

Co-CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



March 29, 2020

An abbreviated bulletin!

1111 St. Joseph Parkway at San Jacinto / Fannin St.
New Church Hours — M - F: 8 am - 4 pm; Saturday & Sunday: 9 am - 5 pm

**All Masses suspended
until further notice.**

**11 am Sunday Mass
Livestreamed**
www.sacredhearthouston.org



**Sacrament of Penance
(Confessions)**

New Confession Times

Monday - Friday: 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Saturday: 3:30 pm - 5 pm

Sunday: 10 am - 11 am; 4 pm - 5 pm

(Confessional near entrance way on the right)



CATHEDRAL CENTRE

The Parish Office & Cameron Hall
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Houston, TX 77002-8215

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His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, D.D., S.T.L.

Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

The Most Reverend George A. Sheltz, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop

The Most Reverend Joseph A. Fiorenza, D.D., Archbishop Emeritus

The Most Reverend Vincent M. Rizzotto, D.D., J.C.L., Retired Auxiliary Bishop

Co-Cathedral Clergy

The Very Reverend Lawrence W. Jozwiak, J.C.L., Pastor / Rector

The Reverend Loc D. Phan, Parochial Vicar

Deacons: Leonard Lockett, John Carrara, Daniel Addis, Lynn Carney, Gil Vela & Robert Moreno, Jr.

Co-Cathedral Staff

Selma DeMarco - Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation

Carmen Benitez - Faith Formation Associate (Pre-K 3-8th); Faby Lopez - Faith Formation Associate (High School)

Dr. Crista Miller - Director of Music / Co-Cathedral Organist; Patrick Schneider - Assistant Choir Director

Dr. Jeong-Suk Bae - Co-Cathedral Assistant Organist; Olga Wong - Organ Scholar

Natasha Manley - Associate Director & Music Operations

Gwenne Buck - Facilities and Project Coordinator; Bree Delphin - Secretary for Weddings & Bulletin Editor

Jordyn Woods - Parish Outreach Coordinator; Katherine Buck - Baptismal Secretary & Receptionist

Deacon John Carrara - Business Manager; Shannon Wesley - Parish Accounting

Chris Felix - Building Engineer; Ruben Valenzuela - Maintenance

Guillermo Herrera & Ray Garcia - Church Sextons

New Parishioners:

Register online or with the parish office: ext. 101.

Church Certificates:

For all sacramental certificates: ext. 131.

Baptism:

- For infants & children under age 7—713-337-3570.
- Best to take baptismal classes while pregnant.
- For 7 years & older (Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for Children): ext. 142.

Children's Catechesis & Evangelization (CCE):

For pre-K through 8th Grade: ext. 142.

First Penance & First Holy Communion:

For 2nd through 12th grade: ext. 142.

Confirmation:

- For high school youth: ext. 140.
- For adults: ext. 141.

High School Youth Ministry: ext. 140.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

For adults inquiring about becoming Catholic and baptized Catholics who lack Confirmation and Holy Communion: ext. 141.

Evangelization & Adult Faith Formation: ext. 141.

Music Ministry: ext. 152.

Young Adults: cocathedralalya@gmail.com

Marriage:

Contact ext. 131 at least 9 months prior to wedding date.

Vocations for Priesthood and Religious Life:

Contact the Office of Vocations: 713-652-8239 or www.houstonvocations.com

Holy Communion to the Sick/Homebound: ext. 101.

Anointing of the Sick:

Any Catholic who is to have surgery due to a serious illness; any Catholic whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age should be anointed ASAP, preferably before going to the hospital. Contact the parish priest to be anointed: ext. 101.

Funerals: ext. 143.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesday before 7 am & 12:10 pm Mass

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Friday during 7 am & 12:10 pm Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

- First Thursday of the Month (English)
- Conclusion of 12:10 pm Mass until 6 pm
- First Friday of the Month: 6:30 pm - 8 pm
- 8 pm Mass: Vietnamese

Parish Outreach: outreach@sacredhearthouston.org

Tours of the Church: ext. 143

Message from the Pastor

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March 29, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ:

Quí Ông Bà và Anh Chị Em thân mến trong Chúa Kitô:

Estimados Amigos y Amigas en Cristo:

It is amazing that each day brings new realities into our lives due to this Coronavirus. Let us continue to pray for all of us impacted, for calmness to our anxieties in the midst of uncertainties, as well as that our leaders may work for what is the good of all. Let us pray for all families, especially those with children and parents having to make arrangements since the schools are closed. Let us pray for those are being laid off, losing a job and whose finances are being impacted. Let us pray for all the additional stress and tensions that are arising. Let us pray for a quicker resolution to this health challenge and a return to more normalcy.

