

4th Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020



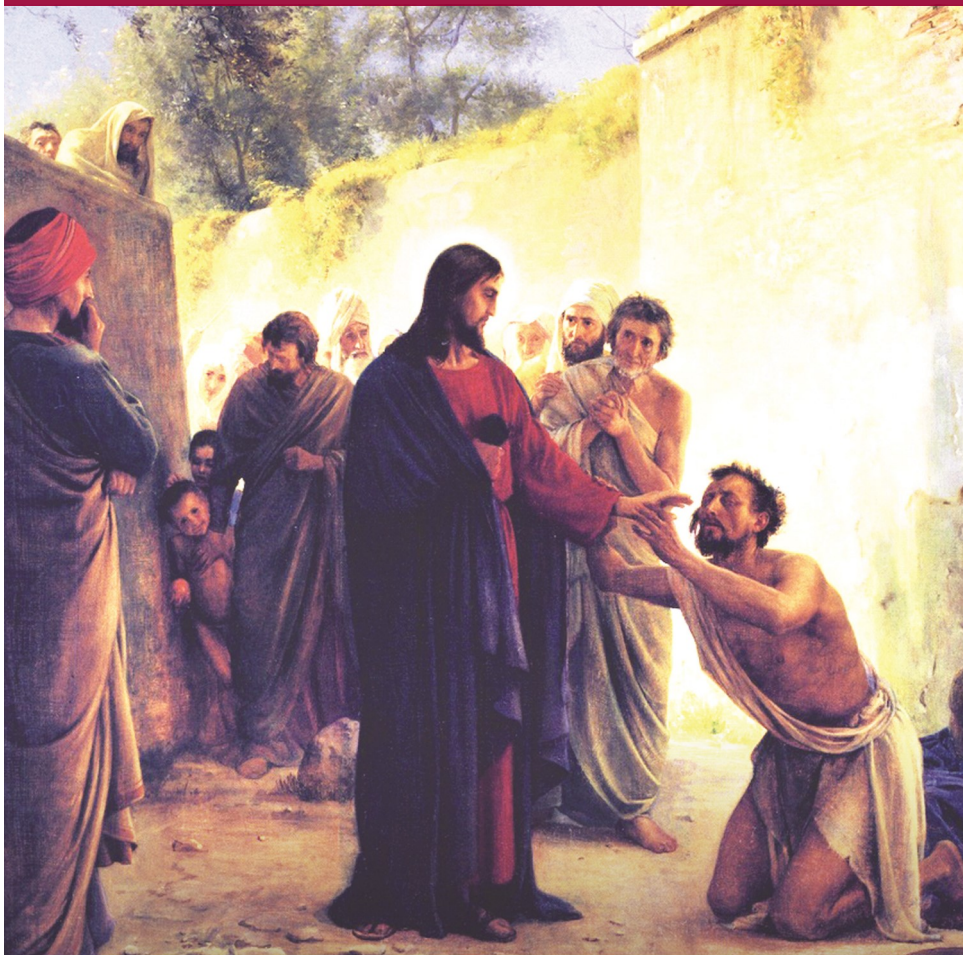
CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC CHURCH
to be known, loved, and sent

CANCELLATION

All Masses are cancelled until further notice.

The Rectory is closed until further notice.

Let us all continue to pray for one another, and the Church.



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

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Interested in becoming a parishioner?

Stay tuned for the next New Parishioner Orientation. Mass for a Parish Orientation Session. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Bulletin Submissions

Due by end of day Thursday the week prior.
Email a brief description to
bandemers@ctkomaha.org.

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Suspension of Masses: As you heard earlier this week, there are new COVID-19 limitations in place from our local, state, and national governments. In an effort to be cooperative and collaborative in this moment of crisis and uncertainty, please note the following:

Effective immediately and in compliance with the mandate of the Governor and health authorities and the Archdiocese, **all parish events that have gatherings greater than ten people are canceled and all public Masses and communal celebration of the Sacraments or other liturgies have been suspended.**

As a result and **effective immediately, all of our weekday Masses and Sabbath (weekend) Masses are canceled to the public.** In order to fulfill the scheduled Mass intentions and to intercede for the world and particularly for all of you at this critical time, Fr. Boyd and I will still say the Masses of the day but in private. To prevent overlap with these Masses, **the church will be open and available for private prayer:**

- **Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.**
- **Saturdays: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**
- **Sundays: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.**

Why suspend public Masses and not just limit them to ten persons? We are trying to collaborate with both the letter and spirit of the restrictions that are in place. The purpose of this time of distancing is to stop the spread of a legitimately life-threatening illness. While celebrating funerals and already scheduled weddings within the new limitations is reasonable, other celebrations are to be set aside temporarily.

