



Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143
March 28, 2021

Roman Catholic Parish

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Holy Week! I hope and pray that this most Holy of Weeks will be a real blessing for you, those you love and me. It is the most Sacred week of our church year. A week in which we remember the passion, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

We have some extra times for you to go to Confession this week:

SJC

Monday, March 29, 7 pm to 8 pm

Wednesday, March 31, 10 am to 11 am

SRW

Monday, March 29, 7 pm to 8 pm

Tuesday, March 30, 10 am to 11 am

Wednesday, March 31, 10 am to 11 and
7 pm to 8 pm



- ◆ Tenebrae is a beautiful service of lights, prayers, psalms, music and readings. It will be a joint event between SJC & SRW. It will be on Wednesday at 8 pm at St. John of the Cross. A great way to prepare to celebrate the Triduum.
- ◆ Holy Thursday Mass will be at 7 pm. We will include the washing of feet of several of our church members. We will conclude with a Eucharistic procession. We will have Adoration from after Mass until 11 pm.
- ◆ Good Friday will include the Passion Service at 3 pm. While we not be able to "kiss" the cross, you will certainly be able to reverence it in a profound way. We will have Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.
- ◆ Holy Saturday will include Blessing of Easter Baskets & Food at 1 pm and the Easter Vigil at 8:30 pm.
- ◆ **On Easter Sunday, we will do the 10:15 am Mass outside. This Mass will be held outside if it is dry and over 40 degrees. If not, we will still have the Mass and it will be in the church. Regardless, for this Mass and this Mass only (if indoors), it will be mask optional. I am doing this out of love for those struggling wearing masks to have an option to attend Mass on Easter Sunday. We will still sit every other pew. But...I hope we can do it outside.**

Starting on Easter Sunday we will return to receiving Holy Communion by processing up to the priest or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. We will no longer come to you. There is beauty in processing up to approach the Lord and receive Him in the Body & Blood of Christ.

We have a Free Easter Meal for anyone who would like one. You just have to call ahead to the Parish Office and order. You can pick up at Ss. Robert & William on Holy Saturday at 1 pm or we can deliver it to you.

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace,
Fr. John



THE EASTER TRIDUUM



We are about to celebrate the Triduum, the central days of our Church, the core of our faith, the “culmination of the entire liturgical year.”

We hope that you plan to be a part of them.

The Triduum is one of the most beautiful and meaningful way to experience the Life, Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. (The Paschal Mystery)

Holy Thursday (day 1 of 3) 7:00 pm

We look at the Triduum as ONE celebration over a three-day period we accompany Jesus from the Last Supper, when we hear witness to the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the example of service to *others* as Jesus washes the feet of his disciples with the instructions ***“what I have done, so you must do.”*** The Mass continues as we receive the Holy Communion. There is no final blessing, - There will be a procession and then there will be adoration until 11:00 pm.

Good Friday (day 2 of 3) 3:00 pm

We continue to accompany Jesus during the Passion Service. We begin in silence and the Passion of the Lord is proclaimed. We listen and remember how Jesus suffered and died for our sins. The cross, the symbol of our salvation is brought forward to venerate. This is an opportunity to humble our selves before the saving action of Jesus Christ. After veneration of the cross, we participate in a simple reception of the Holy Eucharist. We will leave the church in silence and continue our prayer and fasting at home only to return Saturday Evening for the Easter Vigil. **There will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm**

Holy Saturday /Easter Vigil (day 3 of 3) be 8:30 pm

Our anticipation for the Resurrection should be increasing on this Holy Saturday. It is not just another Mass. We proclaim with fire and song that CHRIST HAS RISEN! We listen to Sacred Scripture recalling God’s interaction with humankind from creation to the resurrection. At this time those who desire to become Catholic Christians are baptize, confirmed and given the Eucharist to be in full communion with the Church. Do not miss this beautiful and Joyous celebration.

Other Holy Week Events:

Tenebrae (Service of Lights)

Wednesday March 31 at 8:00 pm

Passion Service

Good Friday April 2 at 3 pm

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday April 2 at 7:00pm

Blessings of Easter Foods & Baskets

Holy Saturday April 3 at 1:00 pm

Easter Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 8:30 pm; Sunday 7:45 am & 10:15 am

Mourning to Morning SRW/SJC Bereavement Support

...is an informative and prayerful program to help people move through the grieving process and forward in faith.

New six-week session begins

Saturday, April 10, 2021

10:30AM – 12:00PM

Sacred Heart Room

Ss. Robert and William Parish Office Bldg.

There is no fee but registration requested.

Contact Renée Barber

216-731-1515 Ext. 262

LUKE BROWN’S REFLECTION



It is Palm Sunday and there is only one week left of Lent. I pray that all of you have had a grace-filled Lent and find yourselves closer to the Lord through sacrifice and prayer. Speaking of prayer, this week I wanted to discuss *silence*. In today’s world, silence is undervalued and sometimes hard to find. I found myself frustrated the other day when I fueled up my vehicle and the gas pump was even playing advertisements. As our world becomes more and more inundated with technology, accessibility, and immediate gratification, the amount of silence in our lives decreases. I believe this is one of the reasons anxiety has increased dramatically in the last 20 years. Fear of missing out, constant availability via smartphone, and never ending entertainment at our fingertips are just a few things that have become a part of daily life for most people. If you do not have any silence in your life, I would encourage you to try a few different things. Driving with the radio off is a good way to start. Maybe try praying in a quiet part of your house and leave your phone in a different part of the house where you can’t hear it buzzing or beeping. If we do not take time for silence and we are constantly distracted, we lose our connection with God and with ourselves. During this last week of Lent, consider making time for silence so that you can be better prepared to take in all that God has in store for you as we celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

ALMSGIVING

Lenten Almsgiving: Making a Difference in Nicaragua

Over the years that you have supported our outreach to Nicaragua, evolving needs have continually challenged us to concentrate on areas where we can truly make a difference. We know that while the power of prayer is limitless, financial resources are finite.