Last Sunday, we were able to livestream the 11 am Mass. My goal was to offer Mass as best as we could, as “normal” as we do here every weekend, even though there was no assembly present physically. Overall, it went well. Was it perfect? No, but we will do our best, if possible, to improve on any shortcomings. Most parishes, including us, do not have sophisticated equipment, nor are we experts with advanced degrees in livestreaming. We are learning. Even if we are able to improve on quality, our livestreaming will never match what major news stations are able to do since we simply do not have such high quality equipment. I am most proud of our staff members who are working so hard to learn and accomplish this task.

From the emails received, it seemed most people were so pleased to be connected to our parish and the Mass. I even had one person who has moved to another city contact me. She emailed me stating that she had 2 options to watch Mass: either from her cathedral in her new home diocese or here at the Co-Cathedral. She watched our Mass and commented how much she misses the Co-Cathedral and the members.

We received only a few comments that expressed disappointment with some shortcomings in quality. In my opinion, these few people unfortunately expect perfection, never thinking how much of a challenge it is to learn and implement livestreaming so quickly when it is so new to us. Yet these same people are imperfect in some things they do.



Praised be the Sacred Heart of Jesus!
Hãy chúc tụng Thánh Tâm Chúa Giêsu đến muôn đời, amen!
¡Alabado sea el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús! ¡Por siempre, amen!

Lawrence W. Jozwiak

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak
Pastor / Rector

We were privileged to have Joe McClane, the Director of Mission Development for Guadalupe Radio Network, assisting us last Sunday with livestreaming. Guadalupe Radio is our local Catholic radio station, KSHJ on 1430 AM radio. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for Joe McClane who so graciously assisted us and for this radio station. But this week, we will be utilizing one or more parishioners who have some knowledge in this area, as well as our staff members.

See p. 4 and the outside cover for our newly, updated church hours & Confession times. The Cardinal has asked every parish to the best of their ability to have the churches open during the day to allow you to come and pray, especially before the Blessed Sacrament. Since our church was open so many hours previously, we reduced our hours. It did not make sense on Sundays to have the church open 15 hours as when we had all 6 Sunday Masses.

I ask you to come to confessions as soon as possible. We still have confessions everyday (unless more restrictions are imposed). I envision we will not have confessions available on Good Friday as we have had in past years.

Concerning scheduled Mass intentions: Since all public Masses have been suspended, naturally all those Mass intentions will have to be re-scheduled somehow. Please be patient with us. We do not have all the answers yet on when and how they will be re-scheduled.

Bishops and pastors have the privilege and responsibility to offer one Mass for the sole intention of praying for one's members of the diocese / parishioners every Sunday and every other holy day of obligation. This is called a “*Missa pro populo*,” Latin “for the People of the Parish.” The pastor is to offer this Mass himself, or if necessary to have the parochial vicar or a visiting priest to offer it (Canons 388 & 534). This privilege and responsibility is the same one you as a parent has—to pray for your child(ren). As a result, every Sunday 11 am Mass will have the intention of praying for you, the parishioners of our parish, the Co-Cathedral.

I realize almost everyone is anxious about finances & job security. Just as you are anxious perhaps about how to pay your bills, so too every parish, including us, is wondering how to pay our bills. We invite you to contribute as well as you can. Please see p. 5 on “5 Ways to Contribute.”



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Observe social distancing while in line

MASS INTENTIONS Deceased †

For the time being, the only stated Mass intention that will be listed is the following:

Sunday, March 29: Livestreamed Mass

11:00 am Mass For the People of the Parish

All other scheduled Mass intentions will be celebrated in time. But it will take time to figure out when and how they will be celebrated. Please be patient until it is all resolved. Thank you.

**What about receiving Holy Communion?
Make an Act of Spiritual Communion!**

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshiping Him in His Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily. When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the prayer below:

A prayer for Spiritual Communion

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 in 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.