Please also keep in mind that many of the world's Catholics receive the Eucharist only a handful of times in a year. In order to do our part to stop the spread of the coronavirus, we encourage you to break open the Word of God in Sacred Scripture, to pray as families, and to make spiritual communions. One such prayer for spiritual communion is:

"My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."

Home Masses: While not canonically or legally prohibited, these are against the spirit of trying to stop the spread of this virus. Also, these are likely to cause division in our parish by showing preference to particular families over others.



The Temptation of Christ on the Mountain by Duccio di Buoninsegna

Funerals: Any funerals are limited to ten people in attendance, including the priest. There are a couple of options. The mortuary might be able to livestream the funeral for those not allowed to attend the actual Mass—livestreaming for us at the moment is challenging, though, because there is no wi-fi in the church building. Another option is that the burial could be celebrated now, and a Mass of Christian Burial in the absence of the body or a memorial Mass could be celebrated later. At outdoor burials, we should keep in mind appropriate social distancing.

Baptisms: Baptisms can still take place, but they are also limited to no more than ten people in the church at the same time.

Confession: Public times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are also canceled for the moment but we are trying to figure out ways to offer scheduled Confessions that would not cause groups to congregate. In the meantime and always, we priests are happy to offer the Sacrament of Penance individually and by appointment. Please call the Rectory office (402-391-3606) or email Fr. Cook (djcook@archomaha.org) or Fr. Boyd (bboyd@ctkomaha.org) to schedule the sacrament.

Video of our Daily Masses: We are daily filming one of our Masses here at Christ the King, including the Mass for Sunday, and are making them even now available for viewing on various social media platforms within the same day. Thank you for your initial patience as we develop this and work the bugs out.

Radio Broadcast of our Weekday Masses: In addition to video, our particular weekday Mass at Christ the King is broadcast daily on the radio, Monday-Friday, at 10:30 a.m. on KVSS Spirit 102.7 FM.

Mass Intentions: The suspension of public Masses will NOT affect scheduled Mass intentions because Fr. Boyd and I will still celebrate our Masses for the day and for the assigned intentions but privately.

FROM OUR PASTOR

Adoration Chapel: The adoration chapel remains open to adorers but we encourage you to consider spending your prayer time in the main church where there is greater space for people to spread out. The door that links the adoration chapel area to the body of the church will be left unlocked during most of the day and night to accommodate those adorers who would feel more comfortable praying in a larger space. While supplies last, hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes will be made available for you to clean your hands and to wipe down any area of contact.

While we cannot replace the specific grace and experience of Mass and Communion, we hope many might adopt a weekly or daily hour of adoration time, whether in the Adoration Chapel or in the church. If we cannot attend the weekly, hour-long Mass for the moment, we can still dedicate and give an hour each week to Eucharistic Adoration: to worship the Blessed Sacrament (the Eucharist reserved in the tabernacle).

Homilies: Both Fr. Boyd and I gave homilies addressing the current situation last Sunday. We hope these words may bring you some consolation and encouragement in these trying days. The Sunday homilies are always available on the Soundcloud on the homepage of our parish website. You can listen to the March 15th homilies by visiting here:

- Fr. Cook: <https://soundcloud.com/ctkomaha/20200315-cook>
- Fr. Boyd: <https://soundcloud.com/ctkomaha/20200315-boyd>

Giving: Lastly, I implore your help with continued tithing: **We need your support now more than ever.** We still have to pay our teachers and employees their paychecks and to pay our bills. We are a charity and operate completely based on your generosity. Sunday offerings make up a huge part of our income. With no one physically present at Masses for weeks to come, our donations could plummet but I don't believe they will because of you, your goodness, and your generosity. I believe that you will not let that happen to your parish and school. **Our cash flow is extremely tight.** Please mail in your offering; drop it by the Rectory office (or slide it under the Rectory door); click the easy-to-find link on our parish website to donate digitally; or, easiest for you, move your tithing to an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) from your bank – a simple phone call with Rick Kucirek, our Financial Director, at (402) 391-3606 ext. 2 can help make that happen.

