



Today, with the celebration of Palm Sunday, the Church begins her annual celebration of Holy Week. I think it is safe to say that the Church in recent history has not celebrated a Holy Week like this. And I pray that it will not be something we have to ever experience again.

I recall seeing or hearing a question from somewhere, that if this situation continues into Holy Week, will Holy Week be cancelled? Will Easter be cancelled? Of course, we know the answer to that is 'no'. The liturgical life of the Church continues to move forward, regardless of what is happening in the world around us. The real question is: if we cannot be present for the rich liturgies of Holy Week and Easter Sunday, how can we still celebrate this foundational mystery of our faith? I wish I had an easy answer to that, but I find myself wondering the same thing, even though I will still be celebrating those liturgies, though in a limited way given the difficulty of doing so without a congregation.

As I ponder this question, an image keeps coming to me – the crucifix. We look at it and can see sadness, suffering, and defeat. And to some extent, that is what was intended by the Romans who employed crucifixion as a means of punishment, to inflict pain and to send a message to those who witnessed that brutal torture. Those who put Jesus to death wanted His followers to believe the battle had been lost, that all of their hopes were crushed, and that the one they had hoped would save them was actually a fraud. Many people walked away from the scene, discouraged and deflated.

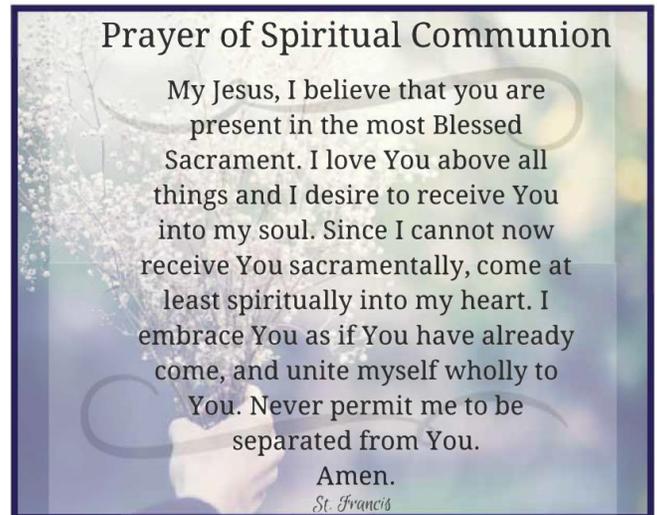
When we look at our present circumstances, don't we have a similar feeling? Even though we try to be optimistic and courageous, there is a nagging voice within us that makes us wonder if our faith is in vain, or that our hope in Jesus to come to save us are somehow misplaced. We see the suffering of the Body of Christ, the Church, in these days in a way we have not seen her before. To be sure, the devil wants us to be disheartened by this, wanting us to give up and think that we are fighting a losing battle.

But if we spend enough time looking at the crucifix, we are reminded of the words of St. Paul: "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Cor. 1:18). He then says: "but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." (1 Cor. 1:23) We,

who have faith, know and believe that the crucifix is actually a sign of *victory*, for by His Holy Cross, He has redeemed the world.

This Holy Week, may we keep our eyes and hearts focused not so much on the news which leads us to fear, but on the crucifix, which is our power and wisdom, and believe that beyond its shadow, which looms large over the world now, lies the glory of the Resurrection, the hope of God's blessings for us, not just here, but in Eternity, and as St. Paul also reminds us, this "hope does not disappoint." (Rom 5:5)

- Fr. Alford



Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Fiscal Year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020		
	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (28)	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 206,252.07
Electronic Funds (26)	\$ 2,485.00	\$ 39,727.90
Bldg. Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 95.00	\$ 10,950.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 215.00	\$ 5,867.00
Poor Fund	\$ 60.00	\$ 2,262.78
Children's Offering (1)	\$ 1.00	\$ 35.60
Catholic Charities (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,123.00
Catholic Home Mis(1)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Catholic Relief Serv(4)	\$ 100.00	\$ 606.00
Easter (3)	\$ 135.00	\$ 135.00
EFT-Easter (13)	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00
Holy Land (1)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
EFT-Holy Land (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 132.00
Seminarians (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
EFT-Seminarians (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 130.00

Additional Confession Times during Lent

Sun. Apr. 5 - 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Fri. Apr. 10 - 5:00 pm - 6:45 pm

