



A Catholic Community in Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park, MI

1401 Whittier Rd., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

The Spirit

April 12, 2020

A large, white, stylized letter 'A' with intricate floral and scrollwork patterns, set against a dark, textured background of a church interior. The 'A' is the central focus of the cover.

Alleluia

Easter Sunday

From the Desk of Father Andrew



Holy Triduum: it is an odd-sounding word that comes from the Latin term meaning – *three days*. We use this term to describe the most scared days of the liturgical calendar: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Even though we are not going to gather to celebrate these days in our church, we will commemorate them with our Archbishop and

pray through them together via electronic media. These three days are not a reenactment of the events from two thousand years ago. They bring into focus the effects of these events present in our lives today. Events that sustain us, feed us in good and bad times and in times of gladness and suffering. How blessed we are to have them. These three days are the hallmark of our faith that we return to year after year and remind us who and what is at the core of our faith, our Church and our belief. This year – especially – the significance of these days are more visible than any other year before.

As the world fights the effects of the virus, fear and sadness push into our consciousness; how could it not? Suffering and death are present in our midst. Many have told me that prayer has become a constant companion in their thoughts throughout the day. My friends, this is the beauty of our faith, through prayer we find the promise of life and salvation, bringing hope to our homes. The image of the empty tomb, stone rolled away reassures us that nothing can separate us from God. We see the signs of new life, rebirth and victory; these deeds that came from the commandment of love and serve to the point of giving life.

Our parish bulletin has dedicated a few pages to these days to bring you

closer to the spiritual richness of the Paschal Mystery – suffering, dying and rising of our Lord. Let us not lose heart but with a more fervent commitment pray – Jesus, We trust in You. **Be Bold. Be Holy. Be Catholic.**

A symbol to the neighborhood – Christ is with us

The lights may be off in our building and the doors locked temporarily but we all know that doesn't matter when this comes to Jesus! He is the light and as the apostles tell us in the Gospels, locked doors don't keep Jesus out. So I thought, let's put a visible reminder to all who pass by our St. Clare parish that Jesus is with us now in all of this and always will be. Therefore, we placed our cross - that was by the altar on Ash Wednesday - with the white cloth on the steps of the Church as a sign of victory. **Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

Easter Gratitude

As we give thanks to God for these three days of our faith – today we are more aware than any time before - how blessed we are having our loved ones with us. It may prove to be challenging at times (I hope the sharp objects are still hidden deep in the drawers) but we

know down deep in our hearts – how blessed we are to be together. Whether close at home, or from a distance, let us remember to express our gratitude with positive words, let us share the Easter meal with joy, laughter, storytelling and in thanksgiving. Let the thrill of our Lord's Resurrection resound in our homes and through our Skype, FaceTime or Zoom conversations. We may be in our homes, but let's put on our Sunday best as we gather to watch and participate in the Easter Mass, and as we join in person or electronically at our Easter tables. May we feel renewed, nourished and sustained as we go back to our new normal routines. May our eyes and ears be open to those moments of encounter of our Lord and may our hands and feet be ready



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to wash others or be washed by others as we live out the Paschal Mystery anew.

Divine Mercy Novena

On Good Friday people around the world join in the prayers of the Novena to the Divine Mercy as in preparation for the feast on the Second Sunday of Easter. By praying this devotion for nine days we invoke God's mercy on us and for the whole world. During this time of the pandemic, this prayer takes on a special meaning. Each day, at 3:00 pm we have been praying this prayer since we were ordered to stay home. By praying this devotion, we perform a work of mercy. We not only express our trust in the Lord but also grow in our active love for one another. Join us every day – as we livestream from our parish Facebook page or join us by heart at 3:00 pm with your own prayer invoking God's mercy. Next Sunday, April 19 – Sunday of Divine Mercy – in addition to The Chaplet we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Blessings for your Easter meal

Leader: In the name of the Father...Christ is risen, alleluia!

All: Truly he is risen, alleluia!

