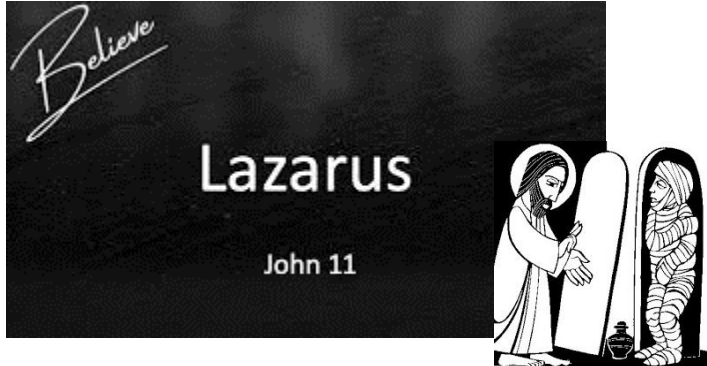


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Roman Catholic Community since 1932

29 March 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5 April 2020

Matthew 21: 1–11

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Philippians 2: 6-11

Matthew 26: 14–27:66



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

12 April 2020

Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Psalms 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3: 1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5: 6-8

John 20: 1–9 or Matthew 28:1–10



**ALL PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS
OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST /
MASS ARE CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

The **BULLETIN** is **ONLINE!** Check us out at www.stjohnnevan.com for breaking news, our ministry schedule, past bulletins, diocesan resources, and more! The bulletin is published every two weeks. Copies available while they last. **SCHEDULE CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE POSTED AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE. CHECK FREQUENTLY AND CHECK OFTEN.**



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Private Prayer:

Monday through Friday: 10:00 AM—1:00 PM
(Enter and exit through front door only. No public restrooms available. Please keep appropriate distance when inside the building and limit physical contact with any surfaces to facilitate easy cleaning.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 until 5:00 PM, in wing of church or by appointment.

The Prayer Tree:

Call (540) 949-7611 or (540) 221-4162 for special prayer requests

Pastoral Care: Please contact the Parish Office if you are aware of parishioners who are in the hospital or are sick, frail, or grieving at home, or in area rehab, convalescent, or retirement facilities.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**We strive to Proclaim the Gospel & to Love One Another
... RIGHT HERE ... RIGHT NOW.**

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**AS OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
PLEASE CONTACT THE PASTOR & STAFF BY PHONE OR EMAIL ONLY.**


FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES ONLY after office hours; call office during daytime hours for other needs CALL: (540) 324-3146

PARISH INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: In the event of inclement weather during the week, we follow the Waynesboro School System closings. If the city schools are closed due to the weather, the Parish Office will be closed.



"Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Brian Capuano (804)-359-5661 or vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

MARCH 28 SATURDAY	MARCH 29 SUNDAY	MARCH 30 MONDAY	MARCH 31 TUESDAY	APRIL 1 WEDNESDAY	APRIL 2 THURSDAY	APRIL 3 FRIDAY	APRIL 4 SATURDAY
8:30 AM † Fredda Stone	10:00 AM People of the Parish HAITI † Peggy Vreuls		8:30 AM Pat Blair	8:30 AM Gary Peltier HAITI † Brian Hughes	8:30 AM † Mary & Don Nemeyer	8:30 AM † Maryann McAuliffe	8:30 AM † Tom Foley
3:00—5:00 PM, CH WING Confessions		10:00 AM— 1:00 PM, CH Private Prayer	10:00 AM— 1:00 PM, CH Private Prayer	10:00 AM— 1:00 PM, CH Private Prayer	10:00 AM— 1:00 PM, CH Private Prayer	10:00 AM—1:00 PM, CH Private Prayer	3:00—5:00 PM, CH WING Confessions

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Maria Estela Auñon de Martinez, Sophia Carr, Bill Christman, Bruna Crishock, John Freeman, Palma Matera, Donald Narducci, Mabel Prebish, Jane Skaggs, Billy Sowers, Estelle Steele, Walter Wade; 
IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY: Sr. Airman Michael Brown USAF, Sgt. John Burns, LCDR Christopher Farkas USN, Sgt. David Grennan US Army, Maj. David Hildebrand US Army, Sgt. Christopher Kennedy, Jimmy Negrete, Maj. Shawn Pardee, LCDR Megan Piotrowski USN, LCDR David Piotrowski USNR, Maj. Benjamin Sprouse, and all who go unnamed.

