

SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

*To Know, To Love, and To Serve God
in His Church and Our Community.*



Extraordinary Moment of Prayer Presided Over by Pope Francis

“When evening had come” (Mk 4:35). The Gospel passage we have just heard begins like this. For weeks now it has been evening. Thick darkness has gathered over our squares, our streets, and our cities; it has taken over our lives, filling everything with a deafening silence and a distressing void, that stops everything as it passes by; we feel it in the air, we notice in people’s gestures, their glances give them away. We find ourselves afraid and lost. Like the disciples in the Gospel, we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying “We are perishing” (v. 38), so we, too, have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this.

It is easy to recognize ourselves in this story. What is harder to understand is Jesus’ attitude. While his disciples are quite naturally alarmed and desperate, he stands in the stern, in the part of the boat that sinks first. And what does he do? In spite of the tempest, he sleeps on soundly, trusting in the Father; this is the only time in the Gospels we see Jesus sleeping. When he wakes up, after calming the wind and the waters, he turns to the disciples in a reproaching voice: “Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?” (v. 40).

Let us try to understand. In what does the lack of the disciples’ faith consist, as contrasted with Jesus’ trust? They had not stopped believing in him; in fact, they called on him. But we see how they call on him: “Teacher, do you not care if we perish?” (v. 38). *Do you not care*: they think that Jesus is not interested in them, does not care about them. One of the things that hurts us and our families most when we hear it said is: “Do you not care about me?” It is a phrase that wounds and unleashes storms in our hearts. It would have shaken Jesus, too. Because he, more than anyone, cares about us. Indeed, once they have called on him, he saves his disciples from their discouragement.

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A Prayer for World Peace

Dear God, thank You for all creation. In the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth and all teachers of peace who inspire the many faith traditions, help me and all the people of the world learn how to replace hate, war, oppression, and division with love, peace, freedom, and reconciliation. Help me to embody Your love in my relationships with my family, friends, strangers – even my enemies. I commit myself to this sacred task throughout my life. So let it be. Amen.

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Mass Intentions

Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions (SI)

Saturday, April 4, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Pat Cox

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. + Janet & Jerome Paul VanderHorst

5:00 p.m. + Andy Sanfelippo

Sunday, April 5, 2020 – Palm Sunday

7:00 a.m. + Joseph Vinh Tran

9:00 a.m. + Ralph DeHondo

11:00 a.m. + Elena Cosentino

1:00 p.m. + Phil & Bernadette Monachino

5:00 p.m. + Rudy Kamenick

Monday, April 6, 2020

8:00 a.m. SI Joseph DeAcetis

9:00 a.m. + Ron O'Keefe

12:15 p.m. + Stella Pelletier

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Mary Lou O'Connor

9:00 a.m. + John H. Kindsvater, Sr.

12:15 p.m. + Denis Troy

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Jerry Irwin

9:00 a.m. + Peter Neri

12:15 p.m. + Ronald Sickler

Thursday, April 9, 2020 Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 10, 2020 Good Friday

3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion with Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 11, 2020 Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m. Car Raffle Drawing

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
(Mass begins at Sundown)

Sunday, April 12, 2020 Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. SI Mary Fitzpatrick

9:00 a.m. + Barbaro Family

11:00 a.m. + Patricia Sullivan

1:00 p.m. + Alba & Charles Mancini

5:00 p.m. + David Boone

Requested By

Al & Ro Sterner

Steve & Maria VanderHorst

Mike & Maureen Reed

Kim Tran

Bob & Norma Claussen

Giuseppi & Anna Nardulli

Pat & Kathy Monachino

Paul and Carol

Elizabeth, Regina & Christine

Hackett

Claire Conger

Stasia Zmetra

Frank & Nancy Walker

Jack & Connie Kindsvater

Barbara Troy

Jim & Patty Carroll

Jean Balliro

Louis Perry, Jr.

