



MAY 10, 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

One change that I made in my life that I am proud of is not to watch TV often. I am more selective in choosing programs and shows. Therefore, I have more time to meditate, pray and read. I read books on human intelligence and each one of us has some level of IQ. Thanks be to God for making us that way. There are many books on Emotional Intelligence (EI) which is helping us to recognize our own emotions and those around us, identify them, label them, and use them to improve interpersonal relationships. The best method to enhance human interaction is a gathering at a Catholic Mass and community prayers and services. There are more and more books written on Artificial Intelligence (AI). I have read a few of them. Artificial Intelligence is the branch of computer science that aims to replicate or simulate human intelligence in machines. On the market, we can find many "intelligent" toys that can amuse us. Artificial Intelligence is used in medicine, physics, biology, communications and so on. Staying at home I am reading, listening, and sometimes fearful, but also remembering the statement of our faith "We trust in God". I am asking myself and you "Is the Coronavirus intelligent?" A few weeks ago, I shared with you my understanding of the Coronavirus in relation to the immune system that can be strengthened also by prayer. Those who pray, meditate, and take care of their spiritual life are stronger in resisting contamination by the virus. Today, I would like to make a hypothesis that, in our geographical location, where people go to their churches and pray they are dying in less numbers, the coronavirus pandemic is passing them by. This year, compared to the previous years, we have less deaths and funerals so to me it seems that we are stronger and able with God's help to avoid this pandemic illness.

Keep praying with us through the livestreaming services. I hope to see you soon in the church.

When I will see you, our church may have a new roof. Construction will begin this week and will continue for about three months. Thank you to my Finance Council and the Archdiocese of Detroit for leading us in the project. I am very thankful for your financial support that you are sending in or donating online. I also appreciate the notes you have included to me.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom we honor this month, protect all of us. I wish to my staff and to all of you, particularly the Mothers - God's Blessings. Amen.

Fr. Bogdan

MASS INTENTIONS

Community Masses are suspended at this time, however, intentions are being remembered in Fr. Bogdan's private Masses.

All parish activities are also suspended until further notice.

Perpetual Candle

During the week of May 10th
The candle next to the
Tabernacle
will burn
to put an end to the
Coronavirus

Mass Intentions for the week of May 10th

+Repose of the soul of Antonio Cianfarani

+Laurie Loiacano requested by Husband Sam

+Anna DiGirolamo requested by Daughter June

+Rena Nelson requested by June DiGirolamo

+Clotilde Gigante requested by June DiGirolamo

* Bob & Anna Kustasz in honor of Wedding Anniversary requested by Cousin

+Dolores Seguin & Anna Eichorn requested by George & Sue Eichorn

St. Vincent de Paul Donations

Thank you to everyone who has called to make donations to the St. Vincent de Paul pantry. Please hold on to your donations until our office can be re-opened. We will keep you updated.

God bless and stay safe.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To our St. Faustina Family:

Happy Mother's Day! Here is a Mother's Day prayer for all of you:

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of motherhood. Thank you for the blessing it is to be called "Mom." Thank you for the good plans you have in store for those who still wait to be a Mom. Thank you for the numerous spiritual children you have given to so many "spiritual Moms" and mentors. We pray that you would fill this day with grace as we honor all Moms.

We ask for comfort for those who are grieving loss and heartache, especially on this day. We ask for strength for those who wait for children to come back home. We ask for healing for those who have been hurt by relationships that were intended to be loving and nurturing. We ask for faith for those who will someday be Moms, who find themselves on a journey that seems so hard. We ask for great encouragement and grace to cover those who have made a brave and loving choice for adoption. We ask for incredible provision and care over every single parent Mom who works so hard on behalf of her children. We ask that you would remind many of those who, though they do not have "physical" children, have the gift of bringing amazing hope to many spiritual children they've been blessed to nurture through these years.

God, thank you for the gift of life. Thank you that your heart is for us, and that you are with us, in all our unique journeys and pathways. Thank you that your ways are perfect and you make our footsteps secure.

Today we pray for renewed hope, for joy, for grace, for wisdom, for peace for all Moms, for Moms to be, and for women who nurture and lead.

May God bless you with His abundant love and keep you safe,

Sandy Acord

Gospel Reflection on the Fifth Sunday of Easter
Adapted from Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families by Kara O'Malley

Hearing the Word (John 14:1-10a))

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?"

Reflecting on the Word

Do not let your hearts be troubled. These are some of the last words Jesus offers to his disciples. Do not let your hearts be troubled when faced with despair, suffering, or loss. Do not allow the world to break you. This seems easier said than done, especially when we are confronted by the deep pain the world can bring. Jesus says he is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the way of hope, healing, and light in the darkest night. He is the way to eternal joy.

