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PALM SUNDAY

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Greetings from Fr. Tony and the staff at St. Jane Frances de Chantal on this Palm Sunday! Today, as we listen to the Scriptures, we will experience both triumph and loss, suffering with Jesus—even as we know that the Resurrection and our salvation lie at the end of the journey. In the Scriptures, can find many parallels to our current physical, emotional and spiritual challenges. Our hope remains in Jesus Christ, who knows firsthand our trials and triumphs. Let us fix our eyes on the destiny, knowing that salvation comes for all who believe.

Please join Archbishop Vigneron at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral for Mass **today at noon** and for all the Holy Week liturgies, as follows:

Broadcasted Masses available on aod.org/LiveMasses:

Holy Thursday, April 9th

7:00pm EST—Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday, April 10th

1:00pm EST—Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

Saturday Easter Vigil, April 11th

9:00pm EST—Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 12th

11:00am EST—Easter Sunday Mass

While this will be a very different Holy Week, God is truly present in the liturgies celebrated and shared by the community of God throughout the world. Take comfort in knowing we shoulder this together. In the words of composer Rory Cooney’s *Jerusalem My Destiny*:

*I have fixed my eyes on your hills,
Jerusalem, my Destiny!
Though I cannot see the end for me,
I cannot turn away.
We have set our hearts for the way;
this journey is our destiny.
Let no one walk alone.
The journey makes us one.*

Today is the final day for your Easter Joy submissions. Please email us your sentiments at easterjoy@sjfparish.org. Finally, please continue observing our noon community prayer. At noon each day, stop whatever you are doing and pray the Lord’s Prayer, bringing your needs and the needs of the world to our merciful God. You might also plan to end your prayer with a phone call or email to a family member, friend, or neighbor.

In faith and hope, we focus on the mission and anticipate with joy the day when we are again together. 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 during Parish Office hours. Please call 586-977-8080 if you have any questions.</p>

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 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*
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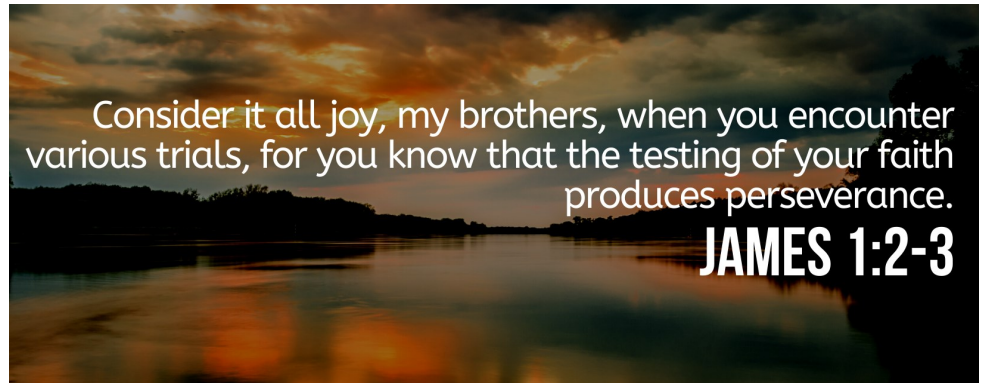
PRAYER LIST

Brad Wilson
 Nicole Zapinski

“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!



Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

JAMES 1:2-3



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It is difficult for me to believe that Holy Week is upon us. Holy Week has a great significance in my life. When I was a seminarian at St. John’s Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan, we had the opportunity to study in Israel for 11 weeks. We lived in Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist, and we studied in Jerusalem. We stayed with the Sisters of Zion who have their motherhouse and convent in Ein Karem.

We made many day trips to various areas in and around Jerusalem. From travelling to the Sea of Galilee, to climbing Mt. Sinai to see the little town of Bethlehem, it is a trip I will always remember.