APRIL 5 SUNDAY	APRIL 6 MONDAY	APRIL 7 TUESDAY	APRIL 8 WEDNESDAY	APRIL 9 THURSDAY	APRIL 10 FRIDAY	APRIL 11 SATURDAY	APRIL 12 SUNDAY
10:00 AM People of the Parish 	 Holy Week	8:30 AM † Chris Baruffi	8:30 AM † Francis Welsh 	6:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Supper 	6:00 PM The Lord's Passion 	6:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter 	10:00 AM People of the Parish HAITI † Hubert Lieser 
	10:00 AM— 1:00 PM, CH Private Prayer	10:00 AM—1:00 PM, CH Private Prayer	10:00 AM—1:00 PM, CH Private Prayer	10:00 AM— 1:00 PM, CH Private Prayer	10:00 AM— 1:00 PM, CH Private Prayer		

HAITI MINISTRY. The Feeding Program centered at St. Anthony House in Pointe-a-Raquette, Haiti continues to operate successfully. Even with the increase in cost due to political instability and food scarcity, we provide hot meals to the residents and a number of local families (meals on foot). Other families receive a monthly allotment of beans, rice, and other staples. Participants are chosen by Father Augustin and his local committee based upon need. Many participating families are led by grandmothers raising children without their parents. Your generosity is literally saving lives.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. The Lord, God is my help. Let God help your marriage to be the Sacrament He intended. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a WWME weekend on May 1-3 in Hickory NC and September 11-13 in Hickory NC. For more information, visit: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 30 — APRIL 4, 2020 (view online at www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

MONDAY, MARCH 30 • Daniel 13:1—9, 15-17, 19-30, 33—62 • Psalm 23:1-6 • John 8:1—11
TUESDAY, MARCH 31 • Numbers 21:4-9 • Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21 • John 8:21—30
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 • Daniel 3:14—20, 91-92, 95 • Daniel 3:52-56 • John 8:31—42
THURSDAY, APRIL 2 • Genesis 17:3-9 • Psalm 105:4-9 • John 8:51—59
FRIDAY, APRIL 3 • Jeremiah 20:10-13 • Psalm 18:2-7 • John 10:31—42
SATURDAY, APRIL 4 • Ezekiel 37:21—28 • Jeremiah 31:10-13 • John 11:45—56



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 6 — APRIL 11, 2020 (view online at www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

MONDAY, APRIL 6 • Isaiah 42:1—7 • Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14 • John 12:1—11
TUESDAY, APRIL 7 • Isaiah 49:1-6 • Psalm 71:1-6, 15, 17 • John 13:21—33, 36-38
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 • Isaiah 50:4-9 • Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 • Matthew 26:14—25
THURSDAY, APRIL 9 • **HOLY THURSDAY**
Exodus 12:1—8, 11-14 • Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18 • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 • John 13:1—15
FRIDAY, APRIL 10 • **GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**
Isaiah 52:13—53:12 • Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 • Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 • John 18:1—19:42
SATURDAY, APRIL 11 • **HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL**
Genesis 1:1—2:2 • Genesis 22:1—18 • Exodus 14:15—15:1 • Isaiah 54:5—14 • Isaiah 55:1—11 •
Baruch 3:9—15, 32—4:4 • Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18—28 • Romans 6:3—11 • Matthew 28: 1—10



My dear parish family of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church,

