



St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2020



Greetings from Fr. Tony and the staff at St. Jane Frances de Chantal on this Easter Sunday! On this Second Sunday of Easter, we hear the familiar Gospel from John of the return of Jesus. Jesus appears to the disciples in a locked room where they are hiding in fear. He releases them from that fear, breathing new life into them through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We see signs of the Risen Lord and the work of the Holy Spirit all around us, especially in the many people sacrificing themselves to bring healing and compassion to those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus.

One of the disciples, Thomas, was not present at the time Jesus appeared. Of course, we all know the story of Thomas and his need to see the Risen Lord for himself in order to believe. Thomas' faith grew by seeing Jesus with his own eyes. How has your faith grown through this unusual Lent and Easter season?

As the "stay home, stay safe" executive order has been extended to April 30th, please join Archbishop Vigneron at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral for Mass today at noon as we gather in community during these 50 days of Easter. Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday. You will find more information on this and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in this bulletin.

Please continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through prayer and reaching out to others via phone, email, or teleconferencing. Continue also to pray at noon each day in solidarity with all the members of our parish.

Did you read all the wonderful comments in last week's bulletin from our gracious parishioners? If your spirits need a little uplifting, go back and read them again.

Our Easter joy continues through these 50 days as do our prayers for hope and healing. Peace!

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<p>"Nourished by God's Word & the Eucharist, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."</p>	<p>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 sjfparish.org. We would love to have you!</p>

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 Nicholas Brosowski, *Army*
 Chris Burley, *Navy*
 Shaun Chaplin, *Air Force*
 Charles Cosnowski, *Air Force*
 Winndie Darrow, *Coast Guard*
 Alexander J. Hendzell, *Marines*
 Louis B. Kasper III, *Coast Guard*
 Elijah Kuefler, *Navy*
 Carmen LaForest, *Navy*
 Matthew McDowell, *Air Force*
 Cassidy Kicinski Rose, *Air Force*
 Jeremy Rzeppa, *Navy*
 Scot D. Skoczylas, *Navy*
 Anthony Trotta, *Navy*
 Kyle Wiegand, *Army*

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!

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This morning, the first Sunday after Easter, I celebrated Mass privately in the chapel. Although we are not physically present with each other, we are united in spirit and in prayer. I remember all of you in my prayers

and Masses, as I hope you remember me in your prayers.

It goes without saying that we celebrated Easter differently this year—yet Easter came, and as in years past, we celebrated the Resurrection of the Lord in a way that was meaningful for us. He has been raised. Indeed He has. He is not in the tomb. In this Easter season, these fifty days between Easter and Pentecost, the church invites us to reflect deeply upon our relationship with Christ.

The Gospel for this Sunday is from John 20:19-31. It is the Gospel in which Jesus appears to the disciples who have locked themselves in the upper room. Despite the locked door, Jesus appears to them and says, "Peace be with you." This piece of Scripture is one of my favorites, and I reflect upon it often. You may recall the homily I preached last year, in which I said that if I could have titled this Gospel, the title would be, "What Jesus could have said and didn't."

Consider all that had happened from Holy Thursday to Easter. The disciples' first reaction to this difficult and challenging situation is to run from it and to distance themselves from Jesus. Yet, in today's Gospel, Jesus, knowing all that had happened, says to his disciples, "Peace be with you."

This has been a difficult and long journey for all of us. It has changed our lives and has become the "new normal." When we find ourselves becoming frustrated and unable to see any hope in the present situation, may we take comfort in the words of Jesus: "Peace be with you, and know that I am with you until the end of time." I would invite you to read John 20:19-31 and meditate upon it as we journey through this Easter season.

As we prepare for the Feast of Pentecost, may we, like the disciples, receive the Holy Spirit and celebrate the blessings and the giftedness the Lord has bestowed upon us.

I would like to thank those who mailed in their contributions or gave online. Even though the church is closed, the bills still need to be attended to. Thank you!

Bon mot: "In all things, it is better to hope than to despair."

