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Saturday, 5 PM
 Sunday, 8 & 11 AM

Daily Liturgy:

Monday-Friday, 8 AM

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 8:30-7:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 PM

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 PM

First Fridays, 8:30-9:30 AM

First Friday Devotion:

Following Daily Mass on
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“Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.”

(Jn 11:5)

Catholics have many beautiful opportunities to experience the love of Jesus in a communal way—most especially through the sacraments, that are first and foremost expressions of God’s love for us. However, during this period of “social distancing,” our communal way of experiencing God’s love through the sacraments is greatly restricted. But Jesus also calls us to a personal, intimate relationship with him—a relationship of faithfulness and love in the everyday of our lives.

Today’s Gospel reading is one of the few in which the personal love of Jesus is expressed explicitly and by name: “Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus” (Jn 11:5). The depth of his love for this family is most profoundly witnessed by the tears that he shed with them and for them. Even though he knew that Lazarus’ illness was not to end in death “but that the Son of God may be glorified through it” (Jn 11:4), Jesus was truly pierced by the pain of those he loved so dearly. As the Jews said, “See how he loved him” (Jn 11:36).

Although this reading may be the exception in the gospels, it is really the rule in Jesus’ love for us. Through the waters of Baptism, he personally called each of us by name—he poured out his Spirit upon you and me so that his love might dwell within each one of us. How much more personal and intimate can love get?

And just as Jesus showed his love for the family of Lazarus, they give us an example of how to live in a personal relationship with Christ. First of all, Martha and Mary didn’t hesitate to call upon the Lord: “Master, the one you love is ill” (Jn 11:3). They trusted in his love and his friendship and called out in their need, even before Lazarus died. When crises arise in your life, who do you call upon? Is prayer your first or your last resort?

Secondly, Martha and Mary remained faithful to the love and friendship of Jesus. When his arrival was delayed, they still kept the faith: “Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you” (Jn 11:22). When the answer to your prayer is not apparent, how do you respond to the love of Christ? Do you fall into despair and lose sight of your truest and most-powerful friend?

Finally, even in the midst of their grief and tears, Martha and Mary followed their Lord and Master to the tomb. Despite the stench of death, they did as Jesus commanded and took away the stone. When your situation stinks, do emotions and pain overwhelm the loving presence of Christ? Do you want to take over and turn away from the resurrection and the life?

As we continue our Lenten journey through the desert of COVID-19, Martha and Mary and Lazarus challenge us to discover how much Jesus loves each one of us—not only corporately as a community of faith, but also intimately and personally in our everyday lives—in our joys and in our challenges. And as we enter more deeply into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ—like Mary and Martha, through prayer, with faithfulness and trust, following his commandments—each of us will learn to confidently lean on the love and presence of God who “will give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit dwelling in you” (Rom 8:11).

Keep the Faith!

Deacon John

Deacon John



Each of us comes forward in the Communion procession to renew our personal participation in the covenant in the Body and Blood of Christ. We also come forward to renew our deep desire for Jesus and it fulfills our deepest longing to be nourished by him. This is expressed in a tangible way in bowing our head and in our "Amen." [and not "I believe."] This participation in the covenant of the Body and Blood of Christ unites us with one another. We are invited to express our joy through the singing of the Communion song.

Dear friends and benefactors of Our Lady of the Black Hills Parish,

Today's world has given us many reasons and opportunities to be scared, live in uncertain spirit and question the stability of tomorrow. It is very difficult for me to write this note but it is also my responsibility. Like many charitable institutions, the Church relies solely on the generosity of the people. Every year we try to be careful and diligent about our budget. We are prepared for short term instability but ultimately we need to look into the future. Mass may be cancelled and this may give an idea that we do not need the donations - but we do. Like in every home, **we need to secure the basic necessities**, pay bills and to look after the well-being of our staff. I am asking you to keep OLBH Parish in your heart. If at all possible, please continue your financial support. These dark times will pass and we want to be ready to serve you to the best of our abilities. We cannot do this without your generous financial support. You can send in your contribution, drop it off at the office, when you visit the church or simply go into <https://www.olbh.org/donate> to make an electronic deposit. I am grateful for your gift, pray that we can emerge stronger as a Parish Family. THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE DONATED ONLINE.

