing may be struggling with feeling a bit useless. The reality, of course, is that by just staying home we are already helping stunt the spread of the pandemic in a very real way. While it's easy to say this and know it in our minds, sometimes our hearts need a little help feeling it too."

Do you feel called to help, but are unsure how to start? You may get some inspiration from the Corporal and Spiritual Acts of Mercy. (Quoted information courtesy of *Encounter Grow Witness*.)

FEED THE HUNGRY. Can you do grocery shopping for a neighbor? Could you donate to a food bank or soup kitchen?

PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD. *"Reach out to parishioners who may be struggling [...] the nurses, doctors and first responders; those who are quarantined by themselves; those who have lost work; those who have been infected or whose loved ones have been infected by the virus. Lend a sympathetic ear and ask them for any intercessions."* You may submit these intercessions to our website. *"If those you speak with feel comfortable, you may also suggest praying together in that moment, on the phone or via video, and remember their intentions, yours, and the repose of the souls of the departed, especially those who have gone to rest as a result of COVID-19."*

GIVE ALMS. *"Provide the sick and their caregivers with more tools to aid in the healing of this virus and the additional complications it brings."* Perhaps you can make masks, give food to first responders, or donate medical supplies. Be sure to take the proper precautions (wearing a mask and gloves) when delivering items.

COMFORT THE SORROWFUL. *"Check in with friends and family. This pandemic and the societal and cultural responses [to it] are largely unprecedented, and that can create much uncertainty and anxiety."* Be sure to check in with each other to see *"how [everyone is] doing emotionally, physically, and mentally. Lend a listening ear and consider directing them to some additional spiritual closeness resources to help them keep calm and rely on our universal faith to bring some comfort throughout these challenges."*

VISIT THE SICK. *“As we can’t currently visit the sick or imprisoned, use this opportunity to send handwritten thank you notes or greetings to hospitals, food banks, or assisted living facilities.”* You may also consider writing to elderly members of your community or family, or send a card to someone who is sick to let them know they are in your thoughts. *“Spread the love of Christ by taking the time and care to craft and mail a handwritten note to someone in need.”*

CLOTHE THE NAKED. If you have access to a sewing machine, consider sewing masks (that comply with CDC recommendations) to be donated or shared with your neighbors or family members. Also, while we’re home, it may be time to clean out those closets and drawers to find items for donation once donation sites are reopened.

COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL. *“We’re in the midst of not one pandemic, but two: the rapid spread of the Coronavirus, and what’s commonly known as an ‘infodemic’. We are being constantly inundated by an abundance of COVID-19 information from news outlets, social media, and beyond, and it can be challenging to discern what is accurate, what is not, and how scaled our reactions should really be. Let us instead rely on information we fully know to be true: that God loves and has plans for us [...] trust in the Lord and turn our anxieties and grief over to Him. We can be confident in Him, and we can assuage some of our neighbors’ fears by reminding them of this truth.”*

INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT. How often does the Bible instruct us to trust or take comfort in God? Draw inspiration from the Scriptures and share with your family and friends.

These are just a few ideas adapted from *Encounter Grow Witness*. As you reflect on these, spend some quiet time with our Lord and listen. He will help you find ways to show His Mercy.



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May 3, 1964—56 years ago, today.

While organizing and cleaning house the other day, I came across a picture (featured below) taken of me after I made my First Holy Communion at St. Rita Church in Detroit.

I don’t remember too much about it, other than receiving one of my favorite gifts: a miniature altar. I also remember getting a small Mother of Pearl Bible, and holding it, along with my crystal bead rosary, as I walked up the center aisle with dozens of other nervous kids in two straight, serious rows.

In preparation for the day, I recall taking Catechism (as we called it then) classes, as I did not attend Catholic school. At home, I’d practice receiving Holy Communion. So, how did I do that? Well, I smashed up Wonder Bread middles into Communion-like pieces, then played “Priest” and gave them to myself! (I may have practiced too much, because they were pretty good!) There was no wine at Communion, then, so I didn’t have to give my mom fright by trying that too.

This year’s First Communion Mass was supposed to be in mid-April, but the fact we weren’t able to come together to celebrate Mass doesn’t diminish the importance the children certainly must feel at the expectation of receiving Jesus’ most precious Body and Blood for the very first time. It will happen soon!