As a side note, I made a second trip to Israel ten years after I was ordained, and celebrated Masses at the places important in the life and ministry of Jesus. During that time we travelled all over Israel and walked in the footsteps of Jesus. The most memorable week of that trip was Holy Week. We celebrated Mass in the upper room on Holy Thursday, walked the Via Dolores on Good Friday, slept in the garden of Gethsemane, and visited the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. It was a trip that I will never forget.

For those who have been to Israel, once you have been to the places Jesus walked and taught, the Holy Scriptures take on a deeper and richer meaning for you. You will never read or hear the Word of God proclaimed the same again. It becomes much more meaningful because you visited the very spot where it happened. I look forward to returning to Israel next year to see friends that I still keep in contact with and to visit the places that hold a special place in my heart.

Have a joyous and wonderful Holy Week.

Bon mot: “A good reputation is more valuable than money.” —Pubilius Syrus

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony



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How are you spending Palm Sunday? We are not distributing palms, and are instead saving them to pass out when we're together again. At the Archbishop's direction, we are not celebrating public Mass as we enter

Holy Week. So how can you spend Palm Sunday? You can still have a family celebration commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. You can still read the Passion of Jesus, or listen to it being proclaimed by various ministers during recorded or livestreamed Masses or Liturgies of the Word. You can put on your Sunday best, get dressed up, and make this day special. Make it different than the other days that we have been spending at home.

I will more than likely make a trip to the cemetery. April 5th marks the one-year anniversary of when my dad left us to be with Jesus. This past year has been full of "normal" things, but still felt very abnormal! This will be my second gathering for Easter without Dad. Each of us, this year, has lost a little bit of ourselves. I struggle at not being able to stop at a restaurant with a friend to grab a bite to eat and discuss the week. I struggle at trying to "figure out" this technology to just get work done. I struggle at trying to balance what I need to do, amidst all of the things that I can no longer do because of "social distancing". What have you experienced differently this year?

What are your struggles this year? Are they different from years past? Each of us (this year especially), have experienced struggles, but we know that God is with us! Even if we are sick, even if we have lost someone, even if everything seems down, God is with us and He Loves us! Imagine Jesus parading into Jerusalem with full knowledge of what would happen over the next few days; no wonder He sweat blood while praying to God (His Father)! If I really take time to think about this, my "struggles" really aren't that much!

In the present moment, the things going on in "my" life can be overwhelming. This Holy Week, let's start a new practice, if you do not already do this. Remember all the things, bad as well as good, going on right now. Remember Jesus walking the streets of Jerusalem with His cross on His shoulders. Add all the things that weigh you down at this moment to Jesus' cross. Now, as you catch your breath, remember all the joy in the world around you, your own joy, someone else's joy, ALL the joy!

Okay, now that we have caught our breath... In full knowledge that Jesus has shouldered everything for us, has taken on every single one of "my" mistakes and sins, as well as everyone else's, watch as He finishes all that He knew He had to do, for me, for you, for every single person in the world. Is there another way to live other than the way that He has lived for us? Jesus eases our burden—now, how can we do this for someone else? We may not be able to shake the hands of those working tirelessly for us right now, but we can still thank them! We can still express our gratitude for what they mean to us and what they do for us.

Email people. Post about something (or someone) amazing in your life. Share your joy with the world. Share the goodness of Jesus and His gift of Eternal Life with others.

ABOUT THE GOSPEL:

Jesus enters Jerusalem amidst great excitement. The city quickly turns against him. Jesus celebrates his Last Supper with his Apostles on Passover. He is arrested the next day and is soon tortured and crucified. His body is laid to rest in a sealed tomb.

IN (YOUR DOMESTIC) CHURCH:

Gather as a family and pray the Stations of the Cross together at sjfparish.org/SOTC.

The stations mark Jesus' difficult journey to the place where he was crucified. Notice the many people who helped Jesus when he needed it!

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

- How do you stand up for friends?
- Have you welcomed anyone new into your house, school, or work recently? Have you reached out to them during this "Stay Home, Stay Safe" time?
- How did you (or can you) celebrate Holy Week differently at home? Take a picture of your celebration and share it with others!
- Why did Jesus pour out His life for us? Following Jesus' example, how are people pouring out their life for others today? How can you show Jesus' Love to others this year?