Priest Intention

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John & Jacki Keys

Phyllis Barbaro

Dick Sullivan

Mancini Family

Lan Tran

Readings for the Week

Saturday, April 4, 2020

[Saint Isidore]

Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56 (256)

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt

26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54 (38) Pss II

Monday, April 6, 2020

Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11 (257)

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 (258)

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25 (259)

Thursday, April 9, 2020 Holy Thursday

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk

4:16-21 (260)

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-

14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 (39)

Friday, April 10, 2020 Good Friday

Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—

19:42 (40) Pss Prop

Saturday, April 11, 2020 Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-

18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/

Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-

15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/

Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10 (41) Pss Prop

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Baptism. The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, please contact our Parish Secretary, Deborah Marsh: deb@sjecc.com or (239) 566-8740.

Sacrament of Matrimony. Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice. *Tricia Schwarz: tricia@sjecc.com.*

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements. Call the parish office. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

Gospel Reflections with Father Tom

Each year on this Sunday, the Church reads an account of the Passion of Jesus. As we listen to it, we are reminded of the cowardice of the followers who abandoned Him in His hour of greatest need, of the wickedness of the religious leaders who plotted His death, and of the cruelty of the soldiers who carried out His execution. And we need to be reminded of these things because we have a kinship with them. But that is not the purpose of the Passion reading. We hear too much bad news as it is.

The emphasis is not there. The emphasis is on Jesus, the central character in the story. What we are remembering is the fidelity, the courage, and the sheer goodness of Jesus. Against the darkness of Calvary, His goodness shines all the more brightly. The day of His death is not called "Bad Friday" but "Good Friday." What makes it good is the love of Jesus. "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." It is that love that we are remembering this week.

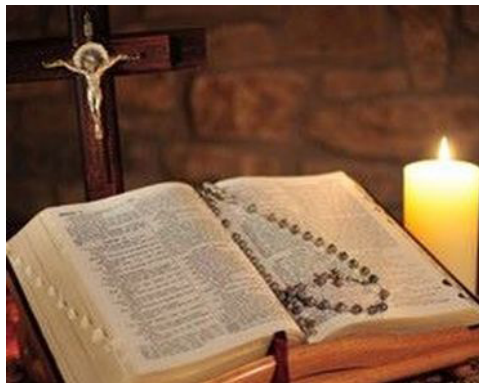
The early Christians saw in the passion and death of Jesus the triumph of failure. With the help of the Scriptures, they came to understand that this was precisely how Jesus triumphed and entered into His glory. His glory cannot be separated from His passion.

On the surface, it may seem as if it was a defeat for Jesus. It was not a defeat. It was a victory. It was the triumph of good over evil, of love over hate, of light over darkness, and of life over death.

The Passion Story shows how Jesus responded to what was done to Him. He absorbed all the violence, transformed it, and returned it as love and forgiveness. This was the victory of love over all the powers of destruction. There was nothing but love in Him. Even when they nailed His hands and feet, He was loving. It helps to think about that when we are going through these hard times.

It is a consolation for us to know that Jesus suffered. Yet His suffering would have been wasted if He had not endured it with love. It was not Jesus' suffering that saved the world but His love. Anyone who pretends to love suffering is crazy. Suffering is something that you would give almost anything to avoid. Yet we are glad to suffer for someone we love. Our love gives a meaning to our suffering. Jesus was the Good Shepherd dying because He loved his sheep.

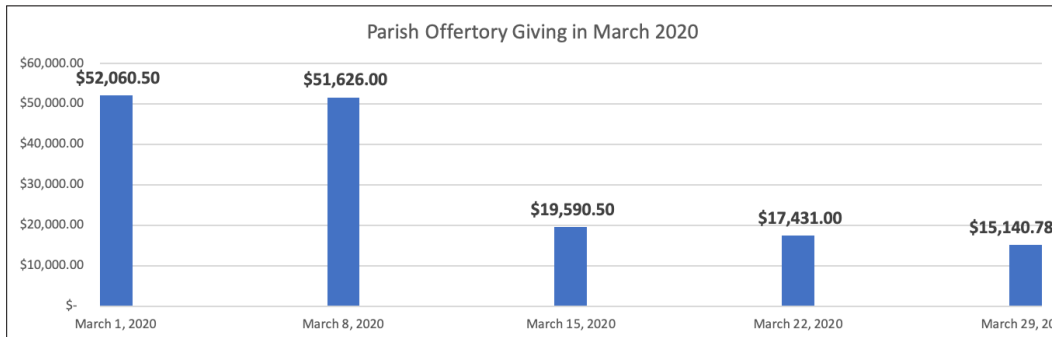
Suffering that is merely endured does nothing for our souls, except perhaps harden them. It is the spirit in which we bear our burden that matters.



