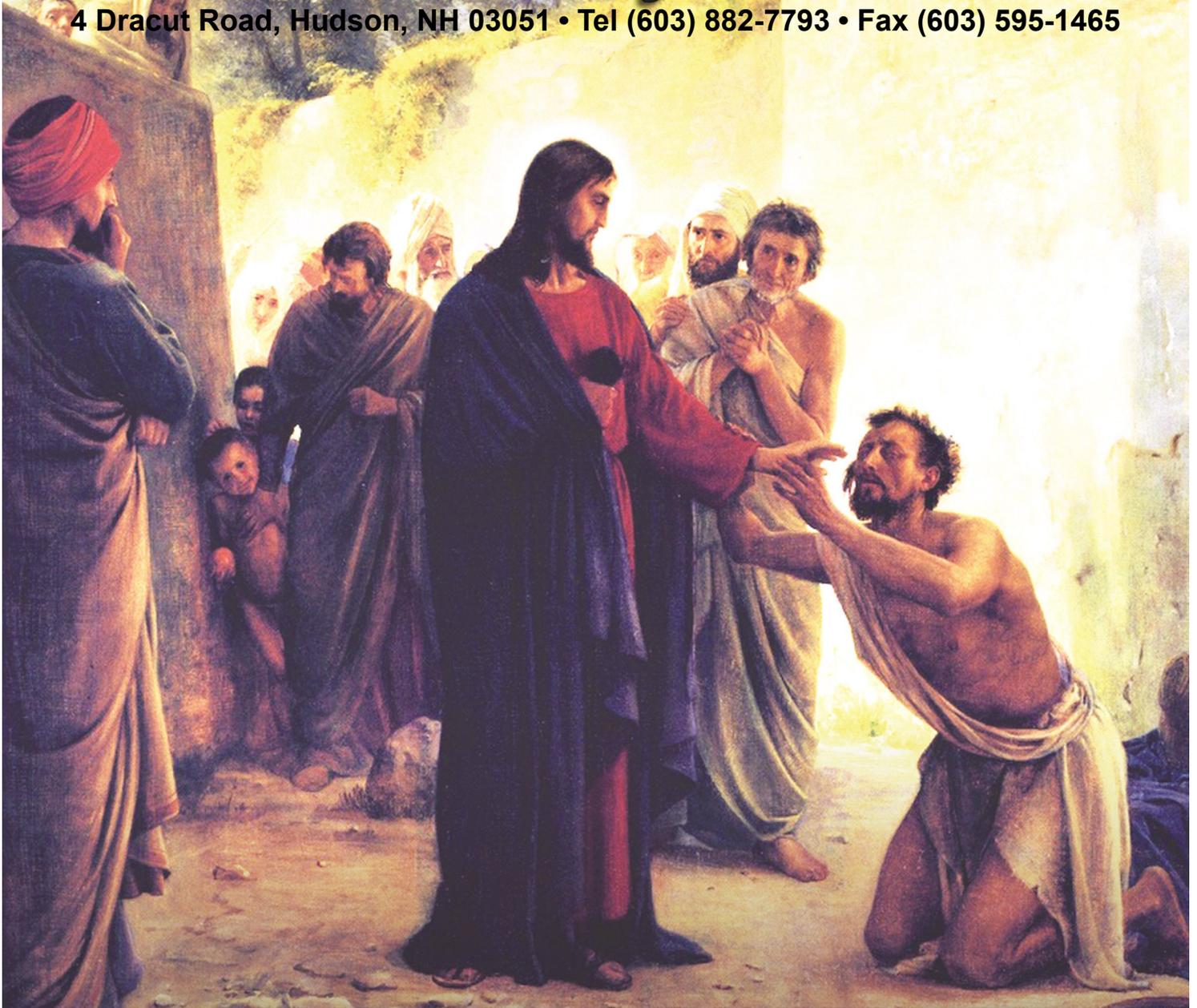


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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

