

MASS AND THE CORONAVIRUS

After serious consideration of the grave health risk involved in public gatherings and in order to curb the spread of the Coronavirus, the bishops of Ohio have decided, effective immediately, to suspend temporarily all publicly celebrated Masses/liturgies, at least through the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. A letter from Father Victor was sent out to our parishioners this past week concerning this.

During this time, however, the church will be open for private prayer of the faithful and for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during our regular Parish Office hours.

This is a very sad and unfortunate set of circumstances in which we find ourselves; we must be diligent, but also prayerful and do everything we can to keep our faith intact and strong.

In the absence of being able to receive the Eucharist through this time, please try to pray daily this Act of Spiritual Communion (where you can literally imagine you are receiving Holy Communion as you pray it):

“Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You within my soul. I ask pardon for my sins; and since I cannot receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart (Pause – Spiritual Communion) I embrace You as being already as being there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.”

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 22, 2020: [Fourth Sunday in Lent](#)

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Monday, March 23, 2020:

Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 24, 2020:

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 25, 2020: [Annunciation of the Lord](#)

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26, 2020:

Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

Friday, March 27, 2020:

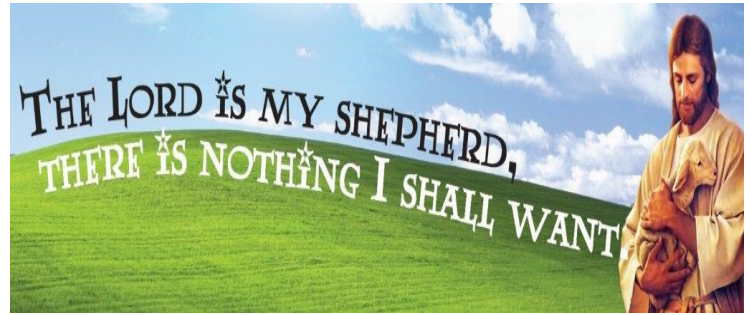
Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 28, 2020:

Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

Sunday, March 29, 2020: [Fifth Sunday in Lent](#)

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 23	<i>Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo</i>
9:00am	Parishioners & Benefactors
TUESDAY, MARCH 24	<i>Saint Oscar Romero</i>
9:00am	+Lorna Bush (Lozowski Family)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>
5:30pm	+Duell McCarty (Dave & Shelley McCarty)
THURSDAY, MARCH 26	
9:00am	+Hugh Hanley (Faye Hanley)
FRIDAY, MARCH 27	
9:00am	No Mass
SATURDAY, MARCH 28	
5:30pm	+Albert, Gene & John Schmidt (Jim & Caroline Gilmore)
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 29	
8:00am	+Ray Kehn (Jean Kehn)
10:30am	+Fr. Michael Reis (Lozowski Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please pray for those who are Sick or in Care Centers.

Pat & Jimm Alvarez, John Alverson, Dan Armbruster, David Anderson, Donald Anderson, Patrick Anderson, Tom Apple, Elizabeth B., Carl Bachman, Jenny Bachman, Jerry Bailey, Barbara Baker, Tina Baker, Quinn Bassett, Charles Bordenkircher, John Bordenkircher, Ashleigh Bradford, Dawn Bradford, Fred Bradford, Ashley Canfield, Carol & Robert Clark, Ed Colgan, Steve Cox, Shirley Dishong, Larry Dolick, Cindy Doster, Carolyn Edwards, Kathy Edwards, Dave & Verna Emerson, Mark & Lisë Emerson, Mark Everhart, Erika (Hoover) Ewing, Gary Ferrill, Linda Fletcher, Brenda Fowler, Gypsy Fraelich, Kathleen Fritz, Helen Furbee, Lou & Carol Gardina, Joe Gardina Jr, Tony Gardina, Charles & John Gauerke, Jerry Gress, Ed Groff, Janet Jonard-Guillory, Jeff Hains, Louise Harding, Joan Hill, John L Hill, Esther Hiser, John Holehouse, Duran Houston, Gary Jones, Marilyn Keiffer, Greyson Kilgore, Liz Kurtz, George Lahna, Howard Lahna, Janice Latham, Don & Shirley Lauvray, Sara Long, Ava Longo, Alice Longo, Michael Longo, Brenda Lozowski, Susan Matters, Chris McCabe, Mary Lou McCabe, Jim McCann, Dave McCarty, Martha McGrady, John Daniel McKay, Irene McNichols, Susan Meredith, Janet Miskimins, Lora Slotter Moore, Joanie & Bill Moran, Cindy Morrison, Herb & Betty Mould, Tanya Mounts, Tim Muehler, Rita Myers, Tom & Mary Novak, Kitty Onufer, Dorothy Owens, Doris Parkhill, Kelly Peyton, Mike Philabaum, Karen Phillips, Reston Price, Joe & Kelli Prosek, Jean Raber, Brian Reiss, Riane Rine, Manuel Rivera, June Roof, Dan Ross, Marie Salmon, Mary Ann Schick, Debi Schuler, Helen Shaw, Mary Smeyres, Doris Smith, Dorothy Smith, LaVerne Stewart, Leora Stimpert, Kathryn Stuart, Betty Sturtz, Theresa Theriault, Mary Lou Thompson, Pat Tumblin, Ashleigh Udischas, Terry & Esther Versch, Joan Vought, William Wagner, Aimee Iaquina Wagstaff, Leslie Waibel, Christa Walsh, Sabrina Weese, Alice Wengstrom, James Wiley, Chuck Williams, Ava Winner, Richard Wright, Fr. Victor and all in need of prayer.