I pray for your spiritual and physical health during this time of testing and trial with the Coronavirus. Following directives from the offices of Bishop Barry C. Knestout of the Diocese of Richmond and Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, **WE HAVE CANCELLED ALL GATHERINGS AND MEETINGS AT ST. JOHN FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, INCLUDING SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES. EVEN IF YOU HAVE A KEY, I ASK THAT YOU DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING. IN CASE OF GRAVE NECESSITY, PLEASE SPEAK WITH THE PARISH OFFICE.** More than ever we are called to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, and we can never cease to minister and serve God's people. As Pastor April Cranford of Westminster Presbyterian said at a recent gathering of pastors, "We must find safe and creative ways to love our neighbor and do good in this time of crisis." I ask that you remain vigilant and continue to care for yourselves, your loved ones, and your neighbors, and be open to how we can adapt our ministries in the following ways:

1. **BE WISE, STAY HOME, AND KEEP AWAY FROM PUBLIC SPACES EXCEPT WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, ESPECIALLY IF YOU BELONG TO A HIGH-RISK GROUP (SENIOR CITIZENS AND IMMUNOCOMPROMISED INDIVIDUALS).** This is an excellent time to catch up on (wholesome!) movies and books, and to spend time with loved ones at home, or to call family and friends you've been meaning to call.
 - a. Our church building will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM for as long as it is not banned by civil authorities. Please enter and exit by the front door only. I ask that you maintain a safe distance and as much as is possible avoid handling anything that will need to be disinfected after you leave.
 - b. I will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays from 3:00—5:00 PM in the wing of the church. We will maintain a safe distance. All others should remain in the main part of church to provide privacy for those celebrating the sacrament.
2. **IF YOU DEVELOP SYMPTOMS OF THE CORONAVIRUS, YOU SHOULD CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR OR THE HOSPITAL.** If you have school-aged children, please follow instructions from the school system. Take proper precautions recommended by healthcare authorities: avoid handshaking and hugging; explore other non-contact ways to extend peace to one another; wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water; use hand sanitizer with 60% or more alcohol solution; use disinfectant wipes or a bleach and water solution on doorknobs and frequently touched surfaces in the home; do not share bedding or towels with those infected; wash clothes frequently, etc.). For more information: go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
3. **If you are among the younger and healthier, we may call on you to assist in serving our members and the community (for instance, food packing and distribution to the poor and hungry) in the name of Christ. We need servants of Christ to step up for this great need.** We will do everything possible to reduce the risk to our own health and that of others, while still exploring ways to attend to and serve those in great need. If you are older or at greater risk, you can exercise your care and discipleship by checking on friends and neighbors, by phone, by text, through Facebook, sending encouragement, and relaying any pressing needs to the parish office (540.949.6145) or your pastor.
4. **Bishop Barry C. Knestout celebrates Mass without a congregation at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond each Sunday at 10:00 AM. You can join him by video livestream from our parish website (www.stjohnewan.com). Mass from St. John will be livestreamed Sundays (10AM) and weekdays (Tuesday to Saturday 8:30AM), accessible from our parish website beginning 29 March or this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dY2E6NylWWQ&feature=youtu.be>. If you have a smart TV, you can go to the parish website and access both the bishop's or the parish's Mass.**
 - a. On days when I celebrate mass without a congregation, my homilies are available on (www.middlechildcatholicpriest.com). Please continue to pray privately and as families, to break open God's Word, to practice your Lenten devotions and spiritual exercises.
 - b. As we fast from the Eucharist these days, Bishop Knestout encourages all to make an act of Spiritual Communion (explained here: <https://bit.ly/3dnVeaC> by Fr. Matt Kiehl, Catholic Campus Minister at the University of William and Mary in Williamsburg VA). We will also pray the prayer when mass is livestreamed.
5. **Please remember to send your Offertory contributions to church (with online giving—available on our parish website or this link: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/628> —or through the mail); or set them aside in an envelope to bring to church when we resume our regular schedule of Sunday masses.** Each week that we do not gather for Sunday mass leaves our parish and ministries at a serious financial disadvantage.
6. **Nurture a healthy fear (or a healthy respect) for the severity of this virus. At the same time, do not allow fear to overcome you. Put your trust God in all things and let the love and peace of Jesus rule**



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

your heart. "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7) "And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15) "There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment, and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love. We love because he first loved us." (1 John 4:18-19) "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31) Do all the good you can, but be wise, take every reasonable precaution, and avoid unnecessary risks.