22 March 2020

God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



This week I want to again reflect on the need to turn to prayer in the midst of the current crisis surrounding the coronavirus we are experiencing as a nation and as a world. As I mentioned last week in my homily, the Lord wants us to turn to Him for He indeed is our Savior. He has also given to us our Lady to intercede for us. In these difficult times, we must not forget the power of Jesus and Mary. The world has its focus on the physical, financial, and material remedies to the present crisis, and this is important. However, we must not forget the power of God and the mother of His Son. A friend recently wrote to me, "It seems like spiritual health has taken a back seat to physical health. I know prudence is a good thing. However, I feel like people no longer seem to believe in the supernatural."

In 1918 the worst pandemic to hit the world became known as the Spanish influenza; a pandemic that affected about 500 million people worldwide. Following on the heels of the apparitions of our Lady at the Cova da Ira in Fatima, many people made pilgrimage to Fatima to implore our Lady's intercession. A Father John De Marchi, I.M.C. had spent time in Fatima, interviewing many of the eyewitnesses of the miraculous events at the place of apparition, including the family of the shepherd seers. He reported from one eyewitness, in his book, *The True Story of Fatima*, "The people were weeping in sorrow over this epidemic. Our Lady heard the prayers they offered because from that day on, we had no more cases of influenza in our district." Father de Marchi also reported, "There is clinical certainty at Fatima that the blind have had sight

restored, while men and women stretcher-borne, have risen from their litters to cry hosannas to the Power that can in one moment banish cancer, loosen the fist of the tightest paralysis, or render whole and clean the shrunken legs of abandoned tuberculars."

What are we to take away from all this? Prayer can never be abandoned and most importantly we must have recourse to our Lady. In light of this, I would like to ask us to do two things this coming week. First, is to begin the daily recitation of the rosary for an end to the pandemic that is affecting us. After each decade, please add the ancient prayer of the *Sub Tuum Praesidium*: "We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, [most especially the coronavirus pandemic], O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen." Second, please read the homily of Pope Francis on the feast of the *Salus Populi Romani*, whose image is again pictured above. Back in 2018, the Holy Father had this image restored and renewed. You may find a translation of his homily at the following link: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180128_omelia-traslazione-icona.html

Together may we all have great confidence in this tender mother who loves us as her dear children!

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES Due to the rapidly evolving nature of coronavirus prevention protocol, events and information in this bulletin may be outdated by the time of distribution, as our publishing deadline was last Tuesday at noon. Please visit [stkathryns.org](https://www.stkathryns.org) and/or find us on Facebook for the very latest information regarding cancellation of events and any additional protections put into place to slow the spread of coronavirus.

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE END TO THE PANDEMIC

*O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus'
pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman
People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to
feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the
Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our
sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen.*

HOMILIES AND BULLETINS ONLINE The weekend homily is always posted on our website at <https://www.stkathryns.org/homilies> and our bulletins can be found at <https://www.stkathryns.org/bulletins>. However, make it even easier on yourself and join over 400 parishioners who automatically receive the bulletin via email every week. Simply visit our website, scroll down and click "Sign Up for News and Bulletins." The bulletin will be emailed to you every week, and you will also receive important email announcements from the parish, such as cancellations, upcoming events, and other news.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION If you are unable to assist at Holy Mass due to health concerns, consider making a Spiritual Communion. Here is one prayer that can be made:

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.

INSTAGRAM Yet another way to keep connected to Saint Kathryn Parish is to follow us on Instagram! View photos of our church, stained glass windows and statues, read inspiring Bible quotes, and keep informed of various events and happenings. Between our website, Facebook page and group, email list, homily recordings, store email list, Formed, and Instagram, these online options are the next best thing to being there.



PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AT MASS As of our bulletin publishing date of noon on March 17th, there is no change to our Mass schedule. Daily Masses will be celebrated in the church, not the chapel, to allow for more space.