Staying Together: Lastly, we are working on ways to stay engaged with you: creative ideas about how to keep us connected even while apart. Now is the time for all of us to find ways to keep the Faith alive and vibrant in our lives and in our homes. Please look for such proposals and offerings in the days to come.

One suggestion that we can all do is to call five friends or fellow parishioners daily. We are social creatures and we need to talk; more than that, we have the power to console others and to check on their welfare. If you've got the gift of gab, then please use it to foster communication and love.

Brothers and sisters, none of us have experienced the deprivation of the Mass before and, certainly, not to this scale. It is with a very heavy heart that I have to write this letter to you at all. The idea of not seeing you, celebrating the Mass and liturgies with you, and for all of us not to be together is extremely painful. I do not pretend to understand it all and I could never have foreseen the unfolding of our current circumstances; yet I do know that Jesus is still with us. God's hand is in this for sure.

The Scripture tells us of the flood, famines, persecution, and the exodus through the desert. Even Christ Himself upon the cross felt the loss of His Father: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Minutes later, however, that same Jesus commended His spirit into the Father's hands. Our Savior never lost His faith, even when He felt separated from His Abba. God is not abandoning us but He is providing an extreme experience of Lent for every one of us.

On the First Sunday of Lent we heard of Jesus' isolation for 40 days, amidst hunger and thirst and the temptations of the Devil. We are now embarking upon a similar journey, confined to homes and quarantining for weeks, facing our hunger and uncertainty, tempted to anxiety or even despair. We are literally going through what Jesus went through on the Mount of Temptation but in a different form. What kept Jesus from losing His faith was the loving assurance of the Heavenly Father. What seemed like separation and isolation was actually a profound invitation for Jesus to enter into deeper communion and fellowship with His Trinitarian Dad.

Giving up things that are bad for us is really not much of a sacrifice for Lent. Being asked to give up what is good and what is the source of love, the Eucharist, is the ultimate suffering and, therefore, the greatest offering we can give to the Lord. May the temporary loss of the Mass – and it will not be forever – instill a deep solidarity with those in history and even now do not have ready access to the sacraments; create greater appreciation for each other and for the priesthood; and inspire a deep hunger within us for the return of the public Mass and a greater appreciation for what It really is.

Thank you for your steadiness, patience, and faithful service in these rapidly changing times. Please look for regular communications from us as things continue to develop. God bless you, my friends, and "be not afraid." The Lord is in our midst.

Garage Sale News: At this time as the concerns for the COVID 19 grows we will no longer be taking new items for the garage sale and will be postponing the sale itself. We will be postponing this event until the authorities lift the restrictions and we know that it is possible to gather in larger groups again. Thank you for all the wonderful donations, we are looking forward to having an extremely successful sale as soon as we can.

Wise & Wonderful News: Until Coronavirus restrictions are lifted, there will not be any Wise & Wonderful activities. Please stay safe and healthy during this difficult time.



Easter Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser: It's that time again! Get your favorite Nothing Bundt Cake while supporting Christ the King School. 20% of the proceeds will go back to the school, so order yours today. The cakes will be available for pick up on April 9th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center just in time for your Easter gathering. Please see the bulletin for the order form. Any questions? Contact Kim Hefflinger at cernyk@yahoo.com, or Laura DiMaio at laura.e.dimaio@gmail.com.



Parish Team

Pastor: Fr. Damien Cook

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Deacon: Randy Park

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Mary Drake - ext. 201

Mass Intentions:

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Other Information

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Registered parishioners, call 402-391-3624 at least six months in advance to start marriage instructions. Wedding dates are set at the initial meeting with your Priest/Deacon.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Especially before your baby's birth, please sign up and take our baptismal class by calling 402-391-3624.

Sacrament of Holy Orders:

Those discerning a call to the priesthood should contact the parish priest or Rev. Andrew Roza, Vocations Director: 402-558-3100.

Anointing of the Sick:

A healing sacrament for the aged, children seven and over, the seriously or terminally ill. Call the Rectory (402-391-3606).

Eyes on Education

Crusaders on the Court!