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, we celebrate your resurrection and we rejoice in your love. You are with us now as we share our family's Easter meal, offering us forgiveness, peace and new life. Help us to recognize your love in the eating of this food. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Thank you

I would like to express many thanks to everyone for your prayers, kind words and your financial support. Thank you for your virtual presence at our liturgies and prayer services. You do not just provide a backdrop but a real sense of community so important in these moments of prayer and celebrations of our faith. For that I am ever grateful.

My personal thanks are extended to the Parish Team and our Pastoral and School Staff, for their dedicated service to our parish and our school. I know how challenging it is – therefore, from the bottom of my heart I wish everyone, on their behalf, a very blessed, peaceful and health abounding Easter. During this Easter season I pray that our Risen Lord will bestow all the graces and blessings that you need as you continue to journey with Him.

With prayer and Easter blessing

Fr. Andrew

Holy Triduum

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Last Supper: 7:00 PM

from the Cathedral

Devotions

Angelus: 12:00 PM

Divine Mercy: 3:00 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:00 -10:00 PM

from the Chapel of the Rectory

GOOD FRIDAY

Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord: 1:00 PM

from the Cathedral

Devotions

Stations of the Cross: 11:00 AM

Divine Mercy: 3:00 PM

Veneration of the Cross: 8:00-8:30 PM

Rosary: 8:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY

Liturgy of Easter Vigil: 9:00 PM

from the Cathedral

Devotions

Angelus: 12:00 PM

Divine Mercy: 3:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass: 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM

from the Chapel of the Rectory



<https://facebook.com/stclarem>

12:00 PM | 3:00 PM | 8:30 PM



The Holy Triduum

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

- Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
- Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

from the USCCB

This resource was produced to help individuals and families celebrate the holiest days of the year for Catholics. We find ourselves in a unique position this year to re-discover the beauty of these days from our own homes, so for each day, one (possibly) new suggestion is made. Additionally, more age-specific recommendations are provided. Of course, feel free to make adjustments based on the particular needs of your situation.

The following two links provide resources for all of Holy Week.

- Liturgical Press: [Click here.](#)
- The Messy Family Project: [Click here.](#)

Note: The best way to access these files is on a computer, but most links should be accessible via phone.

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Holy Thursday

A Suggested Practice

Song Suggestion for Today: "[Stay With Me](#)"

Holy Thursday includes a celebration of the Last Supper and Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. At the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper (the Holy Thursday liturgy), there is a process that leads to the reservation of the Holy Eucharist in an "altar of repose." An altar of repose is an altar decorated with flowers, candles, and some other adornments. At this time, the faithful are invited to spend time in prayer in accord with Jesus' request of His disciples to "stay here and keep watch with me."

A custom developed in Rome in which Catholics would visit seven churches to pray in front of their altars of repose. This tradition has spread across the globe and typically takes place in our own diocese. However, this year presents some unique challenges.

This year, hold a pilgrimage in your own house! Create your own modified "altars of repose" (obviously we will not be able to reserve Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist in our homes) and hold a pilgrimage by which you prayerfully move throughout the house and intentionally pray at each hand-crafted altar. If creating these altars is not possible, perhaps find digital images of altars of repose that you could use. [Click here](#) for all the details!

The following suggestions include the idea described above in addition to several others. As always, feel free to adjust these based on your particular needs!

For Children...

- Watch "The Prince of Egypt," which profiles the Exodus, an event which is recalled by Jews at Passover.
- Use these Holy Thursday coloring pages. [Click here](#) to access them.
- Color a picture for a priest from your parish and pray for him while you color. [Click here](#) for a coloring page. Send him the picture, or take a picture of it and post it online.

For Teenagers...

- Listen to "Holy Thursday with Fr. Jeff" podcast from "The Lamb and the Scroll." [Click here](#) for the podcast link.
- Watch "The Prince of Egypt," which profiles the Exodus, an event which is recalled by Jews at Passover.
- Since the Holy Thursday liturgy recalls the institution of the priesthood, pray for all priests. [Click here](#) for a suggested prayer.

For Adults...