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

Saturday, April 4th
Mass (Int. All Souls†)
10-11:00 a Confessions
3:30-4:15 p Confessions

Sunday, April 5th
Mass (Int. For the Parish)
7:30-7:50 a Confessions
9:45-10:15 a Confessions
5-6:30 p Confessions



Monday, April 6th
Mass (Int. Amelia Grace Kohlfeld†)
Tuesday, April 7th
Mass (Int. Limper/Engeling Families)
Wednesday, April 8th
Mass (Int. Mary Kates†)
Thursday, April 9th
6:30 p **Mass** (Int. For the Parish) **Livestream**
Friday, April 10th
3:00 p **Good Friday Liturgy** **Livestream**
5-6:45 p Confessions

Saturday, April 11th
8:00 p **Mass** (Int. All Souls†) **Livestream**

Sunday, April 12th
10:00 a **Mass** (Int. For the Parish) **Livestream**



LENTEN REGULATIONS:

Prayer & Fasting **Abstinence** – (1) Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fast – (2) Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not allowed.

(3) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are going to the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.



Prayer List:

Parishioners

Megan Lee, Steven Long, Gary Dumonceaux, Jillian Kohlrus, Shirley Crawford, Rene Runions, Ray Roland, Lynn F. Leach, JoAnn Camille, Betty Rowden, JoAnn Barber, Glen Butcher, Barb Kiel, Mary Rodgers, Ann Carel, Evelyn Conboy

Kelsie Riedle, niece of David & Tess Riedle
Robert Goin, father of Vicki Walker
Harry Buck, brother of Teri Dambacher
Troy Sweeney, nephew of Maggie Patterson
Tom Helling, brother of Gary Helling
Yvonne Butcher, mother of Barrie Blough
Aloysious Staff, brother of Sylvia Thull
John Rentschler, son of Ginger Rentschler
Glen Limper, son of Al & Betty Limper
Hope Power, daughter of Yvonne Brandis
Donna Meyers, mother of Kellie Brewer
Jim Felts, husband of Dianne Felts
Jerry McCormick, brother of Tom Walker
Margie Lammert, mother of Sarah Clare
Steven Butts, brother of Michelle Bullock
Reba Cloyd, mother of Anita Schwab
Jennifer Harbeck, cousin of Brad Zack
Joanna Laabs, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
John Vercautern, cousin of Laurie White
Frank Stroble, friend of Mary Bruno
Cherie Peterson, niece of Peggy Parnell
Carolyn Carmichael, mother of Leanne Collings
Stephanie Zimmerman, friend of Sarah Clare
Button Pemberton, friend of Guerrettaz family
Teresa Cieciora, friend of Guerrettaz family
Aliana Marecki, friend of Guerrettaz family
Rick Perez, friend of Mary Jo & Jerry Jasinski
Brigham Lanweir, friend of the Zucco family
Megan Mahoney, friend of the Zucco family

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SCRIPTURE READINGS: Apr. 5th – Apr. 12th:

Sunday: MT 21:1-11 IS 50:4-7
PHIL 2:6-11 MT 26:14-27
Monday: IS 42:1-7 JN 12:1-11
Tuesday: IS 49:1-6 JN 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: IS 50:4-9A MT 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass
IS 61:1-3A, 6A, 8B-9 RV 1:5-8
LK 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
EX 12:1-8, 11-14 1COR11:23-26
JN 13:1-15

Friday: IS 52:13-53:12 HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Saturday: GN 1:1-2:2 GN 22:1-18

EX 14:15-15:1 EX 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

IS 54:5-14 IS 55:1-11 IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

BAR 3:9-15, 32-4:4 EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28

ROM 6:3-11 MT 28:1-10

Sunday: ACTS 10:34A, 37-43 COL 3:1-4

JN 20:1-9

St. Jude Parish Weekly Confession Times

Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.

Saturday – 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Sunday – 7:30-7:50 a.m. & 9:45-10:15 a.m.

Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship

Each year since 2004, the Knights of Columbus Council #9640 has awarded the Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Scholarship information and application are available on the website (stjude.dio.org) or at the Parish Office during regular business hours. **Scholarship applications must be submitted, completely, by April 15, 2020.** The Scholarship will be awarded at the annual Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner in May.

Please note: Effective this year, there has been a significant change in the scholarship application regarding the required essay.



