

ST. THERESE PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020-FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



XI. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Having been stripped of His clothes, Jesus is now nailed to the Cross with the three nails - one for His Feet and two for His Arms. Christ meekly offers Himself as the soldiers drive the nails into His Flesh. The one soldier, by tradition called St. Longinus, is kneeling by the side of Christ. Already he is being called by Jesus to adore Him. This soldier will thrust his lance into Jesus' side so that no bone of Christ's is broken. In these difficult times, all of us need to pause and reflect - as St. Longinus did - on what part we are called to play in the salvation of the world.



XII. Jesus Dies on the Cross

"It is finished." Jesus has breathed His Last breath; Mary and St. John behold the salvation of the world with their eyes as their hearts are caught up in Divine Mercy. The perfect sacrifice has been offered, and the world is saved. But does it feel like victory? In the top the red orb is the sun turned dark by an eclipse. In this moment of Love's eternal triumph, everything looked wrong - everything looked like it was falling apart. Mary and St. John knew better. Their faith let them know what no one else could: that God's love had never been closer. May we likewise believe that God's love conquers our sins and our deaths as long as we let Him.

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NO PARTICIPATION AT MASSES PER THE CLEVELAND CATHOLIC DIOCESE. FR. JOHN & FR. CLYDE WILL BE CELEBRATING PRIVATE MASSES FOR THE INTENTIONS BELOW.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 28

Vigil

SS. P&P The Living and Deceased Members of the Hetman & Sajewski Families
St. T The Mendolera & Mancuso Families

Sunday, March 29-The Fifth Sunday of Lent

SS. P&P Marie Amentini
St. T The People of the Parish

Monday, March 30

St. T Mary Hanzas

Tuesday, March 31

Wednesday, April 1

St. P&P Ross A. Furcello

Thursday, April 2

St. T Grace DiMarco

Friday, April 3

SS. P&P Mary Pietrick

Saturday, April 4-St. Isadore

Vigil

SS. P&P The Burke Family
St. T The Kucia & Kapelewski Families

Sunday, April 5-Palm Sunday

SS. P&P The People of the Parish
St. T Frank & Frances Kozuch

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56



Please pray for our recently deceased:
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Due to the COVID-19 Virus, all parish events have been cancelled until further notice: this includes Mass and Confession.

Fr. John will hear confessions for those in danger of death. Please call the office at 216-581-2852.

March 19

Collection: \$1,741.00

Catholic Relief: \$20

*Figure includes the following:

Parish Only \$860

Restoration: \$35

Altar & Flowers: \$45

Ash Wednesday: \$10

Easter: \$5

Thank you!

Pray for the Sick :

Shirley Zwilling, Dori Herout, Sophie Tessmer, Nancy Kolecki, Patricia J. McHale, Joyce Kedzierski, Josephine Mathews, Anthony Amato, Daria Melnyc, David Bob, Charlie Dunlap, Kenny Krawczyk, Ann Duhanich, Janet Carrol, Sandy Skul, Char Jeloveck, Robin Buckley, Beverly Briggs, Joyce Peck, Dennis Yarmesch, Al & Dolores DiBaggio, Stanley Faiken, Greg Skuta, Joe Suster, John & Pat Kipfstuhl

If you know of any names that should be removed or added, please contact the rectory at 216-581-2852.