FAMILY PRAYER:

God, help us to be selfless like Jesus as we put other people's needs before our own. **Amen.**

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF NEXT WEEK, IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

- What is the Good News that the Church tells us about?
- What new life do you see when you look out your window this week?
- What is some way that you can still celebrate Easter Joy this year, even if you cannot gather in a large group as a family?

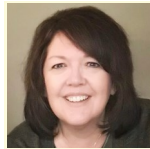
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Get the latest news from St. Jane Frances de Chantal delivered straight to your inbox! While Masses are suspended, we are sending video Liturgy of the Word sessions, prayers, and ways to deepen your faith and continue to grow this Lent. Sign up at sjfparish.org!

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Today, Palm Sunday, we focus on the cross. We enter into Holy Week firmly aware of the despair with which it begins and the triumphant joy with which it ends. As we struggle to understand the COVID-19

pandemic, we might be uncertain how this time in our lives will end. Our faith informs our thinking on this. St. Thomas Aquinas said, "Faith has to do with things that are not seen, and hope with things that are not at hand."

While we have not seen Jesus with our own eyes, our faith in God is strong. While the end of the pandemic is not yet at hand, our hope and trust in God must lead us through the uncertainty. As we carry our own crosses, we can look again to the words of Pope Francis. This time, he was addressing the young people at World Youth Day in 2013.

The cross contains all the love and mercy of God. We can focus today on this message, and ask ourselves: how do we respond to the immeasurable love of God so clearly shown on the cross? The Cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his shoulders our crosses, and saying to us: "Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone! I carry it with you. I have overcome death and I have come to give you hope, to give you life" (cf. Jn 3:16).

You see, it gives us a treasure that no one else can give: the certainty of the faithful love which God has for us. A love so great that it enters into our sin and forgives it, enters into our suffering and gives us the strength to bear it. It is a love which enters into death to conquer it and to save us. The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God; there we find his immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can place all our trust, in which we can believe.

Pope Francis, Rio de Janeiro, 2013



Thank you for your continued prayers for our RCIA members. As we must delay the reception of the sacraments due to current

circumstances, our members can use extra prayers at this time.

I had previously requested Easter cards as a welcome for Viktor, Bernard, Nicole, Astrid, Ashlee and Derek, but must now ask you to hold off on sending those. We do not yet know the date we will bring new members into the Church, but we know it will happen! As soon as possible, I will ask again for those cards of welcome. In the meantime, please pray for them. You can also send them a note of encouragement via LHall@sjfparish.org. I will happily pass on your prayers and good wishes. Thank you in advance!

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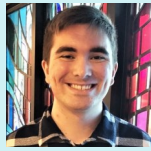
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My daily routine has seen some changes because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Archdiocese of Detroit's decision to suspend public Masses and Church events, and Governor

Whitmer's "stay home, stay safe" executive order. Before all this, I had a set class schedule, a set work schedule, and knew, generally speaking, where I'd be on certain days at certain times. With a schedule, it was easier for me to find time to pray, worship, and attend Mass.

All of that has changed. Without a schedule to rely on, it suddenly feels a lot more difficult to decide when to do things. If I'm working from home, I don't need to come in to work at a certain time. Without Church events to go to at a certain time, I don't know when to engage in faith-related activities at home.

Something that's helped me deal with feeling lost without a schedule are the online resources put out by our parish, the Archdiocese, and many other online sources. While I may not be able to choose whether I want to attend 4:00pm, 9:00am, or 11:30am Mass, I can tune into Archbishop Vigneron's private Mass every Sunday at noon (available on aod.org/LiveMasses) and I can choose a time during the weekend to watch the recorded Liturgy of the Word on St. Jane Frances de Chantal's YouTube channel.