Christ the King school offers many sports programs for our students. From August to May the school campus is alive with students and parents working hard together. The weekend of March 8-9 was the last weekend of the 2019-2020 basketball season. Our Crusaders did us proud!

Our third grade girls had two teams this season. Kristen Wetta and Katie Blakeman coached the purple team and they finished 1st place in CYO regular season with 9 wins, 0 losses and 1 tie! The Gold team was coached by Beth Boone and Dan Douglas and they finished 2nd in CYO regular season. Some players from both teams combined for play in the Holy Ghost tournament and finished 2nd! Wetta says, "It was fun to watch these girls improve. No doubt they'll be an exciting group to watch for years to come!"

Please Pray For...



Herb Crowley, Marilyn Kreifels, Marge Haller, William Gaughan, Joyce Olson, Joyce Thelen, Rod Mach, Violet Woitaszewski. *If you or your loved one should need to be listed for a longer period of time, please contact the rectory.*

Military

Let us pray for peace and for all service men and women; especially for those family members of our parishioners who are serving in the Armed Forces: *Andrew Armstrong, James Carl, Alex Dworak, Madelin L, Jonathan L, Joo Lee, Michael Maides, Wyatt Musgrave, Will Spellman, Jonathan Yerby, Harold Sorrell, Jamila Jahic, Nick Shanahan.*



Eyes on Education—Continued

The 5th grade class had a girls team and a boys team. The girls were coached by Terry and Tommy Slattery. Tommy is a Christ the King alum and has given his time to coach his sister's team for three years. Parents report enjoying watching their daughters grow in skills and confidence! They played and laughed as a team.

The 5th grade boys team was coached by Charlie Boone and Gabe Compton with help from Jim Connell. Another successful season is in the books; as they finished in 2nd place in PAL, and claimed its 3rd consecutive CYO title, both in the competitive division. The boys showed their determination and teamwork by posting a 7-1 record in PAL, at the same time as its CYO threepeat! Coach Boone says, "Keep an eye on this group of young men. The sky is the limit!"

Mark Dahir coached the 6th grade girls. They finished 7-2. Coach Dahir said he saw much growth and unity occur through the season. The coach had two themes: 'Hard work pays off,' and 'It's not if you win or lose, rather how you played the game.' According to Dahir, "The girls embodied these two quotes all season long, together, and had a lot of fun doing so!"

Our 8th grade boys were coached by Mark Ryan. A team highlight was beating long time opponent Omaha Lightening in a hard fought battle! Parent Natalie Keenan looks back at her son's sports years with fondness and gratitude. "The camaraderie and trust the boys had when they played was unique, strong and developed over the years. The guidance from their coach to have fun and play with heart kept them grounded and a focus on good sportsmanship was always higher on the list than winning," says Keenan.

The 7th and 8th grade girls were coached by Jennifer Slattery. They play hard and with great focus in every game. Working together and supporting each other led them on a path of success.

While not all teams are represented here, you can bet that there is a common theme among them all: Christian values like good sportsmanship, team play, gratitude and kindness are alive and well in the Christ the King sports program. Christ the King on three! One, two, three, CHRIST THE KING!

Parish Support

Budgeted for the week ending March 15th*	\$29,800
Support received	\$31,638
Variance-positive/(negative)	\$1,838
Fiscal Year 7/1/2019—6/30/2020	
Budgeted Year-to-date	\$1,310,500
Year to date support	\$1,266,623
Variance-positive/(negative)*	(\$43,877)

(Through February 29, 2020)

*Includes giving by Automatic Withdrawal of \$16,987 on the 13th.

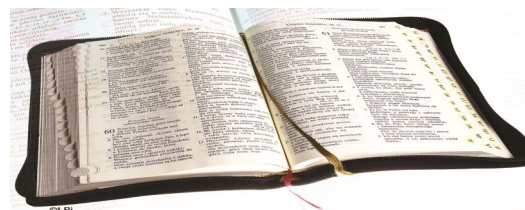
Thank You

Many thanks to **All of You** for your continued support in these trying times. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Annual GAP Fund Reminder: A very generous parishioner has offered to do a match up to \$5,000 through the month of March. Please take this wonderful opportunity to help us reach that goal and therefore add \$10,000 to this year's GAP fund. **Any** amount will help get us there! Many thanks to all those who have already contributed to the close the **GAP**—we have currently raised \$49,080 towards our goal of \$60,000!