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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.
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Today, the Sunday following Easter, is designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This is a relatively new remembrance, instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II on May 5, 2000.

Five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The following is from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website:

Saint Faustina: Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, Nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies: that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

—Pope Saint John Paul II, Memory and Identity (2005)

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed.

The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world:

"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise:

"Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. [...] Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687).



2020 FISH FRY FRIDAYS

The Fish Fry Committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who participated in this year's events. Whether you were a guest who enjoyed a meal, a volunteer who helped serve the meals, or someone who helped prepare the meals, we could not have done it without each and every one of you. St. Vincent de Paul also benefitted from the sale of all the wonderful desserts that were graciously donated, as did the Knights of Columbus from each of the 50/50 raffles and the tootsie roll donations.

A lot of planning goes into making each of the Fish Fry Fridays a success. In addition to getting all of the volunteers ready for the evening, many of the supplies are pre-purchased to ensure that we have enough on-hand. These supplies include the fish, French fries and condiments.

As you know due to the current state of affairs, we had to reduce our number of Fish Fry Fridays from six to three. Because of this reduction, we had a lot of supplies left over—enough to serve about 370 three-piece fish dinners. During these times of struggle, and to ensure that nothing went to waste, we donated all of the supplies to various charities. St. Leo's received enough to serve 200 meals, St. Patrick's Senior Center received 85 meals, and the Salvation Army received 85 meals.

While it was difficult not being with everyone for each of the planned events, being able to help feed so many in need is truly a blessing.

We pray that you and your families are healthy and safe.

See you all next year,

The Fish Fry Committee

CAREER MINISTRY

Although many businesses have closed, there are still jobs available. If you are looking for employment, the St. Jane Career Ministry may be able to help. We maintain an email database to notify job seekers of open positions, job fairs, workshops and other relevant information.

We have joined with other career groups in the area to create the SE Michigan Career Ministry. Interested job seekers will need to take action to join the group, using one of the methods below.

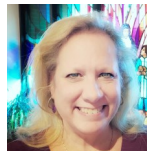
Method 1:

Email edouardpiche@yahoo.com stating you would like to receive a group invitation. You will be sent back an invitation to the groups.io site; reply to that message, and you will receive the job support emails. No additional action is required on the user's part to sign up.

Method 2:

Visit groups.io/g/SEMichiganCareerMinistry and click the +Join This Group button. Enter your email address and click confirm. Then, visit your email inbox and reply to the follow-up email.

We hope these email resources can provide job seekers encouragement, strength and leads for their next opportunity.



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Today marks the octave of Easter, which comprises the eight days from the first to the second Sunday of the season. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day!

It is Divine Mercy Sunday. This points us to the merciful love of God and the forgiveness of sins that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery—of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ made present for us in the Eucharist.

As Saint John Paul II pointed out in his Regina Caeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995: “The whole octave of Easter is like a single day.” The Octave Sunday is meant to be the day of “thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man in the whole Easter mystery.”

In this pandemic, we need to focus on the goodness that God has shown us and continues to show us daily. We may feel bombarded by the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths due to it—however, many recover. It is spring, and families are sitting down to eat dinner together, walking together, playing together, and, hopefully, praying together! Jesus gave his life for *us*! God loves *us*!

Easter is the celebration of the Lord’s resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. Easter is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great, resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia!

The word “Easter” comes from Old English, meaning simply the “east.” The sun which rises in the east, bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world (USCCB).

So, are you still celebrating Easter? This has definitely been a different Easter as we stay home—there were no extended family Easter dinners, we haven't gone back to work, and the children haven't gone back to school. How are you keeping this glorious Easter in your life?

- Can you take a few minutes for prayer or silent meditation to reflect on the celebration of the Lord’s resurrection?
- Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, a day that especially celebrates the merciful love of God shining through the whole Easter Triduum and the whole Easter mystery. How are you celebrating this day?