It is not suffering that redeems the world, but love. It is not our suffering that God wants but our love. However, love inevitably brings pain. But it also brings great joy. The Christian must not only accept suffering: he/she must make it holy. Love makes it holy. Every day I pray that these days of the Covid-19 pandemic in the world and in our country, good will triumph over evil, love over hate, light over darkness, and life over death.

Online and Remote Giving

We hope our implementation of our streaming Masses and other online faith enriching resources has helped keep you connected to our Parish Family. While it can be difficult with all the worries that come with our stressed and uncertain lives, Saint John the Evangelist should be a source of consolation and love. We continue our Mission: To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community through this period, and we hope you can continue to keep our Parish's needs in your thoughts as well.



As you can see, the giving of our Parish Family during this challenging time has decreased substantially. March 2020 will have a total of \$155,848.78 in giving. This is significantly different than last year, where we received \$238,699.37 in Offertory

gifts for the month of March. It is an incredibly challenging time, especially financially, for many of our Parish Family members, and we understand the priorities you are placing on your money. We are grateful for any inclusion Saint John may have in your consideration. Some have decided to consolidate their weekly giving to a monthly contribution. Others have moved to online giving via our website: (<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/>). Please prayerfully consider any assistance you can provide for us.

Holy Week Schedule

Please join us virtually for our Holy Week Masses and Services. They will all be streamed live on our website at the times listed below. Additionally, these Services will be available afterward for on demand viewing.

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 4, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 5, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 5, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 5, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.

Please watch our 2019 Passion Play, now available online [here](#), to experience our Lord's Passion in a tremendously powerful way.

Unfortunately, due to the recent "Stay at Home Order" from Governor DeSantis, Saint John will not be providing Palms or gathering food for the Saint Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry, as previously planned.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper

[Join us for the Rosary with Father Arun Paul](#) for your morning prayer and devotional.

Mass: Thursday, April 9, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. (and available On Demand afterward)

Good Friday: Liturgy of the Passion

[Join us for our virtual Stations of the Cross](#) for your morning prayer and devotional.

Mass: Friday, April 10, 2020 – 3:00 p.m. (and available On Demand for the rest of the Day)

[Adoration and Praise with our virtual Encounter on the Mountain](#) is available on demand.

Easter Vigil

[Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with Father Tom](#) as your morning prayer and devotional

Mass: Saturday, April 11, 2020 – 8:00 p.m.

Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 12, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 12, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 12, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.

Capital Campaign

Streaming the Mass: How Saint John Provides Mass Every Day

[M]y greetings go directly to you who are connected through the means of communications. In this time of pandemic in which we find ourselves living more or less isolated, we are invited to rediscover and deepen the value of communion that unites all members of the Church. United to Christ we are never alone, but rather, we form one sole Body, with he is the head. – Pope Francis March 15, 2020



When we envisioned the renewal of our church building, we labored over every single detail. The leadership of our Parish Family desired to develop a church that would support all our needs for at least the next 30 years. In doing so, we went far beyond the simple repair efforts from Hurricane Irma. The technological components may have been seen as aggressive, but, little did we know that some of our plans would need to be put into action nearly immediately in order to serve our now dispersed family.



We have transitioned nearly seamlessly into the ability to provide Daily and Weekend Masses virtually on our website: <https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/featured/sje-streaming-mass> due to your generosity and support for the Finish the Church campaign. During the construction, we installed the highest quality camera and sound systems available. We have three fixed cameras that are controlled from our Audio/Visual booth, allowing for full shots of the Sanctuary as well as the close-up views of the priests and their celebrations of Mass. We have trained a set of staff members to operate these cameras for every Mass. The Mass is streamed out to the Internet and is available on our website, our YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintJohntheEvangelistCatholicChurchNaples>), and our Vimeo Channel (<https://vimeo.com/sjecc>).

This capability does not only allow us to stream the Masses, but it also provides additional virtual faith enrichment opportunities. For example, you can now experience praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Father Tom, the Rosary with Father Arun Paul, and Adoration with our Encounter on the Mountain with praise and worship music, all from our website. These moments of beautiful encounter are available on-demand, which means you can join in at any time. Please use these prayers in your continued connection to our Parish Family and our Catholic Faith.

