

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent

LIFE

"I am the resurrection
and the life; whoever
believes in me, even
if he dies, will live."

JOHN 11:25

MASS TIMES

No Public Masses until further notice.
Weekend Mass may be viewed online at:
www.saintjosephparish.org

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Active parish membership of 6 months is required before a wedding date may be set.
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 9:00 am until approximately 9:30 am or call for an appointment.
Baptism: Please call the Parish Office 2 months in advance.
Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Office anytime.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday, 8:30 am—4:00 pm
Friday, 9:00 am—Noon
(subject to change)
Church will be open 8:00 am-4:00 pm for private prayer.

REACHING IN, REACHING OUT, REACHING GOD

Fr. Jim's Jottings

I don't know how many of you are able to read this week's bulletin. We are printing about 150 bulletins which are in the back of church for you to pick up. Some did that a week ago. I also know that many of you receive our weekly newsletter over the internet that also has our bulletin in it.

We are recording the weekend Mass which is available on your computer at <https://www.saintjosephparish.org>. There is a link to our Mass. To some extent we are together "electronically".

For your information, St Joe's Church will be open from 8:00am-4:00pm for private prayer. Many of us have more time available to pray to our Lord for deliverance. Also read the daily scripture readings that can be found at usccb.org.

And I offer a reminder that I will have private confessions on Wednesdays from 5:30PM-6:30PM and Saturday 9:00AM until all are heard.

Finally, I offer a prayer to our Blessed Mother for her help through these difficult days:

"Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen."



OTHER LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

***Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Throughout Lent there will be an extra hour each week for Private Confession on Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm.

*Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

Everyone 14 years of age or over is to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent.

Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days only one meatless meal is allowed. Two other smaller meatless meals may be taken. Eating between meals is not permitted on these days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill: **Richard Bergman, Mark Holz**

Please also remember our nursing home residents & shut-ins.

Please pray for the intentions recorded in our Prayer Book of Intentions.

Please pray for our parishioners or family members of our parishioners who have died: **Victor Weber**

Ways To View Mass

You can tune into Mass on WHBY Channel 2 on Sunday Morning at 5:30 am, CW14 Channel 14 on Sunday morning at 8:00 am, or WFRV Channel 5 on Sunday morning at 10:30 am with Bishop Ricken.

Also, on Sunday you can go to our website: saintjosephparish.org and click on Fr. Jim celebrating the weekend Mass. Catch his inspiration for the upcoming week.

Help for the Homeless



We received the following note in response to our effort of collecting hygiene items this past month. "A quick note to say

thanks for participating in "Help for the Homeless" 2020! Everything was picked up, sorted, counted, and delivered to the agencies on March 13 - just before everything came to a halt with Covid19 restrictions. *WHEW! It's looking like another record-setting year and we look forward to sending a celebration video in a few weeks. THANK YOU on behalf of our 17 participating crisis programs for all of the treasure...including 11,550 rolls of (impossible to find) toilet paper! YOU ROCK! Sincerely, Heidi*

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to those who have already responded to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. So far **275 parishioners** have committed **\$53,826** towards our parish goal of \$77,175.

We can make that goal if we receive the same support we've gotten in the past. Last year the average gift was \$185.00 given by 370 parishioners. Because of your generosity, we have met our target for the past ten years. Again, we're aware of the challenge this appeal faces this year due to the campaign. May God bless our efforts.

Old Palm Branches



If you have old palm branches at home, we invite you to put them in a box in the back of church for proper disposal. Thanks.

Congratulations—Calendar Raffle Winners

- March 15—Denise Smudde—\$25
- March 16—Thomas McCabe—\$25
- March 17—Bev VerVoort—\$25
- March 18—Carrol Theiss—\$25
- March 19—Sarah or Kyle Ehrhardt—\$100
- March 20—Ann Noll—\$25
- March 21—Monica & Dennis Kempen—\$25

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Ever thought of the priesthood?

With the growing shortage of priests, it's time that we take seriously our responsibility to promote vocations to the priesthood. For sure, God is calling some of our young men to this vocation. We need to encourage them to consider responding to that call. Pray for vocations! Encourage any young man you think would be a good priest to think about it....even your own son. Would you encourage your son if he were to say he was thinking of becoming a priest? Our Diocese is stretched thin in having enough priests to offer weekend Masses. (Thank God our retired priests are still willing to help throughout the Diocese)

St Joe's "Tuition Scholarship" Program

St Joe's is able to offer three \$2,500 scholarships to a Catholic School for 3 families of St Joe's parish. These scholarships are available for the next school year.

We are hoping to encourage families who are considering enrolling their child/children in the St Francis Xavier School system.

To apply for a scholarship, a family needs to write a letter to Fr Jim Leary, asking for a scholarship. On an attached sheet of paper, please answer the following questions related to Parish, School, and Community involvement.

1. Describe how your family is active in our parish.
2. Describe how your family is active in your community.
3. Describe how your family will be involved in your parish/school/community in the future.