As dedicated members of Christ the King, we are committed to sharing our love and faith of God the Father and Jesus Christ. Through donations like yours, we are able to advance our cause and impact the community even more each year. You can continue to support Christ the King through our online giving portal. For a One-Time donation, click on the Fund drop down box and choose the fund in which you wish to donate and enter the amount. Check the box if you wish to make it a recurring gift. Then click Submit and you're done. You can access your new giving portal here: giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ctkomaha



This Week's Readings

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Mass Intentions

"†" indicates deceased "Intention of" indicates living.

March 23 - Monday

8:15 † Marie Paschang
12:10 † Clarence and Helen Matya

March 24 - Tuesday

8:15 † Dr. Perry Williams
12:10 † Donald Korff

March 25 - Wednesday

8:15 † Duane L Thelen
12:10 † Jean and Nick Schechlinger

March 26 - Thursday

8:15 † Kenneth Reiser
12:10 † Nell and Alex Bideaux

March 27 - Friday

8:15 † Frances Pane Felthausen
12:10 Living & Deceased Members of the Sherman Family

March 28 - Saturday

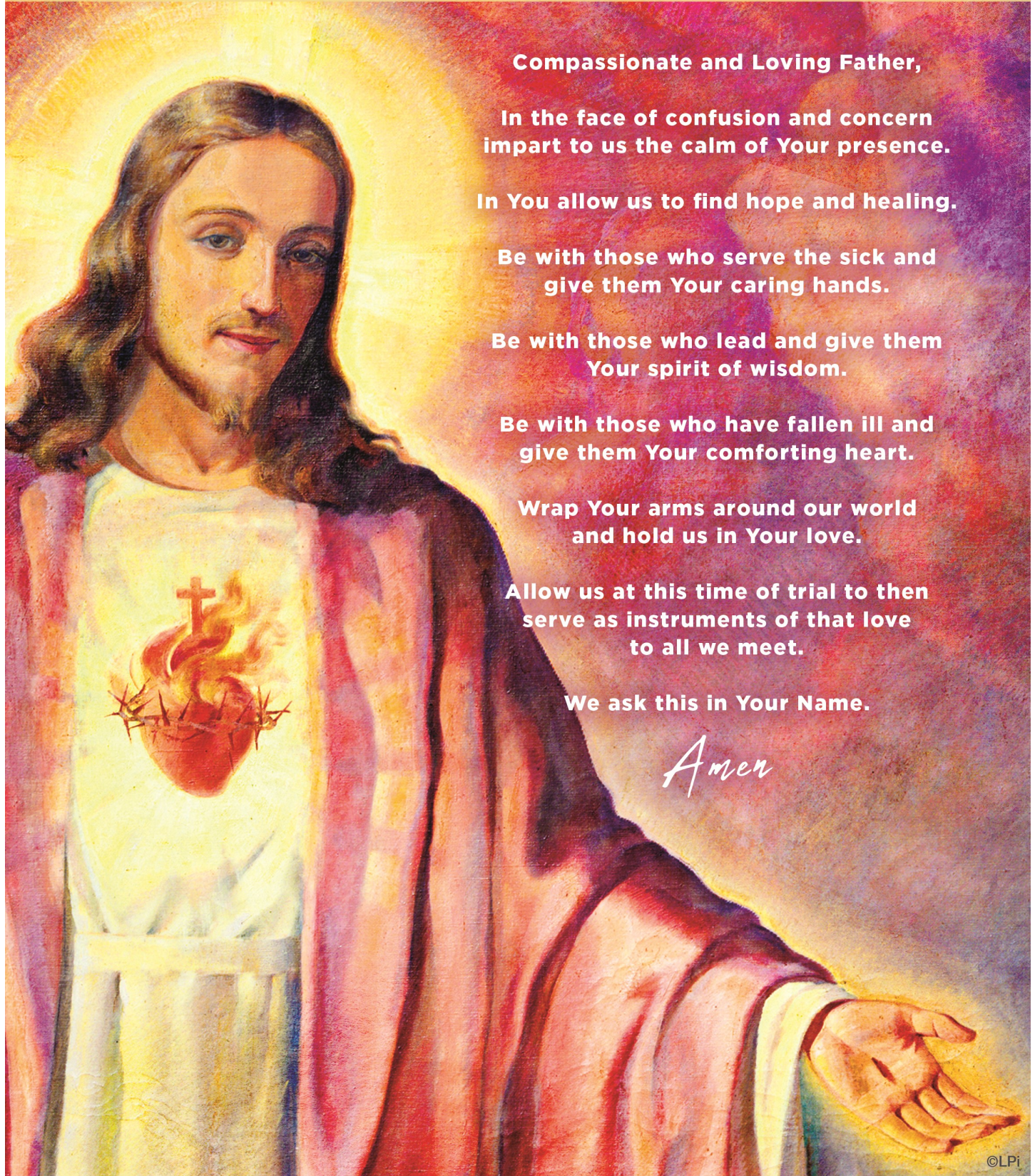
8:15 † Tim Grant
Mass for Sunday, March 29
5:00 † David E. Abboud