God Bless You. Stay Safe and Healthy!

Ladies of Charity Welcome New Members



Eleven new ladies were inducted into the LADIES OF CHARITY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA on March 13th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass with Father Paul DeAngelo, who is our spiritual advisor. After a short meeting, the ladies were treated to a welcome luncheon.

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The storm exposes our vulnerability and uncovers those false and superfluous certainties around which we have constructed our daily schedules, our projects, our habits, and priorities. It shows us how we have allowed to become dull and feeble the very things that nourish, sustain, and strengthen our lives and our communities. The tempest lays bare all our prepackaged ideas and forgetfulness of what nourishes our people's souls; all those attempts that anesthetize us with ways of thinking and acting that supposedly "save" us, but instead prove incapable of putting us in touch with our roots and keeping alive the memory of those who have gone before us. We deprive ourselves of the antibodies we need to confront adversity.

In this storm, the façade of those stereotypes with which we camouflaged our egos, always worrying about our image, has fallen away, uncovering once more that (blessed) common belonging, of which we cannot be deprived: our belonging as brothers and sisters.

"Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" Lord, your word this evening strikes us and regards us, all of us. In this world, that you love more than we do, we have gone ahead at breakneck speed, feeling powerful and able to do anything. Greedy for profit, we let ourselves get caught up in things, and lured away by haste. We did not stop at your reproach to us, we were not shaken awake by wars or injustice across the world, nor did we listen to the cry of the poor or of our ailing planet. We carried on regardless, thinking we would stay healthy in a world that was sick. Now that we are in a stormy sea, we implore you: "Wake up, Lord!"

"Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" Lord, you are calling to us, calling us to faith. Which is not so much believing that you exist, but coming to you and trusting in you. This Lent, your call reverberates urgently: "Be converted!", "Return to me with all your heart" (Joel 2:12). You are calling on us to seize this time of trial as a *time of choosing*. It is not the time of your judgement, but of our judgement: a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others. We can look to so many exemplary companions for the journey, who, even though fearful, have reacted by giving their lives. This is the force of the Spirit poured out and fashioned in courageous

and generous self-denial. It is the life in the Spirit that can redeem, value, and demonstrate how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people – often forgotten people – who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines nor on the grand catwalks of the latest show, but who, without any doubt, are in these very days writing the decisive events of our time: doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, religious men and women, and so very many others who have understood that no one reaches salvation by themselves. In the face of so much suffering, where the authentic development of our people is assessed, we experience the priestly prayer of Jesus: "That they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). How many people every day are exercising patience and offering hope, taking care to sow not panic but a shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents, and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday gestures, how to face up to and navigate a crisis by adjusting their routines, lifting their gaze, and fostering prayer. How many are praying, offering, and interceding for the good of all. Prayer and quiet service: these are our victorious weapons.

"Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" Faith begins when we realize we are in need of salvation. We are not self-sufficient; by ourselves. We flounder: we need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars. Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.

The Lord asks us and, in the midst of our tempest, invites us to reawaken and put into practice that solidarity and hope capable of giving strength, support, and meaning to these hours when everything seems to be floundering. The Lord awakens so as to reawaken and revive our Easter faith. We have an anchor: by his cross we have been saved. We have a rudder: by his cross we have been redeemed. We have a hope: by his cross we have been healed and embraced so that nothing and no one can separate us from his redeeming love. In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the

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loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side. The Lord asks us from his cross to rediscover the life that awaits us, to look towards those who look to us, to strengthen, recognize, and foster the grace that lives within us. Let us not quench the wavering flame (cf. *Is* 42:3) that never falters, and let us allow hope to be rekindled.

Embracing his cross means finding the courage to embrace all the hardships of the present time, abandoning for a moment our eagerness for power and possessions in order to make room for the creativity that only the Spirit is capable of inspiring. It means finding the courage to create spaces where everyone can recognize that they are called, and to allow new forms of hospitality, fraternity, and solidarity. By his cross we have been saved in order to embrace hope and let it strengthen and sustain all measures and all possible avenues for helping us protect ourselves and others. Embracing the Lord in order to embrace hope: that is the strength of faith, which frees us from fear and gives us hope.

"Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" Dear brothers and sisters, from this place that tells of Peter's rock-solid faith, I would like this evening to entrust all of you to the Lord, through the intercession of Mary, Health of the People and Star of the stormy Sea. From this colonnade that embraces Rome and the whole world, may God's blessing come down upon you as a consoling embrace. Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies, and comfort our hearts. You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith is weak, and we are fearful. But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm. Tell us again: "Do not be afraid" (*Mt* 28:5). And we, together with Peter, "cast all our anxieties onto you, for you care about us" (cf. *1 Pet* 5:7).



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a beautiful Lenten prayer tradition to share with our children. The Stations of the Cross engage us in prayer and reflection on the sacrifice of Jesus. Through this prayer, we take a spiritual walk with Jesus from the time He was condemned to death to the time he was laid in the tomb.

The fourteen Stations of the Cross are:

1. Jesus is condemned to death.
2. Jesus takes up his cross.
3. Jesus falls the first time.
4. Jesus meets his mother.
5. Simon helps Jesus carry the cross.
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.
7. Jesus falls the second time.
8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.
9. Jesus falls the third time.
10. Jesus is stripped of his garments.
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross.
12. Jesus dies on the cross.
13. Jesus is taken down from the cross.
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb.



To pray the Stations of the Cross

After announcing each station, genuflect and say:

Guide: *We adore you O Christ and we praise you,*

All: *Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.*

Then say the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory be to the Father.

After the final station, this prayer, adapted from one composed by St. Alphonsus, might be said:

"O Jesus Christ, my Lord, with what great love you traveled the painful road which led to your death – and how often have I abandoned you. But now I love you with my whole soul, and because I love you, I am sincerely sorry for having offended you. My Jesus, pardon me, and permit me to accompany you on this journey. You died for love of me, and it is my wish, O my dearest Redeemer, to be willing to die for love of you. O my beloved Jesus, in your love I wish to live, and in your love I wish to die. Amen."

Link to Traditional Stations of the Cross by St Alphonsus Liguori

https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/uploads/lessons_approved/GR1S19TraditionalStationsoftheCross.pdf

The Way of the Cross for Children Adapted from the Method of St. Alphonsus de Liguori

<https://www.rosaryshop.com/pdfs/wayOfTheCross.pdf>

For a Virtual Guided Prayer of "The Stations of the Cross" in our St. John the Evangelist Prayer Garden, please use the link below.

<https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/news/virtual-stations-of-the-cross>

Eight reasons from Pope Francis on why we should pray the Stations of the Cross.

<https://aleteia.org/2015/03/03/why-pray-the-stations-of-the-cross-8-reasons-from-pope-francis/>

1. They Allow Us to Place Our Trust in Him
2. They Put Us into the Story
3. They Remind Us That Jesus Suffers with Us
4. They Compel Us to Action
5. They Helps Us Make a Decision for or Against Christ
6. They Reveal God's Response to Evil in the World
7. They Give Us the Certainty of God's Love for Us
8. They Guide Us from the Cross to the Resurrection

Adult Faith Formation

A Holy Week Unlike Any Other

As we all face the unprecedented effects of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, we face an uncertain and foreign world. Many questions arise. People are asking: **What is the right thing to do?**

Here are a few thoughts to reflect on and pray about from Janet Schaeffler, OP's latest GEM, which also includes many other resources. They are grouped into several different categories that you can scroll through to find the sites that are most applicable to you.

courtesy of Janet Schaeffler, OP in her Great Endeavors Mined & Shared, volume #111 – April 2020

https://www.janetschaeffler.com/GEMS_111.pdf

Daily Quarantine Questions

1. What am I grateful for today?
2. Who am I checking in on or connecting with today?
3. What expectations or “normal” am I letting go of today?
4. How am I getting outside today?
5. How am I moving my body today?
6. What beauty am I either creating, cultivating, or inviting in today?

- Brooke Anderson

Seven Acts of Love in a Time of Coronavirus

1. Call someone who is lonely.
2. Check on someone who is old or sick.
3. Keep your distance (physical not spiritual).
4. Listen to public health officials
5. Pray for medical workers.
6. Wash your hands.
7. Stay home.