As Our Lord said to St. Faustina, on this special day of the Church’s liturgical year, “the very depths of my tender mercy are open. Pour out a whole ocean of graces upon these souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. On that day, all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet” (Diary, no. 699).

May His Graces flow upon you this Easter.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: CANCELLED

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

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

“Being a child is the basic condition for knowing the love of God, which is the ultimate source of this authentic miracle. In the soul of every child, inasmuch as it is vulnerable, God places the seal of love, which is at the basis of that child's personal dignity—a dignity which nothing and no one can ever destroy.” —Pope Francis

#PROMISETOPROTECT

HOW TO HELP FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SUFFERING WITH GRIEF

Many have lost family members and friends to the COVID-19 pandemic and related causes. However, these people may not be able to be at the hospital with their loved one, have normal closure, or attend a funeral (beyond the immediate family at the gravesite). The grief caused by this pandemic is unlike the grief of the past.

People say that time heals all wounds. Time alone does not heal; it's what we do with the time that makes the difference. Pain will not go away if we deny that it exists or try to ignore it. Respect each person's own healing rhythm. No two people grieve alike.

Many factors determine whether grief is weak or strong, brief or prolonged. It is determined by how close we were to the person who passed, how deep our relationship, the nature of the loss, the number of losses that occurred, and the quality of our support system. If you wish to help those close to you who may be suffering with grief, here are a few tips:

Call often—especially the first several months. The bereaved may not have the energy to make the call, but may be yearning to talk to someone.

Look to the future. Offer a specific date to do something with the bereaved. Try to plan it around your friend's down time.

Do not avoid speaking about the person who has passed. Speak of how the person has touched your life. If you did not know the person who passed, ask your friend to share a favorite memory, a funny memory, their good qualities, or how they first met.

Take care of the person in grief, but do not pity.

Let them know it is ok to cry. Let them know that crying together is better than bottling up or avoiding the pain.

Drop off food at their door (or invite them to dinner after the "stay home, stay safe" executive order). Your friend may be unable to function for a while.

Encourage them to go for walks. Walking is a good anti-depressant and will allow your family or friend to walk off sad feelings. Make sure to wear a mask and gloves and to stay six feet away from everyone you encounter.

Do not offer clichés. It is better to say nothing than something ineffective. Examples of clichés and how your loved one may respond include:

"Time will heal."

"I can't wait. It hurts *now*."

"You're too young to be a widow."

"It's not my fault."

"You're young. You can marry again or have more children."

"This hurts too much to think about the future. No one can replace my loss."

"At least you had time together."

"It doesn't matter how long we were together. I'll miss them with all my heart."

"I understand exactly how you feel."

"No one know the depth of my pain."

"If there is anything I can do, please call."

"I don't have the energy to call."

GRIEF SUPPORT

The Grief Support Ministry offers a six-week grief support series during the year. The focus of the series is on the stages of grief: Denial & Isolation, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, and Acceptance. A monthly Sunday Support Group meets between each series, as well as a "Grief Support through the Holidays" group in December.

If you are interested in getting involved with the grief support ministry, or if you would like to learn more, contact Debbie Mazur at DMazur@sjfparish.org or call 586-977-8080, ext. 107.



Pope Francis
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Tonight we acquire a fundamental right: the right to hope. It is a new and living hope that comes from God. It is not mere optimism; it is a gift from heaven, which we could not have earned on our own.

In this night, the Church's voice rings out: "Christ, my hope, is risen!". This is a different "contagion," a message transmitted from heart to heart—for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope: "Christ, my hope, is risen!"

Posted on April 11 & 12, 2020



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Peace be with you. Christ is risen! We have this peace because Christ has conquered sin and death. This is the Good News that brings light into the darkness of this time of pandemic. I pray that all of you have a very blessed [#Easter](#) with great joy in your homes. Alleluia!

Posted on April 12, 2020

ABOUT THE GOSPEL:

Last Sunday, Jesus' friends discovered that his tomb was empty on the third day after his death. They do not know where he has gone. This week, Jesus appears to his friends and shares that he has been raised from the dead. His friends rejoice that he has returned.

