

March 7, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent



Jesus and the Woman at the Well
Lucas Cranach the Elder, 16th c

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Dear St. Raphael Parishioners,



Mass Attendance Mass attendance has risen a bit since the start of Lent, which is a welcome development. With a fairly large church capacity compared to our numbers, we have not been reaching our 25% limit at Masses. If the numbers continue to rise and we get closer to capacity, I will consider bringing back the 11 AM Sunday Mass. As usual, the limiting factor is the volunteers we need for ushering and sanitizing.

Vaccines A number of you have received the Covid vaccinations now available, mostly to senior citizens. This is a good time to review the ethical questions concerning the vaccines, and what the US Bishops have advised about them. I have no particular expertise on biomedical questions. Deacon Greg Webster may be able to answer more detailed questions if you have them.

There have been two different versions of vaccine in general use so far. A third version has just been announced and should be available soon. My understanding is that none of these three versions were developed with direct use of cultures from aborted fetal tissue. We would rightly object to a vaccine that made use of such cell cultures. I am told there is one known vaccine of this kind available, but it is not in general use in the United States.

But there are still moral concerns involved when we are told that a vaccine has been **tested** but not developed on cell cultures from fetal remains. In this case, the researchers made a decision that involves morally objectionable practices. I do not know all the details involved in the process, so I rely on the information provided by the USCCB or other trusted sources. It seems to me that in this case, the vaccine in question may not have required the morally questionable testing. We can imagine the exact same vaccine formulation existing if the researchers had substituted other tests that were morally acceptable. I personally would not refuse such a vaccine, although I would express my objection to the testing in question. I understand that another person might object to any use of fetal cells in the entire process, in which case they might refuse this vaccine. If I had a choice between this vaccine and Vaccine B that had no involvement of fetal tissue at any point, I would choose Vaccine B. Furthermore, if we were discussing some medical product of less importance, or a cosmetic or convenience product, we would do well to avoid any involvement with fetal cell usage.

God bless,

Fr. Matthew

St. Raphael The Archangel

Current Mass Schedule and Times

Weekday: 8:30 am (Monday-Saturday am)
 Saturday: 4:00 pm
 Sunday: 9:00 am

Reservations are required for Mass on
 Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am.

Confession

Saturday afternoons from 3:00 pm—3:45 pm

Baptism

Registered parishioners should contact the parish
 office at 847-395-3474.

Marriage Preparation

Registered and supporting members should call
 the office. A date should not be set until consulting
 the pastor.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation
 (Confession) Sign up is not necessary**

Saturday, March 13	3:00 pm
Saturday, March 20	3:00 pm
Thursday, March 25	Noon – 1:00 pm
Saturday, March 27	3:00 pm
Monday, March 29	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Good Friday, April 2	TBD

*The Parish Office will close
 at Noon on Good Friday.*

Three options for viewing Mass online are:

Mass at St. Raphael the Archangel
www.straphaelcatholic.org

EWTN:

<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>

Masses at 7:00 am, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm
 and Catholic TV:

<http://catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass>
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EASTER FLOWERS

Please consider a memorial or honorary donation for flowers to decorate our worship space this Easter. We will print out the names of your loved ones in the bulletin at Easter and enjoy the décor for several weeks, as the plants will remain in the church. The offering for a memorial is \$10.00. Please fill out the information below and place it in an envelope with your offering. Mail the form or bring it to the Parish Office by Monday, March 22. Orders may also be placed on the parish website: [straphaelcatholic.org](http://www.straphaelcatholic.org). Orders must be received by March 22 for memorials to be published in the bulletin. Thank you for your support of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish and for adding to the beauty of our prayer environment during the Easter season. Complete the form below and return. Please print clearly, Thank You!

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Altar & Rosary Sodality (ARS) Women's Group



Our next monthly meeting will be on **Monday, March 22** at 7 p.m. on zoom. Mark your calendars now. All women of the parish are invited to join and it is a wonderful way to meet people and become more fully part of the parish. We would love to have you join us. Contact us at ars@straphaelcatholic.org or call the Rectory at 847.395.3474.

It's been a full year since ARS was last able to gather for our monthly restaurant socials. Here is a photo taken in February 2020. We can't wait until we are able to start meeting together again. It's always a good time to get to know each other better and try a local restaurant!