Whoever received a scholarship for the coming year will be offered it for the remaining years their child is at that academic level. (elementary, middle school and high school). (E.G. If a child received the scholarship in 1st grade, they will be guaranteed to receive it till they finish 4th grade. If a child receives it in 5th grade they will be guaranteed to receive it till they finish 8th grade etc.) Deadline for applying for a scholarship is April 30, 2020. Scholarships will be awarded by the end of May, 2020.

Check Out These Resources:

YOUNG ADULTS/ADULTS:

*Best Lent Ever Daily Reflections: Sign-up to receive free one minute daily video reflections. (<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever/lent-reflections-2020>)

*Get to Know Jesus Rediscover Jesus: Two minute inspirational video clips which review the main relevant concepts of Jesus in our lives today. (<https://dynamiccatholic.com/rediscover-jesus-program/reflections/getting-to-know-jesus>)

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN:

For Families: Help Your Kids Get to Know Jesus

ENGAGED OR MARRIED COUPLES:

For Spouses: Take Your Marriage to the Next Level

PARENTS OR PARENTS TO BE:

For Parents: Start Dreaming for Your Family

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS:

Rediscover the Genius of Catholicism

HOUSEHOLDS OF ALL AGES:

Learn about the rosary and how to pray it. Sign your household up to pledge to help pray 5 million rosaries for America. Pray the Rosary!



Financial News

Tithing Needed	\$18,461.00
Last Week's Tithing	\$2,253.00
Auto Withdrawal	\$930.00
Children's Collection	\$5.20

Dear Parishioners,

With all that's going on for all of us, I carefully want to remind you of the need for your financial contributions during these weeks and months. If you can continue to use your church envelopes, we are grateful. And if you can make a contribution to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, it will help us towards our goal.

You can either mail them in or drop them at the front desk of the parish office. Please know of my personal gratitude in behalf of the parish.

-Fr Jim

Readings for the week of March 29

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9

Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9

Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]

Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13

Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28

Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]

Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

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WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 30

12:05 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

12:05 pm Dec. Jim Hill

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

12:05 pm Michael & Patricia Milton

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

4:00 pm Dec. Ralph Moder

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 am Dec. John Ferguson

10:00 am Dec. Marion Batzler

6:30 pm Dec. Donna Hebert

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

5:30 pm Private Reconciliation, Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

9:00 am Private Reconciliation



Can You Create a Story (Friendship Connection) with a Fellow Parishioner?

We recently asked for your Story of St. Joe’s. Many of you were willing to share how and why you are here. During this time of uncertainty, could you reach out to a parishioner or two that you know and share time over the phone with them? Create a story of your connection with each other. You do not have to write it up, but you will help each other during this time. Jesus asks us to be in relationship with Him and you can continue and grow your relationship by sharing your time and story with another.

Church Chuckle

A new business was opening and one of the owner’s friends wanted to send him flowers for the occasion. They arrived at the new business site and the owner read the card which said: “Rest in Peace”. The owner was angry and called the florist to complain. After he told the florist of the obvious mistake, and how angry he was, the florist replied: “Sir, I’m really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, you should imagine this—somewhere today, there is a funeral taking place, and they have flowers with a note saying: “Congratulations on your new location!”

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Thank you!

Society: What about my plans?!

God: My plans for you are always better than your own. Don't worry. I'm going to work this all out for your good.

Society: We're not going to get anything done!

God: That's the point. You know how you keep spinning your wheels—always working, moving, doing—but never feeling satisfied? I've given you permission to stop. I've cleared your calendars for you! Your worth isn't tied to busyness or accomplishment. All you have to do is take care of each other.

Society: What does this all mean?

God: It means I'm in control. It means you are human and I am God. It means I've given you a wonderful opportunity to be the light in a dark world. It means you are going to learn to rely on me.

Society: What are we supposed to do when we can't leave our homes?

God: Rest. You are always so busy and overwhelmed, crying out to me weary and exhausted. Can't you use a break from your fast-paced and over-scheduled lives? Go ahead and rest. Pray. Love your families. Be still and spend time with me.

Society: You mean we're supposed to stay home with our kids all day, every day?

God: Yes. And you're going to be just fine. This time together is a rare gift. The rush of daily life has come to a halt. Play games. Bake cookies. Work on projects you've never had the time for. Teach them kindness and grace. Show them how to endure difficult circumstances and steer them toward me.

Society: We better start hoarding anything we can get our hands on!

God: Prevention, yes. Precaution, yes. Preparedness, yes. But after that, it's time to put the needs of others before your own. When you see someone in need, help them. Offer up what you have. Do not worry about tomorrow! Haven't I always taken care of you? Now, go take care of someone else.

Society: Why is this happening?

God: To remind you that I'm in control. To bring your attention back to me. I'm bringing you together as families and neighbors. I'm showing you patience and perseverance. I'm reminding you of your purpose and priorities. Now is the time to learn and teach your children what this life is really about.

Society: We don't know who to believe.

God: Believe in me. Trust me. Ask me for wisdom and I will surely give it.

Society: We're scared!

God: I've got this and I'm with you. ♡