Enduring the COVID-19 “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order has been tough on us all in many different ways. However, in the grand scheme of things, if you are healthy and have a nice home to live in, you are lucky. If you have family and friends, you are lucky. If you have food on the table and fresh water to drink, you are lucky. If you have a car to go and get groceries—even though you have to adhere to store policies to keep everyone safe, like waiting in line—you are lucky. Most of all, if you are healthy, you’re not only lucky, you are blessed.

Those of you who may remember WWII and its aftermath will probably think this episode is miniscule in comparison—and you are likely correct. However, the majority of us can only measure what’s happening now to the aftermath of 9/11, which changed forever our way of life. COVID-19 has changed us, too, and we’ll simply have to deal with it the best we can. Stay safe out there, enjoy the “time off,” and bask in the sunshine and spring blossoms (lilac time!) coming our way.

God bless!



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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: CANCELLED

REMINDER: The blood drive scheduled for May 24, 2020 has been cancelled by the Red Cross.

LITANY OF TRUST

Shared by the Sisters of Life in New York. Written by Sr. Faustina Maria Pia, SV.

From the belief that I have to earn Your love...
From the fear that I am unlovable...
From the false security that I have what it takes...
From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute...
From all suspicion of Your words and promises...
From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You...
From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will...
From anxiety about the future...
From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past...
From restless self-seeking in the present moment...
From disbelief in Your love and presence...
From the fear of being asked to give more than I have...
From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth...
From the fear of what love demands...
From discouragement...

Deliver me, Jesus.

That You are continually holding me, sustaining me, loving me...
That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings and transforms me...
That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You...
That You are with me in my suffering...
That my suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next...
That You will not leave me orphan, that You are present in Your Church...
That Your plan is better than anything else...
That You always hear me and in Your goodness always respond to me...
That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others...
That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked...
That my life is a gift...
That You will teach me to trust You...
That You are my Lord and my God...
That I am Your beloved one...

Jesus, I trust in you.

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It is interesting being “stuck” at home. I can’t focus; I wake up in the morning and just roll back over, because there is nothing “pressing” to do. I’ll sit down in front of the computer for a meeting and zone

out. Writing? Forget about it—it takes so long just to get a few ideas on paper.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. If He is so “good,” why is He letting this happen? I hear this question time and again from different sources. When we watch the news, we hear that the numbers of new cases and new deaths are slowly declining—but new cases and new deaths are still happening. God, at the beginning of the human race, gave us free will. This is our opportunity to choose God—or not. We have our opportunity to choose that which is good, or not, without “fear” of intervention.

It’s funny how “I” am in control until things begin to decline—then it becomes a question of “why didn’t the government step in and help.” But just as quickly as that mindset flip-flopped before, it flip-flops back again. Humanity is in the crazy back-and-forth game constantly; we see stories of it throughout our Scriptures. Tell my bosses that I don’t “have to work” (until I “want” to work), but tell them they have to guarantee my job when I need it.

Sheep are relatively passive creatures, from the things that I have read. They follow the group, they eat, and they’re fairly happy. They need a shepherd because they need protection from the wolves and other predators in the world, and they need someone to keep them moving to new grazing grounds, so that their numbers can be maintained. But what are other animals that need shepherding? When we think of smaller animals that are about the same size as a sheep, my mind goes to the goat.

Goats can be pretty stubborn, impulsive, and relentless. They will (and can) eat almost anything; they push their way around with a kind of insistence that can be overwhelming. Goats need to be shepherded, almost to protect them from themselves. Human beings (in my opinion) are more goat-like as we age and become adults. We have knowledge and push our knowledge even when we do not have the whole story or all the facts. We (as humans) really need a shepherd!

Jesus is our shepherd. We can question things, but we *must* follow the rules, which are there to protect us. When we question, we need to do so in a calm, dialectic manner, accepting praise *and* criticism, weighing all the feedback to make a final decision. Jesus is our *good* shepherd. He has taken all our errors, all our sin, all our conceit, and all our selfish nature upon Himself, and He has overcome it. It is because of His taking this burden that we are offered a place at the Eternal banquet. His is the example that I wish to follow (in my limited, often erroneous ways).

