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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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**Collect Prayer:** O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**"

Rejoice, we are a halfway through the Lenten journey. Your challenge of making a room for God in your life through prayer, fasting and almsgiving (charitable works) is only a few weeks from being done. Before we know it, Easter will be here, and we will be celebrating the day of the Resurrection of the Lord. We will gather together in the Church, sing songs and say prayers OR WE MAY NOT. Never did I think that the celebration of Holy Week and of Easter would be under question. Never did I think of experiencing the Gospel call from Ash Wednesday of going into the desert in a literal sense. This is a beautiful opportunity to really and literally have the opportunity to enter into Prayer, Fasting and Charity. Charity is definitively put into practice.

Last week's rush to many stores, reminded me of post-Thanksgiving sales, only now we want to make sure we buy the necessities, not necessarily the bargain. The crowds and long lines put our patience and courtesy to the test. What a great opportunity to be charitable, and to be reminded of those who struggle on day to day basis. All this rush is caused by our realization that we lack things, material things, food and basic necessities. How many of us are so used to the idea of making a quick run to the store for a few items we need that day. Suddenly, we find ourselves asking, will there be what I need? That material fasting has turned also to the spiritual fast.

Honestly, I do not remember in all my seminary training that we would speak of cancelling Holy Week or Easter. That never was an option, and yet, here we are; masses and all church and Lenten events cancelled until further notice; spiritual fast and the experience of a desert. How can we go on without what we have been told is the heart of the Church and of our Faith? That is where we arrive to prayer. The Lord Jesus before his Passion went into the prayer. Like us, he too asked, how can this be? Maybe Father can take this away – maybe it is just a bad dream?

Our diocese is celebrating the Year of the Eucharist, we have spent many teaching moments focusing on the Mass, the meaning of different prayers, rituals and our responses. And when we were maybe tired of it, maybe looking for a reason not come to Church for Mass, when we thought, we are in charge – we found ourselves on the receiving end. Mass is cancelled, the Eucharist is not available – how good are we with prayer, how many prayers do we know, how free and comfortable are the fathers to pray with their children, how open are the Mothers to speak to their kids about God and their own faith, are spouses ready to love and sacrifice for each other as they research and share their spirituality, are the kids wondering about God and their eternal salvation.

There are many reasons to say I do not need something, until suddenly that something might be taken away from us. With the present situation we have hope this shall pass, the responsorial psalm 23 reminds us that God is with us, even as we walk though the dark valley. Jesus also finds consolation in the love and support of his friends. But how hard it is sometimes to stay awake, even if for only an hour? I invite us all to look at this present time as a true Lenten journey with Christ and each other, as we walk into the desert, as we find ourselves weak and vulnerable, as we find ourselves hungry, thirsty and blind.

This is not a time to despair but to rejoice, not to worry about what we do not have but what the grace of God provides, not how imperfect we are, but what we have not discovered yet. Pray, fast and share your goodness. St. Joseph, Protector of the Church, Pray for us.

Fr. Andrzej



Communion – Sharing in the Eucharist is the high point of the entire celebration. Holy Communion seals the sacrificial nature of the meal in which we remember Christ's Passover. The Church teaches that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life.

Receiving Holy Communion is the most intimate moment of this encounter with the Lord Jesus. He gives himself to us completely, body, blood, soul and divinity; his totality. He can't give any more of himself to us. This is the most intimate union possible. There is no greater love. We respond to the invitation to receive communion as the Roman centurion did when Jesus offered to come to his home. We are "not worthy to have him enter under our roof." In order to enter this union, we, though sinners must open our hearts to this profound love for us. We are not receiving just a consecrated host; we are receiving Jesus himself, and therefore his saving, sacrificial love.

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. Many of the church functions have been cancelled, including Mass. 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. In this note 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.

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

Fr. Andrzej

## 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 8-7 PM and M-F 8:30-2:30 PM for individual prayer.** 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](http://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.**

### **CANCELLED Lenten Fridays at OLBH**

Lenten Reconciliation, Fridays at 5 PM

Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 6 PM

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Fridays at 6:30 PM

### **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.

### **Natural Family Spacing**

CANCELLED The series starts April 5 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You can contact Kimberly to set up private instruction at 701-260-3611.

