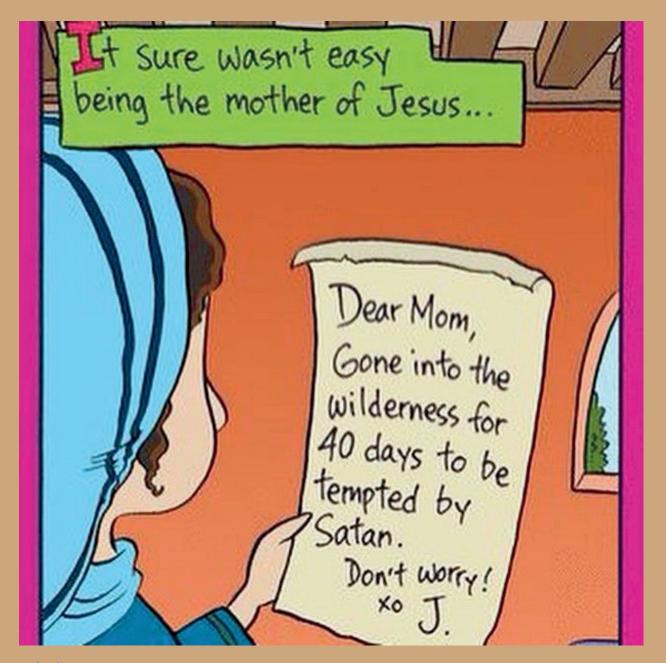
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## MASS AND RECONCILIATION

#### Monday, March 23

- † Greg Dillon
- † Connie Wells

#### Tuesday, March 24

- † Collins Redmond
- † James Martin Sr.

#### Wednesday, March 25

LJR (SI)

#### Thursday, March 26

† Linda Kult

#### Friday, March 27

† Christopher Eckert-Crandall

#### Saturday, March 28

- † Michael Makovic
- † Rosemarie Brancato Rothman

#### Sunday, March 29

† Sheila Pouraghabagher

## TO OUR PARISHIONERS

- All Mass intentions will be celebrated in private by our Priests.
- Reconciliation will be by appointment only.
   Please call the parish office to set up an appointment if you are in need.
- No Eucharistic Adoration until further notice.
- The Church will remain open from 7 am until 7 pm. Please use appropriate measures for social distancing.



# SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2020

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

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, 34-3

Monday St. Turibius Mogrovejo, Bishop

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday St. Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/

Lk 1:26-3

Thursday St. Castulus, Martyr

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-4

Friday St. Rupert, Bishop

2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-3

Saturday St. Castor, Martyr

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-5

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

#### **Parish Mission Statement**

The people of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish seek To Grow in Christ and follow His teachings.

## TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

On which day do many cultures traditionally serve Hot Cross Buns?

Please send answer to <a href="mailto:sogg@seasfw.org">sogg@seasfw.org</a>.

Answers can be found in next weeks bulletin under Sponsor of the Week.

### FROM THE DESK OF FR. DAVE





#### 4th Sunday of Lent!

#### - Is Lent supposed to be THIS tough??!!

I guess the LORD is allowing us to have a really good Lent, as we as a Parish, community, Nation and World, struggle though the COVID-19 virus and it's effects. A few thoughts:

- God is love and God truly, deeply, really loves us. The presence of a virus doesn't make God unloving, it just reminds us we live in a "dis-ordered world" from the effects of Original Sin which even effects nature.
- How do I know God loves us? I look to Jesus. I read His story and life in the Gospels. I hear about the zeal, enthusiasm and love of the early Church - even as they were martyred. God's love (seen in Jesus), is open to us all.
- Look at the Cross. The only reason the Cross is celebrated is because God LOVES you and me. He died so we can live, offering Himself for our sins.
- Be thankful for our Faith the Truth we know. It empowered our Parents, Grandparents and all believers since the Resurrection of Jesus - to live through the joys and the sufferings of life on earth
- Smile, laugh, sing a song of praise to God. Pray. Offer a listening ear to someone who is frightened or worried.
- Although we aren't to touch one another, ask if you can "offer a prayer" bringing God's Presence to Family and friends. Call someone you love and offer a prayer or word of encouragement.