When we follow our shepherd, we can begin to focus on the things that really matter. We do not need to be weighed down by worldly things. We can continue on in a peaceful way where our worries do not overcome us. I pray you are all safe, and I ask they you continue to pray for each other, especially those who are alone in this time! I’ll see you soon, after this little detour!

ABOUT THE GOSPEL:

Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd and his disciples as his sheep. He knows each of his sheep, and they know him. Jesus leads his sheep to pastures where they will be well-taken care of.

IN DOMESTIC CHURCH:

Reach out this week and thank someone special who has helped you in your faith journey (mom, dad, grandma or grandpa, a neighbor, a friend, OR someone from church.)

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

- Who are the people you can trust to always take care of you?
- Who has shown you how to help others? What kind of “shepherd” is Jesus?
- What are some ways you show others that you care for them?
- What is the relationship between a shepherd and their sheep?

FAMILY PRAYER:

Jesus, we want to be like you and care for other people. Help us to take care of one another with loving thoughts and actions. Amen.

QUESTIONS TO ASK IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

- Who are some people that you trust? Why do you put your trust in them?
- What are some things that you have been worried about during this time at home?
- How do you trust in Jesus?

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE:

We still wait to hear when we may offer our First Communicants their Mass date. The Archdiocese has also put all Confirmations on hold. As soon as we hear word, we will pass that word on!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3, 2020

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

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; Ps 43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday,: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Easter: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 4—FRIDAY, MAY 8: NO MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 9:

4:00pm All Mothers, Grandmothers, & Godmothers
For the Parishioners
Dec. Shirley Putrycus (Putrycus Family)
Dec. Edward J. Novak, Jr. (Family)

SUNDAY, MAY 10:

9:00am All Mothers, Grandmothers, & Godmothers
Dec. Mary Zalewski (Rzeppa Family)
Dec. Grace Ochenski (Sharron)
Dec. Anthony J. D'Angelo (D'Angelo Family)

11:30am All Mothers, Grandmothers, & Godmothers
Liv. Rita Taylor & Family
(Mike & Sue Emerson)
Dec. Michael Koczon (Judy Taylor)
Liv. Rosario Erfe (Erfe Family)

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. For Father Tony and all the spiritual leaders who faithfully shepherd the flocks entrusted to them, may Jesus continue to strengthen, guide, support, encourage and protect them. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. For civic leaders worldwide, may God Almighty continue to counsel them in wisdom and truth to handle the ongoing pandemic in harmonious ways, leading to actions best for their citizens. Let us pray to the Lord
3. For individuals lost in the darkness of despair or fear due to unemployment or hunger, loneliness or anxiety due to isolation or depression, or stress in endless hours of unceasing suffering, may Christ, the Savior of the world, shine the light of hope on all. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. For all who are called by God, may we trust in Jesus, the Guardian of our souls, to help us appreciate the kindness and thoughtfulness of strangers, recognize the selflessness and compassion of our frontline defenders, be grateful for the braveness and dedication of essential workers, and be mindful stewards of God's creation. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. For the sick, suffering and dying, especially from COVID-19, may our Father bring healing, comfort, and peace. May our Father welcome into eternity those who have overcome death's battle, while consoling family and friends who miss them. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. For the prayers in our hearts, the petitions of our Masses, and our online prayer requests, Lord of the universe, may You draw us ever closer to You and be pleased to hear and answer us according to Your will. Let us pray to the Lord.

WATCH LIVE MASS AT HOME!

Live Mass available every Sunday at
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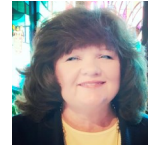
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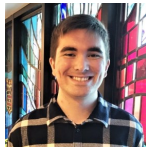
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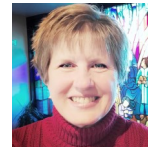
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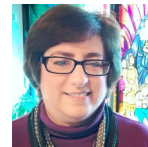
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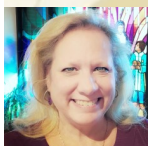
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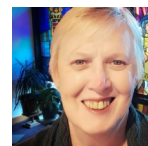
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SACRAMENTS

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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