PRAY for ...

- peace in our world, especially in the Holy Land, for an end to terrorism and civil strife; for all hostages, refugees & immigrants.
- the safety of all those who protect us: military personnel, police officers, fire fighters and all others.
- a transformation of mind and heart for those who do not believe in the sanctity of human life.
- for all healthcare professionals to make wise and ethical decisions to promote health.
- the spread of the Gospel and the sanctity of all marriages and families.
- an end to all discrimination, prejudice and hatred.
- all the sick and suffering, the dying and the faithful departed †.
- **A quick resolution to this Coronavirus, including how it impacts everyone's lives.**

Pope's Prayer Intention: Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Keep the Lord's Day

Sunday is still the Lord's Day. Families & households should still gather to pray, read scripture, recite the Rosary and reflect together on their faith.

Weekend Readings: #1007 in the hymnal

Instead of the normal worship / music pages, a worship aid is available via the parish web page/Facebook page for this Sunday's 11 am Mass livestreaming.

www.sacredhearthouston.org

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Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ!

For the scriptures used at Mass every day and to hear a Reflection, go to: www.usccb.org The daily readings calendar is on the right hand side of the page. Click on the date of the readings you would like to see. You may also request to have the daily readings sent to your email.

You can now listen to our homilies on-line!

Go to: www.sacredhearthouston.org

Click on "Homilies" at the top of the home page, taking you to our "Pastor's Weekly Message" page, where you can click to listen to recent homilies of our pastor, Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak.

**Pray the Rosary daily for:**

- * All Life Issues & Marriage.
- * Just solutions to our society's problems.
- * Healing for all who have been affected by abuse.

Pray for the Deceased

For the repose of the souls of our faithful departed:
Louis Le Minh Dao†; The mother† of Fr. Sebastine Okoye
The father† of Dr. Jeong-Suk Bae, our parish organist

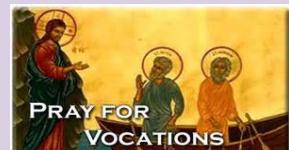
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

—And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. —Amen.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. —Amen.

For consolation & God's healing graces upon the family and friends of the deceased. Heal their pain & dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief. —Amen.



	Mar. 21 / 22, 2020	2019-20 YTD	Mar. 23 / 24, 2019	2018-19 YTD
Actual Collection:	\$ 19,677*	\$ 1,180,241	\$ 32,418	\$ 1,317,773 Note: we are down \$ 137,532
Budgeted Collection:	\$ 34,167	\$ 1,295,751		
Amount over (Under):	(\$ 14,490)	(\$ 115,510)		
*Includes \$13,512 from Faith Direct		Catholic Relief Services \$ 1,271**		** Includes \$1,256 from Faith Direct

Fifth Sunday of Lent: March 29

That we open our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

A Christian is one who does not have to consult a bank book to see how wealthy he / she really is.



5 WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

5 Different Ways to Contribute:

- 1) Faith Direct (online giving)
- 2) Text
- 3) Paypal
- 4) Postal mail OR
- 5) Drop off your donation in the church



Please do your best to support our parish in this most challenging time. We realize it may be difficult to do so. Do your best!



Enrolling in online giving will simplify your budgeting while also providing our parish with consistent, reliable support.

If you have not signed up yet,
it's easy to get started!

- 1) Our parish code is TX 363. Visit faithdirect/TX363, or call today 866-507-8757 or text the word ENROLL to 281-462-5300.

Want to donate but you do not have cash or a check?

2) [Donate by text at:
281-462-5300 & text a donation amount.](tel:281-462-5300)

3) You may make a donation through Paypal:

 Log on to your PayPal account, click on Send Money and enter the following email accountspayable@sacredhearthouston.org

Open cell phone camera & hold device steady for 2-3 seconds towards the QR Code & click on the notification to open the QR code. You do not need a QR code reader.

4) Mail your contributions to:

Deacon John Carrara
Cathedral Centre
1701 San Jacinto St.
Houston, TX 77002



5)

OR: Drop your donations into the Donation Boxes located next to the last pew in the church (1st pew when you enter the church itself).