Jesus doesn't want us to feel troubled. He wants us to believe in him and to trust him. Jesus has shown us the way to live good lives as sons and daughters of God. He has taught us the truth about God and his great love, and through him, we will have everlasting life with God in heaven.

Spend time this week talking to Jesus telling him what's in your heart. Trust in him to relieve your anxiety about our troubled world.

5 things to expect once public Masses return in the Archdiocese of Detroit

BY DETROIT CATHOLIC APR 30, 2020 LOCAL

Things won't be back to normal for a while, but when the church doors open, we'll need to brace for changes.

As we approach our eighth weekend without public Masses in the Archdiocese of Detroit, the fatigue of not being united around the altar, receiving Holy Communion, and seeing each other in church is certainly beginning to wear on us. It is a tremendous sacrifice for us to forgo gathering in this way. But we have done it for the common good. Yet, as people of faith, we long to return to our churches and gather once again in person for Mass. The desire of the disciples to be united to the offering of Jesus to the Father in Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is not diminished during these days. It will be a while, however, before things return to our pre-quarantine days. Just as our civic leaders and public health officials have set a phased, slow and steady approach to returning back to "normal," so, too, must we prepare.

Here are five things we should be prepared for over the spring and into the summer:

1. Wearing a mask

We hate wearing our masks. It's not comfortable and it makes us less ready to engage others. But it is necessary. Masks save lives, especially because COVID-19 is so highly communicable. All the faithful at Mass will be asked or perhaps even required to wear a mask. It does not have to be an official N-95 mask worn by surgeons, but some homemade covering will become standard during Mass.

2. Social distancing in church

Our parish communities are a great good that we want to preserve. Yet, social distancing helps mitigate the spread of the disease. There will be clear protocols that will change where you can sit, how you can greet people, and how to receive Holy Communion. You will need to keep six feet of distance between anyone not in your household for the foreseeable future at church.

3. Fewer people

The dispensation for the requirement to attend Sunday Mass will likely be extended. Those at higher risk — the elderly, the immune-compromised and hospital workers — will probably need to be the last to come back to church. There might be creative solutions to allow people in these categories to attend Mass with a decreased risk of contamination (like grocery stores with hours specific to these populations) but it will be a while before we will be able to see everyone we are used to seeing at Mass.

4. Mistakes and imperfection

None of us have lived through a pandemic before. None of us knows exactly how to do this. Priests, ushers, parishioners and the archdiocese will not get every decision correct. We all will need the grace of humility and what Synod 16 identified as "a spirit of cooperation" to get through this together. This means that we all will need saint-like patience or get really good at saying "I'm sorry" and "I forgive you."

5. Continued online presence

The slow and steady return to us all being together means more and more things will continue to be online. We are probably a long way off from coffee and doughnuts or other social gatherings after Mass. Parishes will still provide opportunities for catechesis and engagement in a digital format, and live-stream Masses are sure to continue. Our commitment to the common good of our society is important to keep us safe and to protect those who are most susceptible to the ravages of this virus. It is an act of justice owed to all those with whom we share our society.

As Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron said at the beginning of this quarantine, our lives during these days and the days of our return are still about Unleashing the Gospel.

Can parishioners continue to make weekly offertory contributions during this period of public mass suspensions?

During the COVID-19 pandemic and the temporary suspension of public Masses in the Archdiocese of Detroit, we recognize our parish still needs the support of our parishioners for parish operations.

To accommodate everyone in making offertory contributions, including parishes that do not have an online offertory system in place, the Archdiocese of Detroit has developed an online offertory option, similar to the current online CSA giving system.

Parishioners will be able to go to give.aod.org and select the "Parish Offertory" option to make their contribution. Parish offertory funds donated on this website will be deposited in our parish's LDP account weekly.

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 worshipping 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.

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

**Please pray for those
in our parish family in
prolonged sickness:**

Samantha Beattie
Ray Dominic
Dorothy Gietzen
Jim Lewis
Chris Liebetreu
Francine Lorentz
Kerry Markiewicz
Patrick Martin
Ellen Nawrocki
Ray Nawrocki
Luciana Putil
Salvator Rubello
Mary Ryntz
Gloria Sadocha
Mary Ann Selewski
Mary Stefko
Cyndy Vitale
Fred Walny
Magdalen Webster
Gary Whyte
Dolores Zrepskey

Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others – no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. The Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at (844) 324-3374 or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov. For more information go to protect.aod.org.

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MASSES

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.,
7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:00 p.m.
or by appointment

Registration

Parishioners may register in person,
by phone or online.

Baptism

At least one parent needs to be registered, active and a practicing Catholic for at least 6 months. A Baptismal Preparation Class is required for both parents and godparents. The church requires that at least one of the godparents be an active and practicing Catholic.

Marriages

Arrange at least 6 months in advance.

Communion Calls

Pastoral staff members visit the sick in the hospital when possible and take Communion to the sick and homebound.

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RCIA

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