

SAINT COLUMBKILLE

March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Mission Statement

**God CALLS us to be disciples and
FORMS us by our Catholic Faith to
ENCOUNTER Christ
EMBRACE deeper faith and
EMPOWER Christian action.**



Our Lenten Journey Continues

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**ENCOUNTER: Mass Intention and added prayers for:
OFFERED BY PRIESTS PRIVATELY**

Monday, March 30

9:00 am † **Mary E. Mangers**

Tuesday, March 31

9:00 am † **William Kinsella**

Wednesday, April 1

9:00 am † **Msgr. Francis P. Friedl**

Thursday, April 2

9:00 am † **Daniel P. Aslin**

Friday, April 3

9:00 am † **Dorothy Heitzman**

Saturday, April 4

4:15 pm † **Roger & Lois Gerardy**

* Allan Heiar

* Mark Firzloff

Sunday, April 5

8:00 am **Pro Popolo**

* Sara Wild

10:00 am † **Tom & Betty Sacco**



Easter Flowers Are Again being sold for \$15 per plant to decorate our Church. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory of someone, please send or drop off a check payable to St. Columbkille Church by **April 1st**.

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, let us seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and offer this prayer often:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We turn 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.

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.



EMPOWER: The Office of Catholic Charities is the social service organization of the Archdiocese focusing on strengthening families and reducing poverty. Call 563-556-2580 when in need.



A Message from Archbishop Jackels: Coronavirus

After consultation and considerable prayer, it has been decided out of an abundance of caution and with devotion to the common good ~ to take steps aimed at slowing down the spread of the coronavirus, to flatten the curve, as they say, so as not to overburden the healthcare system.

Therefore beginning on 19 March 2020 and until further notice, the following provisions have been taken:

- All public celebrations of Holy Mass are canceled. All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
- The Chrism Mass will be celebrated, but with only the liturgical ministers present. The oils will be blessed, bottled, and distributed to the parishes.
- Archbishop will live stream a celebration of Holy Mass each Sunday and will lead the Rosary each week on Thursday.
- All archdiocesan-sponsored events where 50+ people are gathered are canceled.

Pray to God for speedy deliverance from the evil of the coronavirus.

Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this bulletin article, New York, California, and Illinois are shutting down. As part of our help with slowing the spread of this virus, we have shut down our parishes and schools to assist. While we certainly understand the necessity, it goes against what we want to do by our natures. Our parishes are supposed to be the safe places where we gather together and the priests are with their people no matter what. We are forced to minister in some new ways.

The broad impact of this shutdown is stunning and it hits every aspect of our parishes and community.

1. A general fear of the virus, an invisible enemy that is ready to attack.
2. Medical personnel carries the weight of triaging situations and putting themselves at risk.
3. The disruptions of daily life and the figuring out how a whole set of new responsibilities for kids, for interactions, and for family members all fit together.
4. The loss of work for our young and a substantial hit for our retired who have lost savings.

Please know we are with you through this. Although we cannot be with you in person, we are working to be available to you by phone, by Facebook (Columbkille Pastor), and by Websites. We will get through this together. The reason for my confidence is in our faith.

For me, our experience of the Coronavirus is comparable to Jesus' experience of the Roman Empire. In Jesus' day, you say the wrong thing about the Romans or look cross-eyed at a Centurion, you would be dead tomorrow. They would attack without warning and required no justification. After a few short years, Jesus succumbed to the Roman virus; we call it the crucifixion.

Yet, Jesus had a message that transcends the power of any virus, Roman or otherwise. Jesus testified to the value and meaning of the human being much beyond this world. He gave us an empty tomb, a resurrected life, and a promise. "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Jesus' message is not just optimistic or even just positive; Jesus' message is a radical new way of living. We are called to live a resurrected life where it is clear that we are awaited by the One who loves us. When I know I am loved, I can face any hardship, any virus, any challenge without fear.

We can embrace this life in three ways: First, to renew by faith in the God who loves us. Second, to repent of any sinful action that attaches me more to this world than to God. Third, to strive to love God and to love my neighbor. While Jesus did not conquer the Roman virus immediately, we do not deal with the Roman virus today. A virus that lives on fear and death will eventually burn itself out. However, the antivirus of a God of love has only grown. Love does not burn out, it burns up to eternal life.

In Christ,

Fr. David

ENCOUNTER: Readings for the Week

Week of March 29, 2020

Sun: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tues: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53,54,55,56/Jn 8:31-42
Thurs: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Fri: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Sat: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd,13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sun: Mt 21:1-11/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66

Dear Parishioners,

What do you put in a bulletin when you cannot have any activities?

Things are changing for all of us in a hurry and our hearts go out to those who fear having the virus, are on the front lines for medical care, and all the disruptions this is causing in people's lives.

Included in this bulletin is Archbishop Jackel's letter stating that all Masses are canceled and other information. Also included we have a prayer asking for the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. May our faith in God sustain us through this time.

Please know of my care and concern for you. We will keep you updated through our webpage and on facebook. Maybe take this opportunity to like us and follow us on Facebook - Saint Columbkille Dubuque Catholic Church

In Christ,

Fr. David

EMPOWER: Financial Report

Week of 3/22/2020
Weekly Received.....\$7,155.80
Weekly Budgeted.....\$18,759.00
Weekly Shortage.....(\$11,603.20)
Since July 1, 2019:
Year-To-Date Received\$669,284.14
Year-To-Date Budgeted\$712,842.00
Year-To-Date Shortage.....(\$43,557.86)

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