

**THE CARPENTER'S BENCH  
SAINT JOSEPH WEEKLY BULLETIN INSERT  
4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 22, 2020**



**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

- Mar 22 Religious Education Suspended  
Mass Suspended  
Vietnamese Activities Suspended
- Mar 23 Communion Visits at Lakeview Suspended  
Confession Suspended
- Mar 24 Seeds of Hope Board Meeting Suspended
- Mar 25 Mass at Neighbor Care—CANCELLED for March  
Girl Scouts Suspended
- Mar 26 Homebound Communion Suspended  
Feed the Hungry Suspended
- Mar 27 Stations of the Cross Suspended
- Mar 28 Mass Suspended
- Mar 29 Mass Suspended  
Vietnamese Activities Suspended

Fr. Rob & Fr. Minh will be celebrating Mass privately both Mon. - Fri. and on the weekend.

**ST. JOSEPH'S REMEMBER**

At St. Joe's we pray the Rosary before each weekend Mass. As a courtesy to those praying and to our Lord—**Please maintain a reverent silence at all times while in Church.**

**SCRIP CARD SALES**

**Support St. Joseph's Altar Society**

Scrip cards are available in the Narthex before and after Mass the second Sunday of the month.

We purchase the cards at a discount, so that when you make your purchase from us you're supporting our fundraiser for free!

**For special orders call or text:**

Maria Fredrick: 317-287-4485

Trudy Davis: 317-340-7775

Stephanie Everman: 317-340-7800 or e-mail to [saeverman1@gmail.com](mailto:saeverman1@gmail.com)



**DURING THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES**

Notices and resources will be posted on our website [www.stjosephindy.org](http://www.stjosephindy.org)

Including video taped Mass with Father Rob.

**MOST IMPORTANT: We know this is a very difficult, stressful and uncertain time; however, St. Joseph still has financial obligations.**

**For those who have not been affected financially and who are able - please remember to send in your weekly donations.**

**10 Things You Should Do Until Public Masses Return**

Rest in the heart of Christ, and don't let your hunger for the Bread of Life fade away during this difficult time in history.

Patti Armstrong – excerpt from the National Catholic Register Blog

We blinked, and the world changed. It was once only oppressive regimes that canceled Catholic Masses, but the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) is triggering their suspension around the world. The list of cancellations and obligations lifted as of this writing encompasses most of the dioceses in the U.S.

Regardless of whether we think Masses *should* get canceled, they *are*. What we may not have considered, however, is the threat of spiritual drift in the laity from suspending Masses. The time reserved for Mass infuses our souls with sacramental grace from the Eucharist during community worship of Our Lord, who died so that we can have life eternal. The Church describes the Holy Mass as "the source and summit of the Christian life." It is during the liturgy that the priest consecrates the bread and wine so that it becomes the sacrificial Body, Blood, soul and divinity of Christ as the sacrifice on Calvary, made truly present once again on the altar and for us to receive. The Mass is irreplaceable. Certainly many people feel a deep loss over missing it, yet, how many will give equal

## NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Lent	Mass President	Altar Servers	Lectors	Cantors	Extraordinary Ministers	Extraordinary Ministers	Greeters
<b>Sat Mar 28</b> <b>4:00 PM</b>							
<b>Sun Mar 29</b> <b>11:30 AM</b>							

### MASS INTENTIONS

SAT or SUN	Mar 21 or 22	At St. Susanna	Joe Plummer
MON	Mar 23	5:45 PM	Thomas Hausladen
TUE	Mar 24	5:45 PM	Al Carson
WED	Mar 25	5:45 PM	St. Joseph Parish
THUR	Mar 26	5:45 PM	Ismael Arteaga
FRI	Mar 27	5:45 PM	Living and Deceased Members of the Doughty & Arthur Families
SAT or SUN	Mar 28 or 29	At St. Susanna	Lillian & Joseph Plummer

### FINANCIAL NEWS

#### Collection Report

Budget is \$3846 per week.

Mar 15, 2020 - \$2473 – 51 envelopes  
was \$1373 UNDER budget

#### **50/50 REPORT**

3/8/2020 - #287 WAS NOT SUBMITTED

3/22/2020 drawing will be for \$48

To be eligible to win, place your envelope containing \$1.00, with name & registered number in the collection basket. All empty envelopes will be void.  
*St. Joseph License - # 141827*



### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

**Prayer Chain** — Offering prayer for anyone who asks or needs the loving support of caring members of the parish. All information is confidential. Call your request for prayer to one of the following and the chain will begin immediately.