Faith Formation

Faith Formation—CCE NO in person Faith Formation On March 29 & April 5

If you are registered in our CCE program, or one of our Sacrament Preparation processes, and are not receiving information by email, contact the appropriate person below:

Carmen Benitez at ebenitez@sacredhearthouston.org
For CCE K-8 and 1st Holy Communion Prep

Faby Lopez at flopez@sacredhearthouston.org
For CCE High School and Youth Confirmation

ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS

For the most up-to-date information on Adult Education and Sacrament Preparation Sessions go to our website www.sacredhearthouston.org and/or contact Selma DeMarco at sdemarco@sacredhearthouston.org

Daily Reflections - www.archgh.org

During these difficult and trying times, priests of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston will be offering daily spiritual reflection videos to help us stand firm in faith and hope.



Resources for Families

Loyola Press: At Home Activities: <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/family/family-faith-and-fun>

Sunday Connection: <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>

Strong Catholic Family Faith: <http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/>

Catholic Icing: <https://www.catholicicing.com/>

Catholic Mom: <https://catholicmom.com/>

Catholic Sprouts: Daily Podcast for Catholic Kids: <https://player.fm/series/catholic-sprouts-daily-podcast-for-catholic-kids>

Saints Stories for Kids Podcast: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/saint-stories-for-kids/id1448514363>

Social Media

Pope Francis: <https://twitter.com/Pontifex> (Twitter)
<https://www.instagram.com/franciscus/?hl=en> (Instagram)

Life Teen: <https://www.instagram.com/lifeteen/> (Instagram)
<https://www.youtube.com/user/LifeTeenInc> (YouTube)

Chris Stefanik: <https://www.instagram.com/chris.stefanick/> (Instagram)
<https://www.youtube.com/user/ChrisStefanick> (YouTube)
<https://twitter.com/chrisstefanick> (Twitter)



Ascension Presents : <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVdGX3N-WIJ5nUvkIBTNhAw> (YouTube)

FOCUS: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVdGX3N-WIJ5nUvkIBTNhAw> (YouTube)

Matt Maher <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCl4l-hjP42ETotjWUzQEBw> (YouTube)

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<https://formed.org/>

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I belong to a Parish or Organization

2. Enter Parish Code

Parish Code: 0be7ec

(first digit is the number 0)

3. Create a new Account:

Insert your Name and E-mail



How Should Catholics Respond to the Coronavirus Pandemic?

Fr. Mike gives us some advice about how we should respond to the coronavirus pandemic. We can find a positive and negative side to any situation. How can we find the blessings amid this adversity? Pray, be grateful, and cover your mouth when you cough.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTP5P9PtYwA>

Jesús Resucita a Lázaro



Jesús le dijo: "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque haya muerto, vivirá; y todo aquel que está vivo y cree en mí, no morirá para siempre. ¿Crees tú esto?" Jesús, profundamente conmovido todavía, se detuvo ante el sepulcro, que era una cueva, sellada con una losa. Entonces dijo Jesús: "Quiten la losa". Pero Marta, la hermana del que había muerto, le replicó: "Señor, ya huele mal, porque lleva cuatro días". Le dijo Jesús: "¿No te he dicho que si crees, verás la gloria de Dios?" Entonces quitaron la piedra. Jesús levantó los ojos a lo alto y dijo: "Padre, te doy gracias porque me has escuchado. Yo ya sabía que tú siempre me escuchas; pero lo he dicho a causa de esta muchedumbre que me rodea, para que crean que tú me has enviado". Luego gritó con voz potente: "¡Lázaro, sal de allí!" Y salió el muerto, atados con vendas las manos y los pies, y la cara envuelta en un sudario. Jesús les dijo: "Desátelo, para que pueda andar".

Palabras del Papa Francisco

"Yo Soy la Resurrección y la Vida"