May God Bless and protect you all.
Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, Pray for us.

Fr. Andrzej

Palm Sunday

We will have palms for pick up beginning on Palm Sunday (April 5). They will be blessed by Fr. Andrzej. Please remember the blessed palms should be returned to the church for disposal.

ANNOUNCEMENT

All daily and Sunday Masses as well as events and gatherings in the Diocese of Rapid City have been cancelled until further notice. For more information see <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/suspension-public-masses/>.

The parish will be open Sunday from 8:30-6 PM and Wednesday from 8:30-7 PM for **Adoration**, M-F 8:30-2:30 PM for **individual prayer**, and Wednesday 5:30-6:30 PM and Sunday 8:30-11 AM for **Reconciliation**. Please be mindful that only 10 individuals can be in the Church at one time. Please follow us on Facebook, check your email (please call us to update your email), and check olbh.org to stay connected during this time. Please call us at 787-5168 with any questions or concerns.

PLEASE CHECK HERE FOR A LIST OF EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN CANCELLED EACH WEEK. WE WILL MONITOR ALL EVENTS AND UPDATE THE LIST ACCORDINGLY.

OLBH Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are uploaded to Facebook and olbh.org weekly. The Fish Fry has been cancelled.

Open House for Sr. Marmion Howe, OSB

Please honor Sr. Marmion Howe, OSB, on her 100th birthday. **Cards may still be sent** to her at the monastery: 1851 City Springs Road, Rapid City, SD 57702. The open house was cancelled, please continue to send cards.

NPM Spring Meeting Cancelled

Chrism Mass and Pastoral Ministry Days Cancelled

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL, FACEBOOK, AND OLBH.ORG FOR UPDATES AND NOTICES.

Thank you for your donation.

Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal, check service, or at www.olbh.org/donate. Please prayerfully consider including the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation and Our Lady of the Black Hills in your estate planning.

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
March 21-22 2020			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	1,566	430	1,996
Rectory	19	-	19
Bottles of Hope	-	-	-
Building Fund	-	-	-
Catechist Appreciation	-	-	-
Held for Others	-	-	-
Total Contribution	1,639	430	2,068.84

Weekly Schedule

Monday, March 30

No Mass

Tuesday, March 31

No Mass

Wednesday, April 1

No Mass

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, April 2

Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

No Mass

Friday, April 3

No Mass

Saturday, April 4

Saint Isidore, Bishop

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

No Mass

Sunday, April 5

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

No Mass

Due to the COVID-19 Virus there will be no public Masses offered. Fr. Andrzej will offer Mass privately each day for the following intentions. Please pray for these intentions at home each day:

March 30 for the repose of Isaac Conway

March 31 for Grace Weaver

April 1 for the Aubrie Hohm

April 2 for Sheila and Ned Keeler

April 3 for Fr. Leo Hausmann

April 4 for Diocesan Masses for Life

April 5 for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and our sister parishes with special emphasis on our those working in retail.

Intentions of the Holy Father for March

Pope's Intention: Catholics in China. That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Mary Hummel

Gerald Tomac

Prayers for our Deployed Military

Jeremy Reeve

Josh Kornmann (grandson of Larry and Margaret Taylor)

Prayer Chain Requests

To request an intention for the prayer chain, please contact Sue Colgan at 431-0310 or at ssacolgan@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Adoration - ONGOING

For information on Adoration or to sign up to Adore or to fill in as a substitute, please contact Dave Allardyce at 791-2303.

Prayers for Life and Health Concerns

Names will be left for three months; please call to request prayers for someone.