I hope you choose to take advantage of resources like these, too. If you miss attending Stations of the Cross each Friday, visit our YouTube channel (linked on our website, sjfparish.org) to find a recorded Stations of the Cross video series presented by Laurie Hall. If you like, watch these videos at 7:00pm Friday evening, like you would if we were meeting in person. If you took time to pray before or after Mass, set aside that same time during the weekend and do the same thing you normally would. If you prayed the Rosary with us at 6:00pm Tuesday evenings, you can look back to last week's bulletin (available on our website) for instructions on how to do the same thing on your own.

Just because we're apart—just because we might not have a set schedule right now—doesn't mean we can't do some of the same things we're used to doing. Our routines might just look a little different for the time being.

If you want to be notified about other resources available to help you keep your faith as part of your schedule, sign up for Parish News. The link is available on the homepage of our website. You'll have emails delivered directly to your inbox every Sunday at 9:00am.

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During these times, when we have been homebound, I have taken opportunities to walk everyday just to be able to be outside in nature. While I walk, I say the rosary, which I have found brings me

much peace and solace. After the prayers, I take time just to talk to God. My vision is that we two friends are walking together in the beautiful world that He created. Even during these difficult times, I know that He is always by our side and is always someone we can lean upon.

Also, since I cannot attend Mass, I have also taken time to virtually "visit" many other churches in the area. I have virtually attended Mass at several of our family and friends' churches, and while we cannot be together in person, hearing the same words and talking about them—about the messages—brings much comfort.

**Pope Francis**
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If you find it hard to pray, don't give up. Be still; make space for God to come in; let Him look at you, and He will fill you with His peace. [#Lent](#)

Let us [#PrayTogether](#) for the many people who are concerned for others—families that don't have enough to eat, elderly people who are alone, the sick in hospital—and who pray and seek to help them. We thank the Lord for stirring these sentiments in the hearts of the faithful.

Posted on March 26 & 27, 2020

**Archbishop Vigneron**
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Yesterday, Pope Francis led us in a time of prayer and reflection. In his preaching on a passage from the Gospel of St. Mark, our Holy Father offered for not only Catholics, but for the entire world, an eloquent expression of encouragement based on faith.



Posted on March 28, 2020

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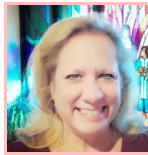
Council 15020 of the Diocese of Nashville's campus ministry to college students in the city held a virtual fish fry March 27 to bring together their friends who have dispersed across the country in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic: cntopstories.com

Posted on March 31, 2020

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Ten Tips for Protecting Children and Offering Outreach to Victims/Survivors

1. Sexual abuse is about the victim, who has suffered a violation of trust that can affect their entire life.
2. No one, no matter who they are, has an automatic right to be around children without proper screening and following the rules.
3. Everyone must educate themselves on how to protect children.
4. Protective guardians, codes of conduct, background evaluations, policies and procedures, and safety training programs are vital.
5. The residual effects of abuse can last a lifetime. Those who have been abused can heal, but it often takes time, therapy, and the support of loved ones.
6. Feeling heard leads toward healing—when one's pain and concerns are taken seriously.
7. Experience shows that most abuse is committed by someone who has gained the trust of a victim/survivor and their family.
8. There are behavioral warning signs of child abusers. Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving them undue attention or lavish gifts; others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography or using drugs.
9. People can be taught to identify grooming behavior—the actions which abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into a relationship.
10. Background checks work. These keep predators away from children because they scare off some predators and uncover past actions which ban an adult from working or volunteering with children.



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As I have been confined to my house due to the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” executive order, I find that I struggle with ways to keep Christian Service active in our community. We have had to discontinue the Denis

Connection visits, our grief counseling groups, and all our activities. Our Panera ministry was able to continue with just a few people (thanks to Jody, Mary Lee, & Cindy) who helped pack and deliver to some of our SVdP families and the Salvation Army. However, the donation program has now been suspended by Panera.

This got me to thinking about how we can continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this pandemic. What ways can you practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy when we are confined to our homes?