IN (domestic) CHURCH:

We celebrate new life at Easter. Many people celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, but this year, all Sacraments have been postponed. Say a prayer for those seeking Baptism and Confirmation. As we cannot celebrate Eucharist together, say the prayer for Spiritual Communion and share it with your friends and family!

WEEKLY QUESTIONS:

- How do you share the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection with others? What can you do differently when we are asked to stay home?
- How is candlelight different from other light? Why do we light an Easter Candle as a sign of Jesus?
- Where do you see resurrection in the world today? Where can you see Jesus in the world?
- What disciple in the Gospel stories are you most like in your faith—Peter, Mary Magdalene, or the beloved disciple?

FAMILY PRAYER:

Alleluia! We are filled with joy that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Help us, God, to share our joy with others. Amen.

QUESTIONS TO ASK NEXT WEEK, IN PREPARATION:

- Watching Mass on TV, we get a better view of the Consecration of the Eucharist. What do you see the priest/bishop do at the Consecration with the bread (hosts)?
- How do Jesus' friends know him by his actions?
- How do you know if someone is a friend from their actions?

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This year, more than any, the Easter message of "Alleluia, Jesus is Risen" should take on a whole new meaning for each of us! If you are lucky enough to not know someone affected by the COVID-10 pandemic, you still have

been affected by the myriad of its effects. We, just like the very first disciples, are in fear of an enemy in our midst, locked into our dwelling-places. The disciples were fearful of their neighbors—people who they may have known their whole life, but who now might turn them in to the authorities because they knew Jesus.

Jesus came to them, despite the locked doors and windows, and wished upon them peace. Peace is a "state of tranquility or quiet, freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions, and harmony in personal relations" (as defined by merriam-webster.com). During this time, I am a bit stir crazy, as I'm sure many of you are! Stress relief looks very different for us now: no more group physical activity; no more "hanging out" with the friends that we used to or in the ways that we used to. We are tied to digital devices for communication more than ever!

So: peace be with you! Even when we are anxious, peace be with you! Even if we are extremely frustrated, peace be with you! If we are excited and ready to get out and about, peace be with you! We still need to be in quarantine for the duration of this pandemic, and we need to watch out for each other. This wish for, and granting of, peace upon us is truly a source of relief for Christian believers. We know that there is much more awaiting us, and we are assured of God's promises of mercy for us and our loved ones. We are still called to act upon these promises, though. How can we do that when we are bottled up at home?

Sign up for our Parish News through our website, sjfparish.org, if you haven't already. Visit our Archdiocesan website, aod.org, and find their livestream schedule for a list of parishes offering livestreaming (as well as recorded) services like rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Chaplet prayers, prayer resources, and Mass (weekday and weekend Masses alike). At this time, if not for ourselves or our own families, remain vigilant in prayer for those suffering from this virus, and for those on the front lines who help to maintain our relative semblance of normalcy.

We recognize the grocery store workers, gas station attendants, and all of those truly essential personnel who work hard for you and me. We recognize the doctors, nurses, and everyone in the healthcare industry who volunteers for us. Pray for everyone across the world.

Even though fear is prevalent in our society today, peace be with you! If you happen to be sick, peace be with you! If you are going stir-crazy in quarantine, peace be with you! If you are just now seeing the pattern in what is being written, trust in Jesus and his blessing upon all of his disciples throughout time. Peace be with you!

HOW TO RECITE THE CHAPLET OF MERCY

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

1. **Make the Sign of the Cross.** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
2. **Optional opening prayers.** You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. *(Repeat three times)* O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!
3. **Pray the Our Father.** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.
4. **Pray the Hail Mary.** Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
5. **Pray the Apostles' Creed.** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.
6. **Pray the Eternal Father.** Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
7. **On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade, pray:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
8. **Repeat for the remaining decades.** Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.
9. **Conclude with the Holy God.** *(Repeat three times)* Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
10. **Optional Closing Prayer.** Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion—inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

For an explanation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and its importance, please see page three of this bulletin.