Bishop Peter Libasci, in union with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued a recent statement of precautionary measures as related to concern over the coronavirus and the possible risk of infectious disease. Given the recent world wide concern over the outbreak of the coronavirus, it is recommended that all parishes temporarily institute the following safe practices:

- discontinue distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice;
- discontinue the sign of peace, even a verbal sign of peace;
- avoid all physical contact at Mass.

Therefore, the Precious Blood is no longer distributed at Mass until further notice, and we will suspend all physical contact at the beginning, during, and at the conclusion of Masses. The sign of peace is omitted until further notice.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

FIRST RECONCILIATION On March 14th, our second grade children celebrated the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Please pray for our children and their families as they experience the great mercy of God in their lives.



CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION The diocese has cancelled our Confirmation/First Communion Mass for third graders and siblings. As soon as we have a rescheduled date from the diocese, we will announce it on our website, Facebook and other forums. At this time, we have no rescheduled date. Thank you for your understanding.

2020 MAY CALENDAR RAFFLE CANCELLED

In the current climate of social-distancing and in order to do our best with the national 15 Days to Slow the Spread recommendations, we have cancelled our May calendar raffle this year. If you have already purchased a calendar, please contact the office for a refund or to give the amount as a donation. Thank you.

CHANGE TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES Save the dates of **August 17-21, 2020** for our very first Vacation Bible School at Saint Kathryn's! Due to a major scheduling conflict, we have pushed VBS back a week. Plan now to register your children in grades K-6 for a fun-filled time of games, songs, and learning about God's love with their parish friends. Do you have children who attend VBS at Saint Patrick's in Pelham (July 6-10)? Why not do both VBS programs this year! We are using a different theme. Registration forms and more details will appear in future bulletins. **We need many volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School! Please call the parish office at 603.882.7793 to volunteer as soon as possible!**

SAINT KATHRYN'S CRAFTERS BACK ON HIATUS Last weekend's bulletin announcement regarding the resuming of crafting drop-in hours was published before new precautions were put into place for coronavirus prevention. The crafting team will not be starting back up until perhaps May. Keep an eye on the bulletin for an official date!

SPECIAL COLLECTION This weekend, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

SAINT KATHRYN SCHOLARSHIP Our parish Tithing Council is accepting applications for fall 2020 scholarships through April 17, 2020. Several scholarships are awarded each year to students who will be attending college or trade school in the fall, have maintained a C or better average in high school, and are active, registered, confirmed parishioners of Saint Kathryn's. The scholarship may be used for tuition, books, or supplies. Applications may be found in the back of the church and also on our website.

VOCATIONS "The Lord looks on the heart." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Call Father Matthew Mason at 603.663.0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LENTEN SCHEDULE **Good Friday**, April 10, is a day of fast and abstinence. All between the ages of 18 and 58 (inclusive) are permitted one full meal and two smaller meals not equaling the main meal. Eating in between meals is not permitted, although liquids (water, milk, juice) are permissible. The law does not apply to those with medical conditions that preclude fasting. Abstinence from meat is required on this day as well for all over the age of 14. There will be NO Stations of the Cross for the remainder of Lent as part of the coronavirus protocol.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. and **Solemn Vespers** will be sung on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. from the first Sunday of Lent through Divine Mercy Sunday (except Easter Sunday).

The **Divine Mercy Novena** will be recited beginning on Good Friday and concluding at Vespers on Divine Mercy Sunday.

On Monday of Holy Week, the **Diocesan Day of Confession**, Confessions will be heard from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. The **Deanery Lenten Penance Service** with Confessions is on March 22nd at Immaculate Conception Church in Nashua at 2:00 p.m. Plan now to participate in as much as you can!

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE Our annual Lenten Food Drive is underway! Brown bags are in the vestibule of the church. You know what to do—take one of the brown bags, fill it with the groceries listed on the sheet on the bag, and return it to the vestibule of the church. We'll take care of delivering the groceries to Saint John XXIII.