- James Martin, SJ

Take Some Time to Discern What God is Inviting You to These Days.

1. Is there any practice you are being invited to do to be healthy and grounded?
2. Is there a way of praying that might speak to you more at this time?
3. Do you have any new insights into yourself?
4. Can you name a blessing(s) that you personally have experienced already?
5. What attitude or stance is the Spirit calling you to in these days?
6. As this goes on, what does God suggest will help you to stay well in mind, spirit, and body? Do one of these today.

- Lorraine Reaume, OP



“As church doors are closing, it is now time to show that the church was never about a building. We are the church.”

- A frequent post on Facebook

“You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith, and hope.”

- Thomas Merton

“When fear gets the best of me, I surrender to love.”

- Anonymous

“Surrendering isn't giving up; it isn't not doing anything. It is letting go of our controlling ways, and finding a new way which is less grasping. Living and opening ourselves to mystery and changes unfolding before us.”

- Matthew Dowd

“With wounds in the heart, a united humanity will rise again.”

- Pope Francis

Divine Mercy



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy as a Novena

The Lord promised, "By this Novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls."

"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death."

**The Novena will begin on Good Friday.
We can make this novena for our personal intentions,
for others and for the souls in Purgatory.**

First Day – Today bring to Me ALL MANKIND, ESPECIALLY ALL SINNERS

Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from it. We beg this of You by Your love which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

Second Day – Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in men and women consecrated to Your service, that they may perform worthy works of mercy; and that all who see them may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the company of chosen ones in Your vineyard-upon the souls of priests and religious; and endow them with the strength of Your blessing. For the love of the Heart of Your Son in which they are enfolded, impart to them Your power and light, that they may be able to guide others in the way of salvation and with one voice sing.

Third Day – Today bring to Me ALL DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL SOULS

Most Merciful Jesus, from the treasury of Your mercy You impart Your graces in great abundance to each and all. Receive us into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart and never let us escape from it. We beg this of You by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon faithful souls, as upon the inheritance of Your Son. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, grant them Your blessing and surround them with Your constant protection. Thus may they never fail in love or lose the treasure of the holy faith, but rather, with all the hosts of Angels and Saints, may they glorify Your boundless mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Fourth Day – Today bring to Me THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD AND THOSE WHO DO NOT YET KNOW ME

Most compassionate Jesus, You are the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who do not believe in God and of those who as yet do not know You. Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them that they, too, together with us, may extol Your wonderful mercy; and do not let them escape from the abode which is Your Most Compassionate Heart. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who do not believe in You, and of those who as yet do not know You, but who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Draw them to the light of the Gospel. These souls do not know what great happiness it is to love You. Grant that they, too, may extol the generosity of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Divine Mercy

Fifth Day – Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE SEPARATED THEMSELVES FROM MY CHURCH

Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself, You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Church. Draw them by Your light into the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, come to glorify the generosity of Your mercy. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Son's Church, who have squandered Your blessings and misused Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Your own Son and upon His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their sake, since they, too, are enclosed in His Most Compassionate Heart. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Sixth Day – Today bring to Me THE MEEK AND HUMBLE SOULS AND THE SOULS OF LITTLE CHILDREN

Most Merciful Jesus, You yourself have said, "Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart." Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart all meek and humble souls and the souls of little children. These souls send all heaven into ecstasy and they are the heavenly Father's favorites. They are a sweet-smelting bouquet before the throne of God; God himself takes delight in their fragrance. These souls have a permanent abode in Your Most Compassionate Heart, O Jesus, and they unceasingly sing out a hymn of love and mercy. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon meek souls, upon humble souls, and upon little children who are enfolded in the abode which is the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls bear the closest resemblance to Your Son. Their fragrance rises from the earth and reaches Your very throne. Father of mercy and of all goodness, I beg You by the love You bear these souls and by the delight You take in them: Bless the whole world, that all souls together may sing out the praises of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Seventh Day – Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ESPECIALLY VENERATE AND GLORIFY MY MERCY