It is with that in mind that we focus this year's Lenten Almsgiving on helping Padre Roger replace the roof of his church, Parroquia Divino Niño Jesus (The Divine Child Jesus) in El Viejo-Chinandega, Nicaragua.

The roof was already leaking and supports were rotting even before the church sustained strong winds from two recent hurricanes. Temporary repairs with corrugated metal sheets have kept the interior dry until a new roof can be put in place. With your support, we hope the project can be completed very soon.

If you would like to make an Almsgiving donation, please use the special envelope or almsgiving box that was distributed in the Lenten Bags and bring to church or drop off at the parish office during Holy Week.

Since 2014, you have helped create and repair worship spaces, school facilities and rectories; provide rosaries and Spanish-language children's Bibles; supplement tuition and teacher salaries; obtain emergency medicines, food and supplies; and much more.

Political unrest and the global pandemic have further destabilized a struggling economy. Yet despite the hardships they face every day, Nicaraguans are among the happiest and most faith-filled people we have ever met. They deeply appreciate the hope you provide and the love you share through our ministry.

During this Lenten season, we ask for your continued prayers for the people of Nicaragua, most especially for:

Padre Tomás as he begins a new pastoral assignment at Nuestros Señor de Los Milagros (Our Lord of Miracles) in Malpaisillo while continuing to lead the Diocese of León's charitable arm.

Padre Adrian as he returns from a recent illness to shepherd the people of Chacraseca and Sacred Heart of Jesus parish.

Padre Roger as he oversees roof replacement on his church while facing the reality that his school may have to close.

The family of Padre Harold, who died of a brain tumor in October, soon after his father died of COVID-19.

Although we have had to put mission trips on hold indefinitely, we are confident that our ministry is reaching across the miles to make a difference. Thank you for making it possible.

Please fill your Lenten Almsgiving Boxes and Envelopes that were in the Lent Bags. Return during Holy Week Services. Or you can write a check or donate on line and just designate for Nicaragua.

Dale and Marie George — Hands United in Hope & Love Ministry



FISH FRY DINNER SRW LENTEN MEAL

The SRW Fish Fry will be Drive-up and Carry-out Meals only. In the boxes below, choose your main fish and how many. All meals will come with mac and cheese, coleslaw, french fries, a dinner roll and a special dessert.

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Baked Atlantic Cod - \$12.00

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Beer Battered Pollock - \$12.00

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Breaded Shrimp - \$14.00

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Add a cup of Clam Chowder - \$1.00

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Please clip out this order form and return it to the parish office with payment. If you would like to order over the phone please call Fridays 12:00 pm- 2:00 pm at 216-731-1515.

Circle a Date: 2/17, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2

Write a time for pick-up from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm



\$2.00 off any
Adult Dinner.
Up to 4 people may
use this coupon.



Order your Fish Fry Dinner ahead of time
and set your time of pick-up.
Go to: srweulid.cc/fish-fry-online-order



Monday, March 29

8:30 AM (JB/TS) † Kara Schoen

Tuesday, March 30

6:30 PM (JB) † People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 31

8:30 AM (JL) † Nancy Suhy

Thursday, April 1

7:00 pm (JL/TS-P † Past and Present Priests of
St. John of the Cross

Friday, April 2

Saturday, April 3

8:30 PM (TK/TS) † People of the Parish

Sunday, April 4

7:45 AM (JL/TS) † People of the Parish

10:15 AM (JB/TS) † People of the Parish

Liturgical Tribute Fund

All money that is donated to this fund in memory of a loved one or friend, or a special occasion will be used to purchase items utilized in our worship and help us to do all that we can to assure that we have what we need to worship reverently and well.

Sincere thank you for your donations to our Liturgical Tribute Fund...

In Memory of

**Barbara Contorno
Barbara Contorno**

**Jeffrey & Lisa Borovac, Sr.
Carl & Elizabeth Deyenno**



Our Financial Stewardship

Last Week's Giving\$3,244.00
Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....\$ 512.00
Faith Direct*-Last Half February Half\$2,672.00
Faith Direct* Last Half Maintenance Giving....\$ 666.00

***Online Faith Direct Collections will be posted
twice a month for both Giving and Maintenance.**

**Thanks for your generous support toward our
mission to serve God!**

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8 am to 4 pm

Closed Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

SJC Prayer Hotline: 216-289-0770, Ext. 120

Call and leave a short message with your request. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish and Their Caregivers

Evelyn Adamczak
John Ballard
Noella Burrows
Constance Durrah
Frank Hiti
John Hocevar
Andrew Jarm
Anna Jalovec
Nick Kaluza
Joe Matejka
Ronald Maxey
Sheila Moore-Baka
Rudy Myeress
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when a name can be
taken off this list.***