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READINGS

April 5, 2020

- Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 /Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
- Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 /Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 /Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 /Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
- Saturday: *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 /Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 /Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Priests are required to celebrate Mass frequently and are earnestly recommended to do so daily.

Father Dennis will be saying a Private Mass on a regular basis and will be remembering the intentions as posted.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Tuesday, April 7** Parishioners
- Wednesday, April 8** Parishioners
- Thursday, April 9** The World
- Friday, April 10** Good Friday
- Saturday, April 11** Roland Reil & Marie Schantz
- Sunday, April 12** Connie Estes

With Masses being canceled our parish like all households still have bills that need to be paid. If you are able to continue your contribution you may mail in your envelope. If you were thinking about moving to electronic giving you may call the office and we can help you make this change.

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

BACKGROUND

On New Year's Eve, 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) was made aware of unusual pneumonia-like illnesses, and a week later announced it was a new virus belonging to the coronavirus family what is now called COVID-19. As the disease continued to spread throughout the world, on March 11, 2020 the WHO declared the virus to be a pandemic, marking the first known time that a pandemic was sparked by a coronavirus. The WHO continues to offer official recommendations to stop the spread of the virus, like putting in place travel advisories or restrictions, and continues to review public health measures that might curb the spread of the virus in affected countries.

CORONAVIRUS SPREADING



PREVENTION TIPS

- Regularly wash your hands with soap and water.
- Sneeze into a tissue or your elbow.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home!**

Everyday Stewardship

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent Accountable

Easter is only a week away, and churches everywhere in the West are beginning the holiest of weeks. For a moment, even the secular world will bow to religious observances: closings on Good Friday, Easter baskets filled with treats, and television specials featuring Biblical figures. You and I will be reflecting on the meaning of Lent and how we have died and risen with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Either we have prepared well for this Holy Week observance, or we are left lamenting that maybe next year will be when we get back on track.

The question before us is: “To whom are we accountable?” Did our Lenten observance only have to do with us? Does it matter to anyone if we really took this time seriously or not?

Both faith and community are gifts from God to us. The Church exists so we may live out that faith and respond to God’s call, being strengthened by the grace imparted through the sacraments and the community in which we find ourselves. If we are accountable to no one, then the community is simply an option on a Sunday morning, much like golf or household chores. If we are not accountable to God, then our faith is simply something we look to periodically when we are sad or frightened.

However, if we are accountable to each other and to Jesus Christ, then we must answer for our stewardship gifts of faith and community. The Body of Christ is counting on us. Without a strong sense of accountability, we think our actions only affect us. In the end, we are connected to each other through Christ in such a manner that no one ever stands alone. ~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



As we begin the holiest week of the year, we take time to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter. We spend time reflecting, or thinking, about what we have learned by sacrificing for others, how it feels, and who we are helping. We think about going without and how some people go without food, not by choice, but by necessity because there is little or nothing to eat.

“Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to [his] disciples to set before the people.” ~Mk 6:41

Jesus liked to share meals with friends. Time and again in Scripture, we see Jesus at a table, talking with friends and strangers alike. He invites everyone to have a place at the table, to know that they belong and to have their hunger met. The last days of his life were no different. During the Last Supper, Jesus challenged his disciples to help others. When he washed their feet, he was reminding them that they were called to serve those in need.

We hear Jesus’s command to feed the hungry, whether he is multiplying loaves and fish for a crowd of thousands, or simply breaking bread with friends. Jesus invites us to share what we have with all people, our global human family. We have spent these 40 days of Lent learning about families who are both very different and yet, in some ways, very similar to our own. We have thought about food and how it affects many different parts of our lives, from our health to our ability to go to school and learn. And we’ve thought about what it means to be hungry in our world today and how we can—and should—respond.

As we prepare for Easter, take some time as a family and talk about what you have learned from these stories and activities, and what Trinh, Yvone, and Maria Ana and their families have taught you.

Their stories of hope celebrate the many lives our Lenten journey has touched. What we did for Lent changes lives, both in our community and in our world.



While we aren't getting together at this time, work is still going on in our back yard. HTC is completing some concrete work related to the building project and the parish office will have some new parking.

Due COVID-19 Precautions and with the beginning of Holy Week the parish will have adoration on Holy Thursday, April 9th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm via facebook live.

On Good Friday Father Dennis will be in church between the hours of 3:00pm to 4:00pm for confession. We ask that everyone who comes stay the recommended six feet apart.

The Diocese of Davenport will livestream the Chrism Mass from the Chancery on Monday, April 6th at 1:00am.
<https://www.youtube.com/user/diocesefeldavenport>

The Triduum liturgies will be livestreamed from St. Paul's in Davenport

Holy Thursday Mass	6:30pm
Good Friday Liturgy	3:00pm
Easter Vigil	8:30am

<https://www.facebook.com/stpauldisciples/>

“When we are afraid we ought not to occupy ourselves with endeavoring to prove that there is no danger, but in strengthening ourselves to go on in spite of the danger.” ~Mark Rutherford

Every day doctors, nurses and medical staff are on the front lines battling against the coronavirus. Prays with you who get up each morning and go to work not knowing what you will find, what will be the result. May God give you peace as you face your daily tasks. Your work is important. Your work is lifesaving. Thank you for your courage and for your service.

Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

~Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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