Most Merciful Jesus, whose Heart is Love Itself, receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and venerate the greatness of Your mercy. These souls are mighty with the very power of God Himself. In the midst of all afflictions and adversities they go forward, confident of Your mercy; and united to You, O Jesus, they carry all mankind on their shoulders. These souls will not be judged severely, but Your mercy will embrace them as they depart from this life. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls who glorify and venerate Your greatest attribute, that of Your fathomless mercy, and who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls are a living Gospel; their hands are full of deeds of mercy, and their hearts, overflowing with joy, sing a canticle of mercy to You, O Most High! I beg You O God: Show them Your mercy according to the hope and trust they have placed in You. Let there be accomplished in them the promise of Jesus, who said to them that during their life, but especially placed at the hour of death, the souls who venerate this fathomless mercy of His, He, Himself, will defend as His glory. Amen.

Eighth Day – Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ARE DETAINED IN PURGATORY

Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said that You desire mercy; so I bring into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls in Purgatory, souls who are very dear to You, and yet, who must make retribution to Your justice. May the streams of Blood and Water which gushed forth from Your Heart put out the flames of Purgatory, that there, too, the power of Your mercy may be celebrated. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg You, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son, and by all the bitterness with which His most sacred Soul was flooded: Manifest Your mercy to the souls who are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way but only through the wounds of Jesus, Your dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to your goodness.

Ninth Day – Today bring to Me SOULS WHO HAVE BECOME LUKEWARM

Most compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In this fire of Your pure love let these tepid souls, who like corpses, filled You with such deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise the omnipotence of Your mercy and draw them into the very ardor of Your love, and bestow upon them the gift of holy love, for nothing is beyond Your power. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon lukewarm souls who are nonetheless enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Father of Mercy, I beg You by the bitter Passion of Your Son and by His three-hour agony on the Cross: Let them, too, glorify the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.

Pastoral Directives for Holy Week

Indulgences from the Diocese of Venice in Florida's Pastoral Directives for the Holy Week Liturgies in 2020

The Apostolic Penitentiary has announced that Pope Francis, showing his paternal closeness and renewing his invitation to pray incessantly for those who are sick with the Coronavirus, has promulgated plenary indulgences for the particular circumstances of the epidemic.

Trusting in the word of Christ the Lord, and considering with a spirit of faith the epidemic currently underway, to be lived in a spirit of personal conversion, the Apostolic penitentiary, by the authority of the Supreme Pontiff, grants the gift of Indulgences in accordance with the following disposition:

Those Suffering from the Coronavirus

A plenary indulgence is granted to “the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfil the usual conditions as soon as possible.” (The usual conditions for a plenary indulgence are sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer according to the Holy Father’s intentions).

Those Who are Exposed to the Coronavirus in Caring for the Sick

“Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (in 15: 13), will obtain the same gift of the Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions” as those suffering from the Coronavirus.

Those Who Intercede for an End to the Epidemic, the Sick, and Those Who Have Died

A plenary indulgence is granted to those faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Eucharistic adoration, or reading the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or the recitation of the Holy Rosary, or the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, or the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself.

Those in Danger of Death Unable to Receive the Sacrament of Anointing

The Church prays for those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and of the Viaticum, entrusting each and every one to divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and granting the faithful a Plenary Indulgence on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence the use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended (cf. Enchiridion of Indulgences, no.12).

Please Note: These indulgences are offered to the Faithful who are unable to receive Sacraments at this time or dedicate themselves to the ordinary penitential practices of the Church. They are intended to bring comfort to those who are in need of being reassured of the Church’s urgent desire for the salvation of souls. The indulgences ought to be communicated to the Faithful with care, so they understand them as spiritual aids to the life of holiness and are not confused by the ecclesial language used.