March 29 - Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 † Betty, Martha and John Soliz
10:00 † Harold and Delphine Chambers
12:00 For the People
5:00 † Kathleen O'Daniel

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen

Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness.

Symptoms* can include

FEVER



COUGH



***Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.**

**SHORTNESS
OF BREATH**



Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

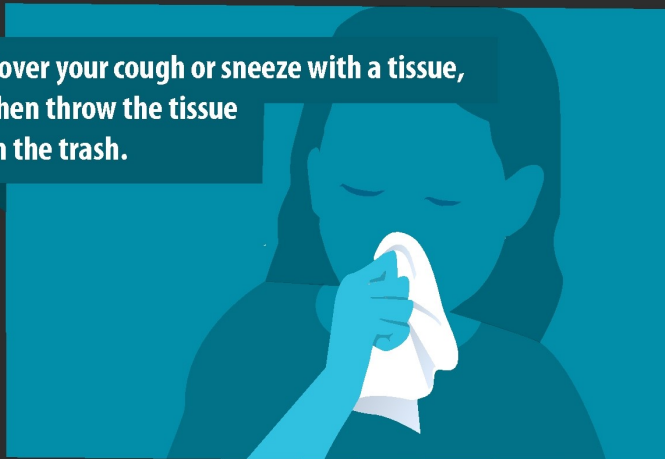
STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

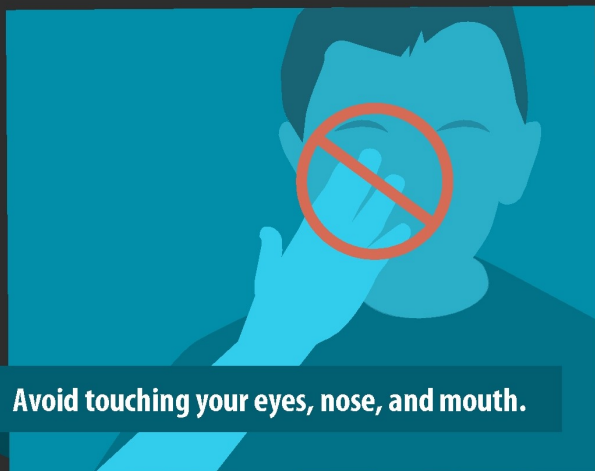
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



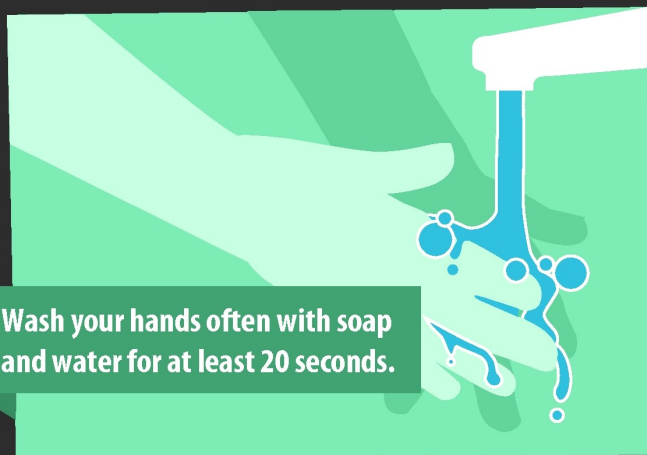
Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

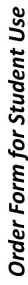


Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.





****Enjoy our cakes and bundtlets within 3 days on the counter or 5 days refrigerated. Enjoy our bundtinis within 48 hours from pickup****

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