Even though we cannot attend Mass in person, you can watch Mass online. Go to our parish home page (stjude.dio.org) and click the Resources Link in the top menu to connect to our Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Pope Francis has moved the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, to **September 13th** this year.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG



Did you know that in addition to free pregnancy tests, Loving Arms provides options counseling, education on fetal development, prenatal and parenting classes, life skills classes, referrals for housing, employment, and legal services, as well as referrals for prenatal care and ultrasound? They also provide emotional and spiritual support through peer counseling and Bible studies. Your contribution helps them to continue to provide all these services free of charge.

RECYCLING CANS FOR ST. PATRICK SCHOOL



Don't forget to save your aluminum cans, bag them and bring them to the brown wooden box at the front of the Parish Center. Volunteers take them in to the Recycling Center and all monies are donated to St. Patrick School! **Please put only aluminum cans in the box!**





FOR ST. MARTIN De PORRES

Each Sunday you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to mass and place them in the baskets as you enter the Church. All food is taken to St. Martin de Porres Center in Springfield to help their great mission to feed the poor and hungry. Volunteers take the food in weekly to the Center.

This Lenten Season the Church of St. Jude will be doing an **Almsgiving Mission Project** in serving our less fortunate neighbors. This is similar to our Christmas Friends Program with St. Patrick School and Aperion Care.

Our **Almsgiving Mission Project** will be baking cookies or cupcakes for area NFP agencies who help families in need. You may have a favorite family recipe you would like to share! This is a great opportunity for families to practice almsgiving and show Love to those less fortunate.

Please visit the table at the back of the church to see what a difference we can make in serving others! You, your family and/or your friends can help, it's easy! Pick up an Almsgiving Card with a name of an NFP agency to BLESS! Then you, your family or friends can get together at home and bake up the items. If you wish to deliver the goodies, that would be great. If not, we have volunteers who can help with delivery.

Although we are currently unable to attend Mass, Our Lenten Project is still collecting donations of board games, puzzles, color books/crayons and card games for our Lenten Project. We will accept gently used or new items. This promotes family time and fun for the kids. The best music is a child's laughter. When the kids are laughing and having fun, they are not worrying about the grown-up issues in the family.

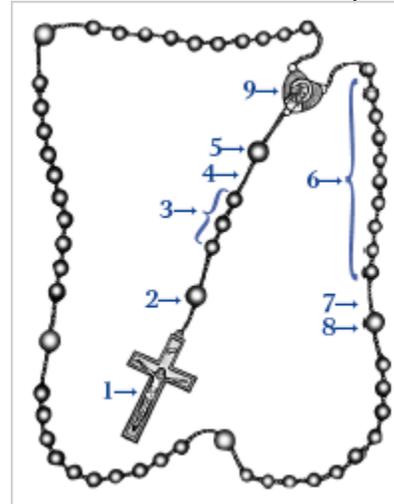
We are asking for additional donations of food so that we can help the SIU Emergency Food Pantry to feed some of the children that are seen, as well as the homeless, seniors and disabled.

Thank you in advance for making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. If you have any questions, please contact Jeannette Waters at 652-4039 or 529-7280.

How to Pray the Rosary

On the 5 decades (sets of 10 beads) of a rosary, we pray and meditate on the corresponding set of 5 Mysteries from the [Joyful Mysteries](#), the [Sorrowful Mysteries](#), the [Glorious Mysteries](#), or the [Luminous Mysteries](#).

1. [Make the Sign of the Cross](#) and say the "[Apostles Creed](#)."
2. [Say the "Our Father."](#)
3. [Say three "Hail Marys."](#)
4. [Say the "Glory be to the Father."](#)
5. Announce the First Mystery; then say the "[Our Father](#)."
6. [Say ten "Hail Marys."](#) while meditating on the Mystery.
7. [Say the "Glory be to the Father."](#) After each decade say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy."
8. Announce the Second Mystery: then say the "[Our Father](#)." Repeat 6 and 7 and continue with the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.
9. [Say the 'Hail, Holy Queen'](#) on the medal after the five decades are completed.



Daily Mystery Meditations

The Mysteries traditionally adhere to certain days of the week.

- Monday: [Joyful](#)
- Tuesday: [Sorrowful](#)
- Wednesday: [Glorious](#)
- Thursday: [Luminous](#)
- Friday: [Sorrowful](#)
- Saturday: [Joyful](#)
- Sunday: [Glorious](#)