Please join us from your homes on Sunday at 10:20am to continue our tradition of the Sunday morning Rosary at St. Raphael.

We are not yet meeting in the church to say the Rosary, but each Sunday, we continue praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary in our homes, asking for God's mercy through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. The Rosary is one of the treasures of our faith through which we ask for the Mercy and help of God. Especially at this time, we ask God to help us through this difficult point in our country and world, and to keep us safe from Covid 19. And we pray for those who are ill and their families. Until we are able to return to our regular Sunday Rosary schedule, please join us from your homes on Sunday at 10:20 am.

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Bundle Up Weekend March 20-21, 2021



A St. Vincent DePaul (SVDP) trailer will be in the church parking lot the weekend of March 20-21. The trailer will be open for your donations before and after the Saturday 4 p.m and Sunday 9 a.m. Masses. We can accept small household items, clothing, and books. **SVDP does NOT accept toys, electronics or furniture.** This has been a difficult year for many so your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions

Week of March 7, 2021		Intentions for:	Requested by:
Saturday, March 6, 2021	8:30 am	The Siron Family	Evelyn Ong
	4:00 pm	The People of St. Raphael the Archangel	
Sunday, March 7, 2021	9:00 am	† Rod Loomis	Margaret Herr
Monday, March 8, 2021	8:30 am	Mike Tebben	The Tebben Family
Tuesday March 9, 2021	8:30 am	† Bernadine Parkman	Bonnie and Dean Parkman
Wednesday, March 10, 2021	8:30 am	† Lillian Berry	Annette Wynn
Thursday, March 11, 2021	8:30 am	John Tebben	The Tebben Family
Friday, March 12, 2021	8:30 am	† Michael Allen	Kimberly Allen
Saturday, March 13, 2021	8:30 am	† Anne and George Centko	The Centko Family
	4:00 pm	The People of St. Raphael the Archangel	
Sunday, March 14, 2021	9:00 am	The People of St. Raphael the Archangel	

Please pray for those in our parish and community who are sick:

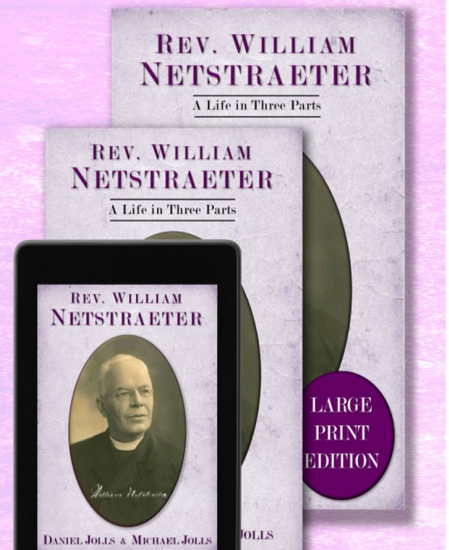
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Blossoms of Hope – April 25th

The Blossoms of Hope Virtual Event will be held on Sunday, April 25, 2021 to support the Catholic Charities Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) Program. All are welcome and attendance is free of charge. The event will include keynote speakers, an exciting raffle and silent auction, and the opportunity to remember and honor loved ones lost to suicide and those who survive them. For information, please contact Kaaron Johnson at kajohnson@catholiccharities.net.

Counseling Support Line

If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at (312) 948-6951 anytime M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.

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Our next PA meeting will be held on March 10th at 6:30pm. Please email Nikki Brooks at brooks-nicole@att.net if you would like to attend via Zoom. All are welcome!

We are looking for volunteers to help with planning for Teacher Appreciation Week in May. We will be holding a Zoom meeting in the next couple of weeks to start discussing ideas. If you are interested in helping with the planning, please contact Sam Harris at samantha.harris22319@gmail.com. We will notify all that are interested of the time and date for the Zoom meeting. Thank you in advance!

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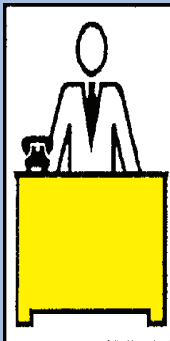


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