

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.

Unfortunately, the church must be kept closed and locked, and we are unable to allow anyone to be in the church, even for private prayer. Private Masses will be offered on occasion on behalf of the parishioners of Sacred Heart and all the faithful. The Mass intentions already scheduled at least through Easter will be rescheduled at a later time.

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 if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.”

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Monday, March 30, 2020:

Daniel 13:1-9, 25-27, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 31, 2020:

Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 1, 2020:

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42

Thursday, April 2, 2020:

Genesis 17:3-9

Friday, April 3, 2020:

Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

Saturday, April 4, 2020:

Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

Sunday, April 5, 2020:

[Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord](#)

Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11;

Matthew 26:14—27:66

**SAINTS FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY, MARCH 30

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Saint Francis of Paola

FIRST FRIDAY, APRIL 3

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Saint Isidore

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, APRIL 5

Mass Intentions

All Mass Intentions that are scheduled for the next few weeks will be rescheduled. Please watch the bulletin when Masses resume.

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.

Novena Prayer to St. Rocco

O Great St. Rocco, deliver us, we beseech thee, from the scourges of God; through thy intercession, preserve our bodies from contagious diseases, and our souls from the contagion of sin. Obtain for us salubrious air; but, above all, purity of heart. Assist us to make good use of health, to bear suffering with patience; and, after thy example, to live in the practice of penance and charity, that we may one day enjoy the happiness which thou has merited by thy virtues.

St. Rocco, pray for us (say three times).

“Listen to Catholic Radio AM 820 this Lent”

Try something new this Lent and consider listening to Catholic Radio AM 820! Listening to AM 820 is a good way to deepen your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith. Download the free St. Gabriel Radio mobile app.

~ BUILDING VIRTUE ~ CHASTITY

The virtue of chastity, not to be confused with abstinence, comes under the Cardinal Virtue of temperance, which seeks to permeate the passions and appetites of the senses with reason. **“Chastity means the successful integration of sexuality within the person and thus the inner unity of man in his bodily and spiritual being ... The virtue of chastity therefore involves the integrity of the person and the integrality of the gift.”** (CCC 2237)

Whether living in the vocation of marriage or Holy Orders or the Single Life, we are called to live chastely. From our thoughts, to what we look at, to how we treat one another, chastity is built on our ability to gain self-mastery.

BUILDING VIRTUE:

1. **Fasting:** Fasting is both a temporary sacrifice and a means to gain control over ourselves. Whether with food or even our favorite TV show, create a weekly exercise of fasting.
2. **Abstinence/Contenance:** Beyond fasting, periodic abstinence from meat or alcohol or sexual union, heightens our commitment to holiness, empowering us with the Virtue of Fortitude to live chastely. Maybe start with abstaining from meat every Friday, year-round.
3. **Diligence:** Let's be honest, between our human concupiscence and the culture in which we live, it's hard to avoid temptation and the attacks on our chastity of mind and being. So when we struggle, turn to God in prayer, especially in the midst of temptation, because it allows His grace to work in us immediately.

“Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

“Human goodness is like a signet ring with God, and virtue he keeps like the apple of his eye.” — Ben Sira 17:22

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THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE

In an effort to keep the Church and her most precious gift (Christ Himself in the Sacrament of the Eucharist) in front of us, Dr. Scott Hahn and the Saint Paul Center are making available for free for a limited time due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the fact that we are unable to attend Mass at this time, a streaming set of videos called **“The Eucharist in Scripture.”**

In the absence of being able to receive the gift of the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ, we should be pained and ache for returning to Mass to receive Communion again. This is a six session series. The studies produced by the Saint Paul Center are extremely well done, thorough, and very worthwhile. Take advantage of this opportunity to help you better understand the mystery of the Eucharist, and its Biblical Foundations.

<https://stpaulcenter.com/free-stream/>

Here are a couple other links that can help us spiritually during this particular time:

<https://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/temple>

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/armstrong/if-you-cant-receive-communion-make-a-spiritual-communion>

May the Lord Bless you all in this time of uncertainty, and calm your anxieties.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I free myself from the burial bands in my life?

How can I help others release their own?

In this world nothing is more powerful than death. It cannot be undone. It happens to everything and everyone who lives. Whether plant or animal, baby or elder, it is absolute and it is final in this world. But all three of this week's readings assert God's ultimate power over it. God will open our graves and have us rise from them. God will bring us forth from the tomb. If God has this kind of power, how can any evil in this world conquer us? With the Spirit dwelling in us, even death is overcome.

Please mail Offertory Envelopes directly to the Parish Office.

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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. 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 and leave a message.