### **Diocesan Mass for Healing & Reparation**

CANCELLED Please pray for God's endless love and compassion for the victims and survivors of abuse. May he touch the perpetrators' hearts to repent, asking for forgiveness and mercy.

### **Thank you for your donation.**

Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal, check service, or at [www.olbh.org/donate](https://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.

<b>"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)</b>			
<b>March 14-15, 2020</b>			
	<b>Automatic</b>	<b>Basket</b>	<b>Total</b>
Adopt a Seminarian	54	40	94
Sunday Collection	1,564	3,356	4,920
Rectory	19	-	19
Bottles of Hope	-	-	-
Building Fund	-	170	170
Catechist Appreciation	-	-	-
Held for Others	-	754	754
<b>Total Contribution</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>4,320</b>	<b>5,956.34</b>

# Weekly Schedule

## Monday, March 23

**Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**  
No Mass

## Tuesday, March 24

No Mass

## Wednesday, March 25

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

No Mass

**8:30-7:30 PM Adoration**

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

**5:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation**

## Thursday, March 26

No Mass

## Friday, March 27

No Mass

## Saturday, March 28

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

No Mass

## Sunday, March 29

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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 23 for the repose of Jolene Peltier

March 24 for the repose of Lorraine Kaufmann

March 25 for the repose of Frank Kaufmann

March 26 for Anthony Hill

March 27 for Tom Jacobs

March 28 for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and our sister parishes with special emphasis on our parishioners working in the

healthcare field and for the repose of Joe Leutenegger

March 29 for Becky Yackley

### 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

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.

<b>March 24</b>	Rev. Thomas G. Gorman (1987) Joseph E. Creek (2015) Edwin G. Miller (2018)
<b>March 25</b>	Rev. Alban R. Reid (1972)
<b>March 27</b>	Rev. Philip J. O'Connell (1964) Rev. Thomas I. Downey, S.P. (1966) Leo James Crawford (2015)
<b>March 29</b>	Delmar Walz (1994)

## 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:** IS 65:17-21; PS 30:2 AND 4, 5-6, 11-12A AND 13B; JN 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** EZ 47:1-9, 12; PS 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; JN 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** IS 7:10-14; 8:10; PS 40:7-8A, 8B-9, 10, 11; HEB 10:4-10; LK 1:26-38  
**Thursday:** EX 32:7-14; PS 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; JN 5:31-47  
**Friday:** WIS 2:1A, 12-22; PS 81:6C-8A, 8BC-9, 10-11AB, 14 AND 17; JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** JER 11:18-20; 7:2-3, 9BC-10, 11-12; JN 7:40-53  
**Sunday:** EZ 37:12-14; PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; ROM 8:8-11; JN 11:1-45

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*  
 Since the day of the abortion, does your heart feel like a heavy stone resting in deep mud? 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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or Contact Carol Kling for information about local retreats at 605-374-5639 or [ckling@sdplains.com](mailto:ckling@sdplains.com).

### 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](mailto:duduchan3@gmail.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](mailto:info@returningcatholics.net) or 605-939-0579. The group will meet Monday and Wednesday through April 29.

### 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](mailto:rndyczek@hotmail.com).

### NPM Spring Meeting – No Decision Made on Cancellation at this time.

First ever NPM meeting in Ft. Pierre, **April 18**, at St. John the Evangelist. Registration 9:30 a.m. Central Daylight Savings Time. Meeting from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. CDST. Presentations on the following topics – Productive Rehearsal Techniques- Vickey Covey, Review of Corpus Christi Sequence music- Jackie Schnittgrund, "Eucharist: Sacrifice, Gift, and Fruitful Living"- Fr. Ron Garry, Wedding Guidelines, Planning Tools/Worship Aids- Amber Larson. Please register by Monday, April 13 to James Washabaugh 605-342-6300 or email [jpwash@rushmore.com](mailto:jpwash@rushmore.com).



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