**Happy Birthday,
Fr. John!
April 1**



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PASTOR'S NOTES

Update on the Sacraments

1. What is going on with our regular Masses and their intentions? All public Masses have been suspended for the sake of our health. Presently, Fr. Clyde and I are celebrating Mass privately each day to satisfy the Mass intentions that we have received. Also, I have been recording my private Masses and posting them onto YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgJMb-ma_vbFVJ1u_8omkaA/
2. What about funerals and weddings? The diocese recommends that funeral rites only consist of Catholic burial now with a memorial mass that would be celebrated at a latter date. If - and this is a big if - the immediate family's gathering does not pose a health risk, then a private funeral Mass for the immediate family is also possible. Weddings ought to be delayed until the travel bans have been lifted, but may be done if they cannot be so delayed. We strongly encourage that all such gatherings be under ten people.
3. Can I visit the church? Unless we hear otherwise from the diocese, both our churches will be open from noon to 3:00pm each day. We are doing our utmost to keep the building disinfected and clean. You can do your part by practicing social distancing when you visit. Rules will be posted at the side entrances of the churches, which will be the doors we have unlocked.
4. How can I give my weekly contribution? First, envelopes can be dropped off at either rectory through the mail slot. Second, envelopes can also be dropped off in church in the offertory basket located near the sanctuary. Third, you can also mail your envelopes in - we would recommend that you do so monthly to save on postage. Lastly - and the way that we strongly recommend - is to give online. Click on "Online Giving" from the parish website menu and follow the directions. If you have questions, please call us at the office.
5. Can Fr. John come and visit me with Holy Communion? Right now, only priests are allowed to bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound so that the highest possible standards of hygiene can be followed. Also, with the shelter in place order in place, Fr. John is now the only one legally allowed to conduct such visits. Around Easter we will organize a schedule for our homebound to receive Communion from Fr. John. If you need Communion sooner, then please call the office so that we can schedule a visit.
6. I am sick and need Confession and/or Anointing of the Sick. What do I do? Give us a call, and we will find a time for Fr. John to come and safely administer the sacraments to you. Remember, if you are in danger of death and cannot reach the secretaries or Fr. John, call the emergency phone number: 440-941-4318.
7. What is happening with First Communion, Confirmation, and Baptisms? The sacraments of initiation are being delayed for as long as the travel bans are in place. If the state prohibition continue past April, we will organize private celebrations to bring people into the Church.
8. When will life go back to the way it was? See our section on scenarios for Fr. John's best guess.
9. What about Palm Sunday? I will bless palms on Palm Sunday and then set them on tables inside the church. These Palms will be available through Wednesday of Holy Week when the church is open. Weather permitting we will also set up a table outside each church office for the palms to be available during normal business hours Monday, April 6th through Wednesday, April 8th.
10. What about the Easter Tridium? Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil will be celebrated by me in private. I am working on getting livestream and/or a recording of these liturgies.
11. What about Easter Sunday? There will be no public Masses that day - Fr. Clyde and I will celebrate Mass privately.
12. What about that plenary indulgence. How can I earn it?
 1. Those quarantined at home or in hospital with a spirit detached from any sin by one of the following
 1. they unite themselves spiritually through the media to the celebration of the Holy Mass
 2. the recitation of the Holy Rosary
 3. to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion.
 2. Those not quarantined at home or a hospital can earn it the following ways, keeping in mind that the faithful not under quarantine must have the will to fulfill the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions) as soon as possible.
 1. pray the creed, the Lord's Prayer, a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and offer their trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters.

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2. visit the Blessed Sacrament or Eucharistic adoration

3. read Holy Scripture for half an hour

4. recite the Rosary

5. pray the Way of the Cross piously

6. pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

3. Health care workers, their families, and those who care for the sake also can earn the plenary indulgence as by number 2.

13. I have a question not listed here. Should I call or email? By all means!

14. Where can I find more information? The diocese and parishes websites are being kept up to date as best we can.

Here are some helpful links:

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/>

<https://www.sttheresegarfield.org/>

<https://stspeterpaul.weconnect.com/>

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>

Scenarios

A brief explanation. I am providing the following scenarios as a way to help us all imagine what could happen next. Whenever we face uncertainty, we should do our best to plan and prepare for the best, the worst, and most likely outcomes.

Best Case Scenario: Covid 19 is a paper tiger

Premise: The vast majority of cases are never officially reported because the vast majority of the infected are quarantined at home without any testing.

Length of lockdowns: At most two month for all travel bans.