As a reminder, the Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

1. Counsel the doubtful
2. Instruct the ignorant
3. Admonish sinners
4. Comfort the afflicted
5. Forgive offenses
6. Bear wrongs patiently
7. Pray for the Living and the Dead

Are there people you can call? Write a letter to? Pray for? Have you been meaning to get in touch with someone? Maybe this is the time!

The Corporal Works of Mercy are:

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Visit the sick
6. Visit the imprisoned
7. Bury the dead

These are a little more difficult when we are supposed to shelter in place. What ways can you help? Can you send a meal to a neighbor's house (especially to those who may be out of work and income)? If you are going to the grocery store, can you pick up groceries for someone who may be at risk? Can you clean out those closets for when the donation centers reopen? Send cards to the sick? Sympathy cards to those who have experienced loss? Calls to those who may be sick or alone? Check up on each other? Send monetary donations to agencies that help the homeless, veterans, (and of course your parish)?

This is the time to be creative! In this pandemic, since I cannot go to a physical Mass, I'm watching more liturgies via the Internet. It seems, at times, that we get into a routine of coming to Mass each weekend, but really not seeking out the liturgy. Laurie and Lucas have shared so many great resources for enrichment, prayer, and opportunities for community prayer (are you stopping and saying the Lord's Prayer every noon?). When you wash your hands, are you saying the Lord's Prayer or the Hail Mary? Just think of how many prayers you can add into your day! Finding time to sit in prayer, meditate, watch spiritual liturgies, movies, etc... **We have the time now.** How are you using your time to fully be the hands and feet of our Lord? Please continue to keep yourself safe and healthy, and I will continue to keep you all in my prayers.

HOW DO WE PRAY DURING A PANDEMIC?

When we worry, when we fear, when we want to help the world, we pray. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought worries to the forefront of everyone's minds. In times like these, we pray. But prayer might feel overwhelming; what do we pray for? Do we pray the Our Father? Do we ask God to heal the sick? Do we ask him to protect those who are at risk? To protect everyone in Michigan? The United States? The world? How do we pray for everything that needs prayer?

Prayer shouldn't be overwhelming. The following are some tips to guide our prayer during this pandemic:

TRY PRAYING TO A SPECIFIC SAINT.

The saints can help direct prayer by giving us someone particular to pray to. We can pick a saint to pray to and a cause to pray for. In the same way that we might pray to St. Anthony when we lose something, we can pray to other saints when we want to pray with purpose. St. Roch, the patron saint of plague, is one saint we might pray to during this pandemic. By praying to him, we ask him to intercede on our behalf, acknowledging all he represents as a saint—healing, health, and endurance through sickness.

TRY FOCUSING ON ONE THING TO PRAY ABOUT.

Praying that the virus stops spreading and that everyone follows proper social distancing and hygiene rules and that everyone who's at risk stays safe and that everyone who's sick recovers and that the world recovers from the pandemic can be overwhelming. We cannot burden ourselves with trying to pray about everyone and everything. Instead, we can challenge ourselves to pick one of our worries. If we're worried about the immunocompromised, elderly, or otherwise at-risk individuals, we can pray for them alone today. We'll spend time in prayer considering that one thing we're praying for. Let's explore the concept, thing, or group, and ask God to guide us through our prayer for our specific thing.

TRY PRAYING FOR ONE PERSON.

The clergy of our Church work diligently and faithfully to uphold our faith through thick and thin. From a local level—like Fr. Tony, who celebrates private Mass daily, offering up the Mass intentions for those in our parish—to a regional level—like Archbishop Vigneron, who livestreams Mass every Sunday, offering the Archdiocese of Detroit the opportunity to continue to engage with their faith, even while we're apart—to a worldwide level—like Pope Francis, who continues to pray on behalf of the Catholic Church—our clergy serve us in the most difficult times. We can try picking a clergy member we're grateful for and praying that God helps them through all they do for us.

TRY CHOOSING A PRAYER THAT'S ALREADY WRITTEN.