#### Laetare Sunday

#### - JOY, JOY, JOY

Amid the worry or sickness, may we have JOY in our heart for knowing that God so loves us, that He sent His only Son as our Savior and Lord. This Sunday we wear "bright colored vestments" at Mass to remind ourselves that we are joy filled people! Watch us online.

#### **Lent Actions**

Pray, Fast, Help Others, Good Confession



#### Quarantined!

#### - Keep the Faith strong!

-ray daily. Read books, Pray the Family Rosary. Stop by the Parish Library - pick up a good book.

#### Almost 2,000 Watched Mass

#### - this past weekend

I thank the many who joined in prayer this past weekend via watching the Holy Mass from our website and facebook page. Tune in at www.seasfw.org

#### **A Lot of Great Comments**

This past week there were a LOT of comments being thankful for St.

Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and our trying to keep people informed - along with live streaming Sunday Mass.

"So grateful for our holy Priests, Deacon Jim and Holy Mass"

"Praying for the health and safety of all"
"Wonderful to see our Church live this
morning"

"Thank you for offering this"
"Thank you for streaming online"
"My Jesus I believe in you"
"I didn't attend Mass this Sunday
morning because I have a little cough. I
watched Mass on facebook instead. I
really appreciate how straight forward
and practical you are concerning the
virus. It's a crazy time for the world... God
bless everyone"

"Thank you for this broadcast"

#### Read the Parish bulletin

#### - in real time and website

We have a few bulletins near the welcome center in Church. You may also see the bulletin on our Parish website.

#### Stop by Parish Church to Pray

- We do have the Parish Church open for private prayer from 7 am until 7 pm during this virus crisis. Stop by and spend time with the Lord.

#### Parish Offices - CLOSED

Although we are checking voice messages, I have asked all Parish staff to stay home in quarantine for the time being. Again, I will keep the Parish informed via text, facebook and e-mails.

**Stations of the Cross** - canceled for the time being due to virus. Stop by Church and pray privately.

- **Pray for those preparing** to be welcomed into this Catholic Faith and Family this Easter!

#### **Online Giving**

#### - To those who are able

Check out the Parish website.
www.seasfw.org We are all taking a hit. I
am thankful for the support all of our
Parish offers.

#### Say a Prayer

## - For those sick, struggling and worrying too

Lord, send St. Elizabeth and Mary our Mother, along with your finest Angels to give comfort to those persons who are ill from any disease or struggling with worry for themselves or their Family and friends. Amen.



#### St. Joseph

#### - Month of March

As you begin (or end) your day, ask St. Joseph to bless you, your Family and the Church. In the history of the Church, he, like Mary, has been used by God to being great strength, love and God's Grace.

SNL - has been postponed for a future date TBA. I thank all involved in this annual event!

## EASTER LETTERS - A LENTEN OUTREACH

Mary Adams Dorothy Anderson Judy Apollo Aura Aquilar David A Baker Eugene Barnum Jimmy Boatright Bill Breeze Joanne Elizabeth Cutrell Nora Deasu Adrienne Del Signore **Dolores Doehring** George Dunn John & Betty Fisherkeller Ruth Geers Gerald Getty Mary Gorman The Grimes Family Carol Heit Susan Hood Charlotte M Johnson Barbara Kastner Mary Jo Kirby Rita Koomler Jayne Kowalski

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Help us send letters of love and encouragement this Easter!

## EASTER LETTERS TO CONTINUE

During this time of quarantine, a great activity for you and your family would be to write a letter of encouragement and love to one or all of the names listed below.

Due to the Coronavirus, letters will not be mailed until late Easter season, extending the deadline on returning letters until May 18.

Since the coronavirus does not live on printed material for more than 3 days, we will quarantine all letters for 3 days before mailing them in late May allowing us to continue in this act of love this Easter season.