Real mortality rate with medical system functioning well: 0.2%

Mortality rate with compromised medical system: 10%

Percent of population to contract the disease: 3-10%

Most Likely Scenario: China was right

Premise: The Chinese numbers are accurate and reflect the actual lethality of the disease.

Length of lockdown: Three to four months of travel bans with complete lockdown of at least one month in dense urban areas, like New York. Schools and borders might not open until 2021.

Real mortality rate with medical system functioning well: 1-2%

Mortality rate with compromised medical system: 10%

Percent of Population to contract the disease: 75%

Worst Case Scenario: China is still battling it

Premise: The Chinese numbers are fabricated to such an extent that we have to use Italy and Spain as models.

Length of lockdown: One year of travel bans with complete lockdown of at least one month for all urban areas. Schools and borders stay closed to 2021 and in some places 2022. Some places, like New York, might be under lockdown the entire time.

Real mortality rate with medical system functioning well: 1-2%

Mortality rate with compromised medical system: 10%

Percent of Population to contract the disease: 95%

All of us will have to get used to severe restrictions to our movements and our activities for at least the next few weeks. In worst case scenario, what changes is not the infectivity or mortality rate, but how long we have to be under partial or complete travel bans. In none of the scenarios above, does the food or industrial sectors fall completely apart. What will be under duress is the financial system until measures are taken to restore confidence in the markets and ensure that critical companies will not go bankrupt.

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Essential Terms about Covid 19

Since there is so much information out there about the Covid 19 Pandemic, I thought that it would be a good idea to have a page dedicated to the best information we have.

R0 (pronounced "R-naught") is the rate of infection; it is measured by how many people one infected person on average infects while infected

Length of disease: how many days the average person has it before recovering or dying

Asymptomatic state: how long most people have it without showing symptoms

Main symptoms: having two or more of these indicates that you should be tested or call a doctor

Emergency symptoms: go to the hospital immediately if you have these

Infections per day: how many people each day the average infected will infect

Death rate with treatment: what the death rate is with medical care

Death rate without treatment: what the death rate is when not treated

Serious complication rate: what percent of people will need to be in a hospital to receive adequate care

Information about the virus

RO: 5.5 natively; 2.2 with social distancing and the other precautions enacted by the State of Ohio

Length of Virus: 21 days

Asymptomatic State: up to 14 days

Main symptoms: fever, dry cough, labored breathing, fatigue

Emergency symptoms: trouble breathing, confusion, bluish lips or face

Infections Per Day Per Infected: 0.26 natively; 0.1 with social distancing et al

Death Rate: 1% with treatment; 10% without treatment (half of serious complication rate will die without medical treatment)

Serious Complication Rate: 20% - that means that 80% of people will not need to go to a hospital but can beat it with rest and prescription medication

I hope that you noticed from the above that this disease is deadly but not horrifically deadly as long as the very best medical care is available. Once a medical system no longer has enough hospital beds (regular and ICU), however, things become very grim. Again, most people will not need extensive care, but twenty percent will.

Now, there are only about 925,000 hospital beds in the US, and about 78,000 ICU beds. All of these usually run at 61% capacity, which leaves only about 360,000 beds and 30,000 ICU beds available for people with Covid 19. When our doctors are talking about limited supplies, it is this equipment that cannot be created easily. Moreover, we only have a finite amount of doctors and nurses.

Accordingly, the shelter in place order by Ohio is necessary to slow the virus down and enable us to identify and treat the majority of the people with this disease. The more we cooperate with these measures, the sooner we can return to our lives and the fewer people will die. Still, these are difficult and trying times, but all of us can do this together!

A novena to St. Rocco

Please join with me in praying to St. Rocco for our deliverance from this pandemic starting on Sunday, March 29th, and ending on Monday, April 6th:

O Great St. Rocco, deliver us, we beseech thee, from contagious diseases. Through thy intercession, preserve our bodies from illness, 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 – 3x.

In Christ, Fr. John