There is no shortage of written prayers available. If we struggle during prayer to come up with words of our own, there are always words available for us to use. We might pray the Our Father. We might pray the Hail Mary, or the Nicene Creed, or the written prayer to St. Roch we published in last week's bulletin, or a prayer we remember hearing from a friend, or a prayer we found online, or a prayer we were sent in a letter from a family member. We can even pray the universal prayers in this bulletin. Our faith is passionate behind everything we pray, whether it be our own words or the words we read. By praying a prayer like the Our Father, we're joining with everyone else who's prayed that prayer.

TRY PRAYING IN INCREMENTS.

We don't have to pray all at once. We don't have to pray at the same time every day. We don't have to pray for everything we want to pray for at the same time. We can take our time with prayer, taking a simple moment or two in the morning when we wake up to pray. If we feel spiritually ready, we can pray again an hour later. We can pray before we eat. We can pray before bed. There are dozens of opportunities to pray during the day. Picking these times, praying a short and simple prayer, and trusting God with the things weighing down our minds can help alleviate the stress we might feel over praying at this time. We can schedule times to pray—or pray when we can. There is no right or wrong time to pray.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2020

Sunday — <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> : Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or Mt 27:11-54
Monday : Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday : Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday : Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday — <i>Holy Thursday</i> : Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday — <i>Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord</i> : Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday — <i>Holy Saturday</i> : Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12,13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; Ps 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday — <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i> : Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 6: NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 7:

7:00pm For the Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8:

8:00am Dec. Carol Korte (Cindy Guzi)

THURSDAY, APRIL 9: No Intentions

FRIDAY, APRIL 10: No Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 11: No Intentions

SUNDAY, APRIL 12:

9:00am Dec. Joseph & Harriet Florek (Sylvia Soldatek)

Dec. Jerry Soldatek (Vince & Lori Buscemi)

Dec. Richard Volpe (Nancy Volpe)

Dec. Filomena Salvatore (Erfe Family)

11:30am For the Parishioners

DID YOU KNOW?

While our attendance and participation at Mass is suspended, Mass itself has not been suspended. Fr. Tony celebrates private Mass daily, offering the Mass for all the Intentions requested, along with 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).

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

1. Holy Lord, Preserver of all Your faithful family, including Pope Francis, clergy, and the religious, we implore You to send Your Spirit throughout the world, cleansing us from our sins and sickness and bringing healing to our sick and broken world. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. King of kings, we humbly ask Your wisdom: for all government officials to lead with strength and fairness, to have clear focus and discernment for the best course of action for their citizens, and to have unified efforts toward the challenging task of handling the coronavirus pandemic and future restoration. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. Savior of the world, we plead for the protection, welfare, and needs of all medical personnel and first responders on the front lines battling coronavirus, along with those workers in essential support fields of food, transportation, utilities, communication, business, industry, and finance. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. Jesus, Redeemer, we join You in Your passion this week as You journey to Jerusalem—we cry to You to help us persevere in hope and carry our crosses of unemployment, fear, loneliness, or sorrow as bravely as You carried the cross of salvation for us. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. Merciful Father, we call out to You to comfort the sick and dying; to lovingly receive all who have left this world for Your heavenly kingdom, which is full of joy, light, and eternal life; and to console those who grieve. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. God of creation, we beseech You to hear and answer the prayers in our hearts and those on our intercessory prayer link. Let us pray to the Lord.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

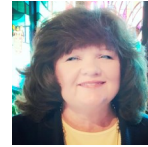
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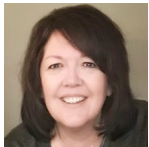
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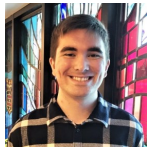
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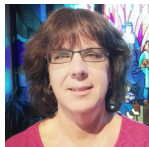
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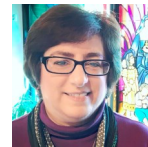
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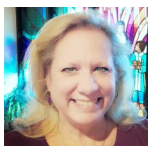
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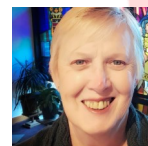
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SACRAMENTS

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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