2021 CALENDAR AND MASS BOOK Our 2021 Mass book is open! Call now to book those Masses! Also, if your parish group is looking for a place to meet, our 2021 event calendar book is open now for room reservations.

FEED OUR KIDS Our Lenten almsgiving for Holy Thursday this year will once again be directed to the Feed Our Kids program, part of the Food Pantry at Saint John XXIII. This program helps ensure children in the Hudson community have adequate food for weekends and for school vacations by providing them with backpacks of meals and snacks.

EASTER FLOWERS Envelopes for donations for our Easter flowers can be found near the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Please complete the prayer requests and return the envelope with your donation by April 5th to be included in the Easter bulletin.

LENTEN CHOWDER SUPPERS There will be no Lenten Chowder Suppers until further notice as we do our best to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

LENT AT DONNA'S PLACE If you are looking for a Lenten option for breakfast or lunch on Fridays during Lent, Donna of Donna's Place in Hudson called to let us know they have a great seafood fest! Governor Sununu has mandated that restaurants only be open for takeout until further notice. Call in and grab your Lent-friendly seafood to go at Donna's Place in Hudson, 28 Lowell Road, #11.

CUB SCOUT FUNDRAISER Help support the



Saint Kathryn's sponsored Cub Scout Pack and bring beauty to your garden by buying bulbs through Three Rivers by April 30th. Go to <https://ThreeRiversFundraising.com/>. Click on the

"Enter Group Code" button and enter code 93SCDR. Thanks for your support, Pack 252.

Novena to the Divine Mercy

"Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears."

—St. John Paul II

April 10, Good Friday	6:30PM - Church
April 11, Holy Saturday	11:30AM - Church
April 12, Easter Sunday	12:00NOON - Church
April 13, Easter Monday	6:30PM - Chapel
April 14, Easter Tuesday	6:30PM - Chapel
April 15, Easter Wednesday	7:00PM - Chapel (followed by Vespers)
April 16, Easter Thursday	7:00PM - Chapel (after evening Mass)
April 17, Easter Friday	6:30PM - Chapel
April 18, Easter Saturday	11:30AM - Chapel

April 19. Divine Mercy Celebration
3:00PM Holy Hour with veneration of the Image
4:00PM Vespers

Jesus, I trust in You!



Holy Week Schedule

**April 5
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

4:00PM Mass with simple entrance
 8:30AM Mass with simple entrance
 10:30AM Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem
 6:30PM Mass with simple entrance

**April 6
Monday of Holy Week, Diocesan Day of Reconciliation**

8:30AM Mass for Monday of Holy Week-Chapel
 11:00AM-1:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation available in the Church
 5:00PM-7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation available in the Church

**April 7
Tuesday of Holy Week**

6:00PM Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral
 Manchester, New Hampshire

**April 8
Wednesday of Holy Week**

8:30AM Mass for Wednesday of Holy Week
 7:00PM Vespers and Reception of the Holy Oils - Chapel
*****8:00PM Emmaus Chapel closes until Easter Sunday*****

Holy Thursday, April 9

8:30AM The Office of Tenebrae - Church
 6:30PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - Church
 8:00PM Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament - Chapel
 11:00PM The Office of Compline - Chapel

Good Friday, April 10

8:30AM The Office of Tenebrae - Church
 12:00NOON Outdoor Stations of the Cross
 3:00PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - Church
 6:30PM Beginning of the Novena to the Divine Mercy and Procession to the Tomb of Christ - Church
 7:00PM-11:00PM Vigil at the Tomb - Chapel

Holy Saturday, April 11

8:30AM The Office of Tenebrae - Church
 (RCIA Candidates need to be present)
 10:30AM RCIA Morning of Reflection
 11:30AM Novena to the Divine Mercy
 8:00PM and Blessing of Easter Foods - Church
 Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection - Church
*****There is no 4:00PM Vigil Mass*****

Easter Sunday, April 12

8:30AM Easter Sunday Mass
 10:30AM Easter Sunday Mass
 12:00PM Novena to the Divine Mercy - Church

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