7. Pray for our parish, our local community, our nation, and our world, especially the most vulnerable among us, the elderly, the poor, the sick, the suffering, and those who have lost loved ones.

To keep updated on vital information from the Bishop's office, go to <https://richmonddiocese.org/coronavirus/>, as well as our parish website www.stjohnnevan.com.

In a letter to the people of the Richmond diocese on 16 March, Bishop Barry C. Knestout wrote:

As anxiety and concerns about the possible spread of COVID-19 takes root throughout this land and so much of the world, the Lord is speaking to us, calling us to a deeper relationship with him. This age may seem to be a time of fear and isolation, but we have an opportunity to see it in a new light, as a retreat into the desert with Our Lord and to encounter God in solitude and prayer. As Psalm 91 says:

"You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the plague that prowls in the darkness, nor the scourge that lays waste at noon. A thousand may fall at our side, ten thousand fall at your right, you it will never approach; his faithfulness is buckler and shield."

As a suspension of all public celebrations of Mass, on Sundays, holy days and weekdays in the Diocese of Richmond takes place, ... I invite all the faithful ... to draw close to Christ our light in prayer and interior desire for the Lord who dwells within our hearts—asking for the grace of forgiveness, recovery of our spiritual sight and of an awakening of desire for God to be strengthened within us.

Each priest is to celebrate his daily Mass in private (without a congregation) in the church or a chapel on behalf of the intentions of his parish and for the universal Church to assist all those affected by COVID-19.

Individually, and always keeping an appropriate social distance from one another, parishioners are free, during a time of fear and uncertainty, to come at their discretion during the day for personal devotion, communion by desire, to pray the rosary or the Stations of the Cross.

Priests are to be available for personal confessions at specific times of the day in a large adjacent room that would allow security, limited access and provide at least six feet of space between them and any penitent.

Communion will not normally be brought to any other parishioner who is homebound or who cannot attend Mass. Prayers for communion by desire will be widely available in the church and the parish website. Communion, if requested, will be brought to those who are near death when administering Viaticum.

Lay volunteers will not be visiting the sick in any **OFFICIAL** capacity.

Essential charitable efforts to the poor and vulnerable will continue with some adaptations. ... It will be recommended that only individuals who are not within vulnerable groups or immunocompromised be the ones to assist the poor.

With these provisions in place, we will continue with the Church's mission: teaching the faith, celebrating the sacraments as needed in this age, and care for the poor, even as we support the common good and assure the health and well-being of our neighbor.

As the world responds to this emergency, we turn our attention to the Holy Spirit to give us strength and courage in times of trial and suffering. We offer our prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and ask the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. May we know the depths of the Lord's merciful love and may Our Lady keep us in the mantle of her protection to intercede for us in our time of need.

We received additional guidance on 17 March:

Bishop Barry C. Knestout has prohibited gatherings of more than 10 people for any ministry within the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. This is an updated directive ... issued ... in light of Governor Ralph Northam's press conference on Tuesday, March 17, in which he announced that gatherings of 10 or more people will be banned within the commonwealth.

Let us keep each other in prayer, especially those who serve the common good, our sisters and brothers in healthcare and law enforcement, and those who are most adversely affected by the loss of wages and employment. Remember to check on those most isolated and lonely. And always show patience and kindness toward one another. We never know the hardship and burden our neighbor is carrying.

And may the peace of Christ be with you all,
I remain your brother,