MISSION STATEMENT... For over 160 years, Sacred Heart Parish and its missions have served the Coshocton County Community. Our Catholic Family is based upon faith and love. We apply Christian values to the continued spiritual growth of our parish family by our words and actions, and by involved parishioners who support our church and school.

ENCOUNTER LENT ~ 2020 LENTEN APPEAL

Join our faith community and more than 14,000 other Catholic Communities across the US in a life-changing Lenten Journey with Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Collection. Last year we raised \$1,069.68. Please continue to save your donations for the Rice Bowl Collection.

PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please continue to pray for our Confirmation candidates **Cade Babcock, Cole Babcock, Anthony Cichon, Jaden Everhart, Jillian Given, Dakota Kealiher, Collin Ladrach, Myleigh Ladrach, Julian Rivera, Aidan Stevens-Woolery, Karson Wright;** and from Saint Francis de Sales Parish in Newcomerstown, **Gianna Menapace, Ayla Norman, and Jessica Thompson.**

**~ BUILDING VIRTUE ~
CHARITY**

The greatest of virtues is charity, because charity is the imitation of God! The Catechism states. "The practice of all the virtues is animated and inspired by charity, which 'binds everything together in perfect harmony'; it is the form of the virtues; it articulates and orders them among themselves; it is the source and goal of their Christian practice. Charity upholds and purifies our human ability to love and raises it to the supernatural perfection of divine love.

BUILDING VIRTUE:

- 1. Patience:** "He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring for he himself is beset by weakness" (Hebrews 5:2). Imagine what it must be like for God to watch us continually turn away and deny Him, He who is complete love. Whether in traffic or at work or especially at home, where can you build patience?
- 2. Mercy:** do not try to imitate God's judgment; believe me, you are unqualified! Instead, imitate his mercy and forgive others as He continually forgives us. "Always speak and act as a man destined for judgment under the law of freedom. Merciless is the judgment on the man who has not shown mercy; but mercy triumphs over judgement" (James 2:12-13).
- 3. Gratitude:** A response to Patience and Mercy, the measure of our Gratitude will be in the measure of our Charity towards others. Maintain or begin a prayer of Gratitude when waking, at meals, or when we go to bed.

"Finally, my brothers, your thoughts should be wholly directed to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure admirable, decent, virtuous, or worthy of praise. Live according to what you have learned and accepted, what you have heard me say and seen me do. Then will the God of peace be with you." — *Philippians 4:8-9*

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The encounter between Mary and the Angel opens up the meaning of our own lives, by shedding light on our call to participate in God's loving plan. In the midst of all of the challenges we face as Catholic Christians in a Culture which has forgotten God, we are invited to celebrate God's loving plan - and to remember the great liberating promise of the Gospel is intended for all men and women. We are the bearers of Good News in an age of bad news.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ." (CCC#487)

Let's consider her response to the message: "I am the handmaiden of the Lord; let it be to me according to your Word." It is in these words that we can discover the heart of every Christian vocation.

The little Virgin of Nazareth teaches us how to live our Christian life. When the Angel of the Lord appeared, bearing the message and calling her to a special mission, she said "YES." We must say "Yes" as well and believe that "nothing is impossible with God."

If we want to be holy, we need to explore the meaning of these words and make them our own. We are also called to be set apart for the living God. We are to make a place for Him within ourselves and within the world.

When we embrace Mary's Prayer and make it our own, we allow the Love that Mary bore in her body to be incarnated in and through us, too. Each of us can say "Yes" to God, right now, wherever we are. Each of us can respond with our entire being, with a Fiat of surrendered love.

Mary, in her selflessness, was open to the angel's visit. She recognized who was speaking. She listened, received and responded. In so doing, she shows us the way to respond to the Lord's call in our own lives.

By saying Yes, offering our own Fiat, we are consecrated and enlisted in the ongoing mission of the Lord. The encounter between Mary and the Angel opens up the meaning of our own lives, by shedding light on our call to participate in God's loving plan.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SECOND COLLECTION

The **Second Collection Envelope** for **March 28 & 29** is for the **Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Sacred Heart Church.** From October 2019 thru February 2020, over \$7,000 has been disbursed. Rent is the biggest need, with utilities coming in next. Thank you for your continued support. We couldn't help these people without your generous donations. Please mail your envelopes to the Parish Office at 805 Main Street or envelopes may be dropped off at the Office.

We are always looking for new committee members. If you have any questions please contact either John & Pat Harsh, Dick & Roberta Shannon, Susan Mould, Ginny Harrison, Jim Karas or call the Parish Office at 740-622-8817.

OFFERTORY SUMMARY March 14 & 15

Envelopes	4,885.00	School Support	\$635.00
Loose	319.00		
Children	1.00		
Total	\$ 5,205.00	Mass Count - 179	

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