Ministries and Prayer

SOCIAL GROUPS

Boy Scout Troop 226 – St. John the Evangelist. Prepare boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Meets on Mondays at 6:45 p.m. in the Alexandria Room. scoutmaster@troop-226.com

Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist. Provide families with an opportunity to raise their young boys in the way of Jesus and through the formative values of Scouting. Meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. joanne116@mac.com or 239.919.2265

Habitat for Humanity. *Jury Paulson: jpaulson@habitatcollier.org*

Mahjongg. Wednesday Play. *Lanelle Bishop: 239.352.1860*

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA Robert: 239.287.2442

Adult Children of Alcoholics *Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195*

Al-Anon *For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or visit www.NaplesAl-Anon.org*

Food Addiction Support Group *Maryann Scandiffio, 239.784.2682*

Sunset Coast NA 239.451.3275

Gambler's Anonymous 855.222.5542

Recovering Couples Anonymous *Britta: 239.348.5031 or Roger: 239.250.6888*

PRAYER GROUPS

Pray the Rosary & the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are recited every day starting 50 minutes before Mass begins, Monday through Saturday. Summer Schedule at 7:40 a.m., Winter Schedule at 7:10 a.m. *Maria Desa: 239-529-7611 or Carol Swank 757.559.4761*

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group – *Rosemary Erickson: 239.250.0432*

Divine Will Prayer Group – *Gorana Saner: 239.293.1765*

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina – Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Library. *Kathleen Dunne: kadunne61@aol.com, 901.574.2947*

Liturgy of the Hours

Call the Office: 239.566.8740

PRAYER FOR THE MILITARY

Please pray for our loved ones who are serving in the military:

Adam Decker

Nick Detloff

Sgt. Douglas Hennessy

Marine Colonel Brian Howlett

Lt. Col. Scott Huber – USAF

PV2 Alexander McMickle – Ft.

Eustis, VA

Hunter Scalzo – Army Ranger with 1st Division & 75th Infantry

Col. Brian Murphy

Lt. Col. Jill Murphy

Sgt. Larry Oldenbrog – U.S. Army

Cpl. Derek Perez – U.S. Marine Corps

Austin Spagnola

Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey

Lt. Stephen English – Iraq

Capt. Connor Tourek – USMC

Lt. Brendan Tourek – USN

We remember those who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

PRAYER LIST

Baby Declan Aigner
Theresa Allingham
Carol Ardivino
Di Di Arpaia
Paschal Arpaia
Paul Arpaia
Florence Ballachio
Jean Balliro
Agatha Barczynski
Jennifer Basile
Beagan Family
Lynn Becker
Mark Benson
Scott Betten
Paul Bishop
Liselotte Bluem
Gallen Boardman
Kent Brase
Steve Brase
Lori Breyman
Kyle Brune
Elaine Buscemi
Connie Cahill
Yosiell Camacho
Maria Castellari
Rosalie Castro
Corinne & Children
Lauren Carr
Frank Christopher
August Cimmino
Merlyn Comeriato
Tony Corvelo
Brad Cunningham
Cutler Family
Mark DaBronzo
Danielle
Pat DaDura
Eileen DaSilva
Nicholas Decanto

Donald Demski
Florence Demski
Sally Detloff
Melissa Diamantini
Julie Dieter
Dr. William H. Dietzel
Dee Donnelly
Donovan Family
Dorothy Dorrington
Leon Doughty
Robyn Hyland Doyle
Peter Durso
Kevin Enger
Katy Esquivel
F.W.
Carolyn Felner
Peroce Family
Scott Fewell
Tiffany Fiedler & Family
Don Fitzgerald
Sandy Flaig
Tara Follese & Family
Michael Foster
Sandy Frania
Debbie Fritts
Patty Gahan
Jeff Gatt
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Marie Gleason
George Gonser Jr.
Phyllis Gryskiewicz
Randy Harrison
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Mary Ann Holt
Edward Hommel
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Adam Krulasik
Rene Lacoste
Lorraine Leclerc
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M.M.
Joan Maier
LaMar Malone
Robin Malone
Diane Maloney
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Maria and Family
Ron Marlow
Barb Marsh
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Angelo Mastroiello
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Parish Information

MASS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

Bishop Dewane has suspended all regularly scheduled Masses. St. John will have both on-demand and streaming Masses. Our schedule is:

Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. Mass on our [Streaming Page](#) and on demand

Saturday

3:00 p.m. Mass on our [Streaming Page](#) and separately on demand

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Mass on our [Streaming Page](#)

11:00 a.m. Mass on our [Streaming Page](#)

5:00 p.m. Mass on our [Streaming Page](#)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saint John the Evangelist is blessed to be able to provide the opportunity to receive the healing sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) from your car on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, starting at 9:00 a.m. each day.

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Thank you!

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: www.sjecc.com.



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