- Edwin Weaver (father of Bob Weaver) • Dean Antonsen
- Blanche Rieth • Jobie Berger • Bernard Wiehl
- Dennis Schumacher • Bette Stebbins • Ryan Wilson
- Tom Ryan (father of Lorinda Collings) • Lowell Amiotte
- Mike Knecht (son of Larry and grandson of Rose Knecht)
- Jean Schacher • Randy Oberle • Ivy Held • Scott More
- Les Bedne (mother of Marie Landfeldt) • Doug Wermers
- Norita Rice (aunt of Brenda Flottmeyer) • Wes Mendenhall
- Tony Corbine (son-in-law of Patty Cariveau)
- Robert Forest (father of Cathy Long) • Jen Ehlers Hruska
- Mike Rhode (father of Rhonda Gehlsen) • Wayne Gamroth
- Rita Berg (sister of Phyllis Sour) • Jean Schubauer
- Peggy Laurenz (niece of Cap and Arlene Holzer)
- Cheryl Pederson (sister of Debra Jensen)
- Christy Marie (sister of Linda Schacher)
- Alicia Castor (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)
- Nila Serfling (mother of Jason) • Moneik Stephens

† Necrology †

To remember in prayer for the repose of their souls, those whose deaths are recorded in the parish; and the bishops, priests, and deacons that have served the Diocese of Rapid City.

March 30	Rev. Florian Francis (Frank) Kruswicki (1968) Bernard Leo Daschel (2003)
March 31	Michelle A. Pittillo (1999)
April 2	Rev. Edward S. Calahan (1944) Rev. D. Craig Cower (2017) Vera M. Eberlein (1987)
April 4	Rev. William Fitzgerald, S.J. (1987)
April 5	Raylord F. Kasuske (1991) Richard J. Niehoff (2010)

Safe Environment

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator. In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. **Victim Assistance Coordinator - Barbara Scherr 605.209.3418**

Safe Faith Environment

Safe Faith Environment Training is **mandatory for all paid staff and adult volunteers** please contact Katie, Safe Faith Environment Coordinator, at 787.5168 for details.

Daily Readings

Monday: DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 OR 13:41C-62; PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6; JN 8:1-11
Tuesday: NM 21:4-9; PS 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; JN 8:21-30
Wednesday: DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; DANIEL 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; JN 8:31-42
Thursday: GN 17:3-9; PS 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; JN 8:51-59
Friday: JER 20:10-13; PS 18:2-3A, 3BC-4, 5-6, 7; JN 10:31-42
Saturday: EZ 37:21-28; JEREMIAH 31:10, 11-12ABCD, 13; JN 11:45-56
Sunday: MT 21:1-11; PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; PHIL 2:6-11; MT 26:14—27:66 OR 27:11-54

The weekly readings can be found anytime online on the USCCB website or by clicking: [Weekly Readings](#)

COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS



Rachel's Corner

"Before I was humiliated. I was like a stone that lies in deep mud, and He who is mighty came and in His compassion raised me up and exalted me very high and placed me on the top of the wall." - Saint Patrick – Feast Day March 17

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow Our Lord to raise you up and fill you with His merciful healing. Join us in SoDak **May 22-24**. Contact the national office for more information, at 1-877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org or Contact Carol Kling for information about local retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com.

Calling all Cursillistas – No Decision Made on Cancellation at this time.

Cursillo 4th Day Retreat is scheduled for **April 17-19** at Blessed Sacrament Church. Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. A team is coming from Montana to present a time of renewal and "Trusting in Jesus." Cost will be a free will offering, contact Robert Dyczek for information 605-484-3725 or rndyczek@hotmail.com.

Catholics Returning Home - No Decision Made on Cancellation at this time.

Most non-practicing Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. Many are excommunicated and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons and are afraid of approaching the church for fear of being rejected. You can make a tremendous difference in someone's life by reaching out to them and telling them we miss them and would like them to come back home. There are special ministries for people who have been away from the Church throughout the Northern Black Hills.

Rapid City—the six-session "Catholics Returning Home" series begins on Monday, **April 13 at 7:00 pm** at St. Therese of the Little Flower Church. For more information contact Margaret at info@returningcatholics.net or 605-939-0579. The group will meet Monday and Wednesday through April 29.

Deadline for Catholic Senior Girl Scholarship Submissions

May 1, 2020, is the submissions deadline for the Hubbeling Family Scholarship given in memory of Janet and Edwin Hubbeling. A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Catholic Senior Girl who will be attending a four-year college in the fall of 2020. For Information and application: Send name and street address to CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, duduchan3@gmail.com.



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