Typed notes will also be accepted to be emailed to ttrout@seasfw.org and will be printed by the Parish Office.

Trisha Trout Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GIRLS BASKETBALLTEAM

A special congrats to the 7th grade girls basketball team and the 6th grade girls basketball team on winning their CYO championships.

## SMALL FAITH COMMUNITY PARTICIPANT

Dear SFC Participant,

As you are aware, due to the COVID-19 virus, we have had to limit most of our activities that take place at the parish. For Small Faith Communities, this means that groups meeting at the parish are cancelled effective immediately. For groups offsite, your group can decide whether or not to meet. However, please do what is best for you and those around UOU.

The good news is that the videos can still be watched and you can do group texting, emailing, etc.. if you want to stay in touch with your group.

Lent is not going the way it usually does for many of us, but maybe that is God asking us to slow down and spend even more quiet time with Him.

Please continue to pray for our Candidates and Elect of God who will be fully initiated this Easter as well as all who are sick, dying, or are in fear.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

God bless, Carole Yaney

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHOW CHOIR

On Saturday, March 7th our St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Show Choir participated in the Bishop Luers Invitational. They received 1st Runner and our 7th grader, Lilia Case received the Outstanding Performer award. Congratulations to all those who participated!

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March 17, 2020

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend,

In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, I write to encourage you, in the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, "to live this difficult moment with the strength of the faith, the certainty of hope and the ardor of charity."

Like many other dioceses throughout our country and world, I have made the difficult decision, along with the other bishops of Indiana, to suspend the celebration of public Masses in our diocese due to the escalation of the virus and to help prevent its spread. This suspension begins on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and will remain in effect until further notice.

Not being able to attend Mass is very difficult spiritually since the Holy Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." As Catholics, we must do our part to help protect those who could be infected by the virus at public gatherings.

Please know that I and our priests will be praying fervently for you at our daily private celebrations of Mass. I encourage you to make an act of "spiritual communion," especially on Sundays. Saint Thomas Aquinas defined "spiritual communion" as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." You can use the following prayer from Saint Alphonsus Liguori to make a "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 into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least 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.

Saint Teresa of Avila wrote: "When you cannot receive Communion and cannot attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you."

I encourage you during this time to watch Holy Mass on television or the online Masses being live-streamed from many of our parishes, including a live-streamed Mass that I will be celebrating every Sunday at 10:00 AM. I also encourage you to reflect on

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the Sunday readings and to take time for personal and family prayer by reciting together the holy rosary, the Divine Mercy chaplet or the Stations of the Cross.

As members of the Body of Christ, let us be united in our prayers for one another and especially for those here or abroad who are suffering from illness or have died from the virus infection. Let us also remember in our prayers the valiant doctors, nurses and other health care workers who are working hard to bring healing to the sick as well as our priests and pastoral workers who are providing sacramental and pastoral care to the sick and dying.

In this time of "social isolation," let us not be isolated in our hearts from those who need our love, care and compassion. I am very edified by so many of our faithful who are bringing food to the elderly and staying in contact with those who may feel lonely, anxious, or depressed during this time. Thank you to all who are doing corporal and spiritual works of mercy in this Lenten season and offering assistance to those in need during this pandemic.

Jesus invites us, His disciples, to follow Him by taking up the cross. Not being able to attend Mass is a heavy cross, but one that we can carry with the help of the Lord. We are united in spirit with our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are also unable to attend Mass because of the pandemic and also with those who regularly cannot go to Mass because of sickness, persecution or a shortage of priests. I hope and pray that this experience will deepen everyone's desire to receive our Lord in the Eucharist, the great gift that we can too often take for granted.

Finally, let us implore our Blessed Mother, as the patroness of our diocese under the title of the Immaculate Conception, as well as Saint Matthew, our secondary patron, to intercede for us during this trial. Let us remember that Jesus is always with us and nothing can separate us from His love. Let us live in His love and spread His love in our community. May God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades

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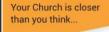


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