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We are roughly a month into the COVID-19 pandemic. On the horizon is at least another month of quarantine, social distancing, and hard work to prevent the spread of disease and keep those around us safe.

As we proceed through this pandemic, it can be difficult to stay informed. All news sources globally are covering the situation worldwide as it develops. The amount of information may feel overwhelming at times. Where can we turn to make sure we are getting accurate information? What information is relevant to us? St. Jane Frances de Chantal's website and bulletin will always try to reflect the most recent and accurate information available. We take our data from:

The State of Michigan. Sources like michigan.gov and Governor Whitmer's website will always have correct and up-to-date information on closures and quarantine orders in the state of Michigan. These directly impact our day-to-day lives.

The Archdiocese of Detroit. News listed on aod.org/EmergencyResponse will be timely and relevant about the current state of churches within our Archdiocese, including event and Mass cancellations. St. Jane Frances de Chantal's operations depend on the declarations made by the Archdiocese and Archbishop Vigneron.

Reputable news sources. Reports made on news stations like ABC, NBC, or other local stations, provide regular, accurate information on the state of the COVID-19 pandemic. Online sources like the Associated Press (apnews.com) provide near-daily updates about the Coronavirus. Social media sites largely populated by individuals, like Facebook and Twitter, are *not* considered reliable. Always fact-check against a reliable source.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2020

Sunday, *Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy*: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, *Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, *Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr*: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday, *Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr*: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, *Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist*: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 20—FRIDAY, APRIL 24: NO MASS

SATURDAY, APRIL 25:

4:00pm Dec. Robert Scally (Family)
 Dec. Gary Winters (Joe & Lori Nida)
 Dec. Herbert Bremerkamp (Family)
 Dec. Rocco Maiuri (48th anniv.) (Family)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26:

9:00am For the Parishioners
 Dec. Norma Kuefler (Laurie Hall)
 Dec. Micheal Tarter (Judy Taylor)
 Dec. Enrico Flaviani (Judy Taylor)

11:30am Dec. Jack Campo (Caradonna Family)
 Dec. Maria & Damiano Campo (Caradonna Family)
 Dec. Vincent & Bridget Caradonna (Caradonna Family)
 Dec. Ramonita Casumpang (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. You do not need to be in a church to pray or to encounter God. Jesus explains: *"Whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you"* (Matthew 6:6).

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UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

1. For the Church—may we all witness to Christ by being united in mind and spirit as we reach out with our prayers, our actions, and our words of encouragement to those in need, let us pray to the Lord,
2. For the grace to forgive—that, flowing from God's forgiveness of us, we may forgive those who have harmed or wronged us, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For our health care workers and first responders—that God will protect them from illness and send His blessings upon them and their families for their dedication and sacrifice, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For all who are ill, particularly those with COVID-19—that the Risen Lord will bring an end to the pandemic and give hope, healing, and new life to those who are sick, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For those who have died, especially the victims of COVID-19: may the Lord receive them lovingly into the Kingdom and shower his peace and consolation upon the loved ones who mourn them, 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 carry in our hearts today, let us pray to the Lord.

ENGAGE WITH US ONLINE!

Visit our website, sjparish.org, to get all the latest news on our parish. Also visit our Instagram (@stjanefrancesparish), Facebook and Twitter (@sjparish) pages to keep in touch!



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office remains closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

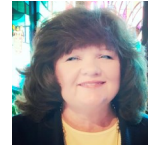
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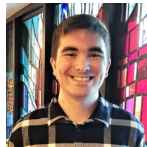
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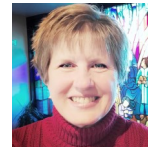
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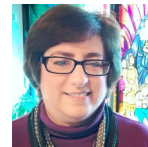
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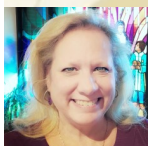
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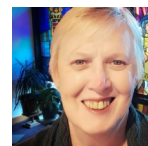
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SACRAMENTS

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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