**Trudy Davis**  
243-7226

**Shirley Verhonik**  
241-8979

To reach **Sue Brady**  
call: **Trudy** or  
**Shirley**

### SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH CLEANERS

Mar 22—Maria Fredrick, Larry Long, Doris Akalusi  
Mar 29—Susanne McFerran, Nancy Swinford  
Apr 5—Theresa Farrell, Marilyn Howard



time to other holy activities in its place? Removing the Sunday obligation of Mass does not remove the obligation to keep *holy the Sabbath*.

Jesus freely suffered and died for us so that we might have life eternal. Any time spent with him is time spent receiving, although sometimes we feel that gift while other times, we must be satisfied with just knowing it. Regardless, we need that time with Jesus.

Not attending Mass presents the danger of slipping away spiritually. For people already not fully engaged, missing/but-not-missing Mass will make it easier down the road to omit it from their Sunday to-do list. Even devout Catholics are at risk of losing spiritual ground. Consider how interruptions in our routine such as a vacation or having company over so easily crowds God out.

The pull of the world is louder and stronger outside of church than inside, so we need to be intentional, lest we allow canceled Masses to drown out that *still small voice* (1 Kings 19:11-13). Here are some ways to be intentional. Consider not only giving God equal time for Mass, but going beyond the usual one hour, knowing he cannot be outdone in generosity.

1. Watch or listen to the Mass. EWTN broadcasts it daily, live at 8 a.m. Eastern. You can watch on TV or online <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>. You can also listen to the Mass on the radio, SIRIUS/XM, or listen online at <https://www.ewtn.com/radio/listen-live>. (More information on finding EWTN on TV or via radio is available) at <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/channel-finder> to find EWTN on your local cable/satellite provider or <https://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule> to find their radio schedule.

2. Read the daily Mass Readings. They can be found at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings>.

3. Read *Magnificat*. Temporarily, online versions are available for free as a service to the Church <https://us.magnificat.net/free>. This resource offers spiritual inspiration and the Mass readings and is also available in Spanish at <https://latina.magnificat.net/gratis>.

4. Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, two of our most powerful prayers after the Mass.

5. Make a Spiritual communion in your own words, or use this prayer written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

My Jesus,  
I believe that you  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.

6. Go to adoration online from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/adoration>; or for a listing of 13 chapels that broadcast adoration 24/7: <https://virtualadoration.home.blog/>.

7. Pray to Our Lady Help of the Sick <https://relevantradio.com/2020/03/prayer-to-our-lady-health-of-the-sick/> for all those who have contracted the coronavirus and those who will in the future and a novena to Our Lady of Monte Berico, <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/smcafee/pray-this-marian-novena-for-protection-against-coronavirus> for protection against it.

8. Develop a devotion to the dying to help escort them safely into the arms of Jesus. The whole reason Masses are getting suspended is due to the risk of death. Venerable Sister Mary Potter (1847-1913) promoted devotion to the dying in her book *Devotion to the Dying: Mary's Call to Her Loving Children*. She wrote that we must pray for the salvation of dying sinners and that those graces will return to our own loved ones when they are dying: "How pleasing this devotion is to Our Lord, who is Love Incarnate, and to Our Lady, who is the Spouse of the Holy Spirit! The saints tell us that we can do nothing more charitable than pray and offer sacrifices for the dying. They are on the threshold of eternity; the state in which they die will determine their eternity; for 'in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be' (Ecclesiastes 11:3)."

9. Watch "The Veil Removed" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOLZDaTglaM> to deepen your appreciation of the Mass. This five-minute video removes the veil of this world to reveal the supernatural celebration of the Eucharist depicted in Revelation and given to us by Jesus at the Last Supper.

10. Open your Bible and read it. We are living in a time that most of us probably never imagined could really happen — not just the pandemic, but Masses shutting down around the world. Yet God can use all things for good for those who love him (Romans 8:28). Let us use this as a time to grow closer to him and to bear fruit through increasing our prayers and sacrifices for our own good and the good of the world.