El Evangelio de este quinto domingo de Cuaresma nos narra la resurrección de Lázaro. Es el culmen de los "signos" prodigiosos realizados por Jesús: es un gesto demasiado grande, demasiado claramente divino para ser tolerado por los sumos sacerdotes, los cuales, cuando supieron del hecho, tomaron la decisión de matar a Jesús. Lázaro había muerto desde hacía ya tres días cuando llegó Jesús, y a las hermanas Marta y María, Él les dijo las palabras que se imprimieron para siempre en la memoria de la comunidad cristiana, dice así Jesús: "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida; el que cree en mí, aunque muera, vivirá. Y todo aquel que vive y cree en mí, no morirá eternamente. Sobre esta la Palabra del Señor nosotros creemos que la vida de quién cree en Jesús y sigue su mandamiento, después de la muerte será transformada en una vida nueva, plena e inmortal. Como Jesús ha resucitado con su propio cuerpo, pero no ha vuelto a la vida terrena, así nosotros resucitaremos con nuestros cuerpos que serán transfigurados en cuerpos gloriosos. Él nos espera junto al Padre, y la fuerza del Espíritu Santo, que lo ha resucitado a Él, resucitará también a quién está unido a Él. El gesto de Jesús que resucita a Lázaro muestra hasta dónde puede llegar la fuerza de la Gracia de Dios, y por lo tanto, donde puede llegar nuestra conversión, nuestro cambio. Pero escuchen bien: ¡no hay ningún límite a la misericordia divina ofrecida a todos!

OUTREACH MINISTRY—Our Parish Network of Charity

Looking to help someone?

- Offer to go shopping for an elderly neighbor.
- Make a neighbor dinner and leave on their door-step for a no-contact act of service.
- Drop off your extra bottle of hand sanitizer to your local police/fire station.
 - Donate blood.
- Contact us: outreach@sacredhearthouston.org to become a virtual Gabriel Project Angel and order diapers and baby items online to be delivered straight to moms in need.

Need Help?

Houston Food Bank

www.houstonfoodbank.org

(832) 369-9390

United Way

www.unitedway.com

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Unemployment Benefits

www.twc.gov

Create a Family Prayer Space at Home

In the coming weeks, families will be spending more time together at home. One good use of this time would be to pray together on a regular basis. This prayer time together can be enhanced by creating a place in your home dedicated to prayer.

Making a place for prayer in our home can help us do what the Gospel tells us, to go into an “inner room” to pray (Matthew 6:6). Make your prayer place as quiet, uncluttered, and “desert-like” as possible. It can be the corner of a room or any unused space. Furnish your prayer place with a Bible, prayer books, cross, rosary, icons, and a candle. Encourage family members to use the prayer place for personal as well as family prayer. You can bless your place of prayer, saying:

Come, Holy God. Dwell in this place of prayer,
and bless it with your peace and presence.
Bless all who seek you here.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

If you are unable to go to Mass, one idea for prayer together is to find a resource with the prayers and reading for Sunday Mass and pray those together. Your parish may have something you can take home and use. You can find the readings online at www.usccb.org.

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Prayer for Health Care Workers

God of everlasting goodness, you sent your Son among us to bring healing, peace, and reconciliation to our weary world.

Be with all health care workers and their assistants in this time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

As they continue Jesus’ ministry of care, renew them in mind, body, and spirit.

Keep them safe from infection and illness, and may Christ’s healing presence flow through them as they serve those entrusted to their care.

We ask this in his name, Christ the healer, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

Saints & Special Observances

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| Sunday: | Fifth Sunday of Lent |
| Thursday: | 12th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
St. Francis of Paola |
| Friday: | First Friday; Abstinence |
| Saturday: | St. Isidore; First Saturday |

Give Glory To God

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God’s glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John’s Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus’ works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have “put on Christ” in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

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Readings for the Week

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| Monday: | Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11 |
| Tuesday: | Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30 |
| Wednesday: | Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42 |
| Thursday: | Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59 |
| Friday: | Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42 |
| Saturday: | Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56 |
| Sunday: | Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54] |

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives and again we are reminded of our common humanity—that the peoples of the world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you.

Prayer

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,

we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.

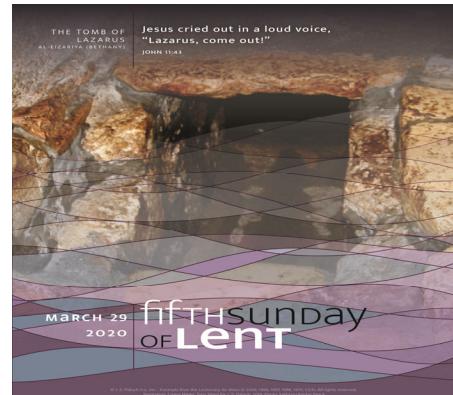
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.



Today's Readings: #1007 in the hymnal

First Reading — Thus says the Lord GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b -45]).

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