- Listen to "Holy Thursday with Fr. Jeff" podcast from "The Lamb and the Scroll." [Click here](#) for the podcast link.
- Since the Holy Thursday liturgy recalls the institution of the priesthood, pray for all priests. [Click here](#) for a suggested prayer.

For Families...

- Hold a modified Seder Meal in your home. [Click here](#) for instructions.
- Share the story of your First Communion with your family.
- Livestream the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM. [Click here](#) for the AOD livestreaming schedule.
- Heads of household can wash the feet of children. Read John 13:1-20.
- After Mass, "keep watch" with Jesus and pray. [Click here](#) for the details.

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Good Friday

A Suggested Practice

Song Suggestion for Today: "[O Sacred Head Surrounded](#)"

A traditional Good Friday practice is praying the Stations of the Cross. The practice of the Stations of the Cross dates back to the early Church, where pilgrims would visit Jerusalem to literally walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Throughout the many centuries that have followed, the Stations of the Cross evolved into the two most common forms we have today: the "Traditional Stations of the Cross" and the "Biblical Stations of the Cross." ([Click here](#) for more information about the development of the Stations of the Cross.) This year, consider celebrating the Stations of the Cross with Bishop Barron ([click here](#)). You may consider printing your own images of the Stations ([click here](#)) or having children color images of the Stations ([click here](#)) to post around your home.

The following suggestions include the ideas described above in addition to several others. As always, feel free to adjust these based on your particular needs!

For Children...

- Dress in black.
- Use these Good Friday coloring pages. [Click here](#) to access them.
- Print and color the stations of the cross to use in family prayer time. [Click here](#) to access the pages.

For Teenagers...

- Dress in black.
- Listen to "Good Friday with Fr. Jeff" podcast from "The Lamb and the Scroll." [Click here](#) for the podcast link.
- Write a note to someone who has sacrificed something to make your life better. Mail the letter to that person.

For Adults...

- Dress in black.
- Listen to "Good Friday with Fr. Jeff" podcast from "The Lamb and the Scroll." [Click here](#) for the podcast link.
- Watch *The Passion of the Christ*. [Click here](#) to view it.
- Read *The Sadness of Christ* in your quiet time. This short book was the last written work of St. Thomas More. He wrote these reflections on Christ's sufferings while he awaited his own execution. [Click here](#) to access it, starting on text page 189 (or PDF page 215).

For Families...

- Make hot cross buns. [Click here](#) for the history and recipe.
- Remove distractions (phones, TV, computers, etc) between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, which is when Jesus would have been on the cross.
- Venerate a cross or crucifix. [Click here](#) to read more about this.
- Livestream the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 1:00 PM. [Click here](#) for the AOD livestreaming schedule.
- Begin a Divine Mercy Novena. [Click here](#) for details.
- Put a cross in a window of your home.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross. [Click here](#) for Bishop Barron's reflections.

Remember, Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own Church.

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Holy Saturday

A Suggested Practice

Song Suggestion for Today: "[Exsultet](#)"

The Easter Vigil ([click here](#) for a description of the whole liturgy) traditionally begins with a fire, from which the Paschal Candle is lit and processed into a darkened church. This year, since you will not be able to attend the Easter Vigil liturgy, consider having a bonfire in your yard. At this bonfire, consider the following activities:

- Read Exodus 13:17-22.
- Light your baptismal candles (if you have them) or other candles.
- Sing "[Christ, Be Our Light.](#)"
- Bring this light into your darkened house and participate in a livestream of the Easter Vigil.

The following suggestions include the idea described above in addition to several others. As always, feel free to adjust these based on your particular needs!

For Children...

- Spend some "personal time" with Jesus. [Click here](#) and scroll to "8. Kids' Quiet Time" for instructions.

For Teenagers...

- Listen to "Holy Saturday with Fr. Jeff" podcast from "The Lamb and the Scroll." [Click here](#) for the podcast link.
- Pray for the intercession of your namesake and/or confirmation saint. [Click here](#) for information about the saints.

For Adults...

- Listen to "Holy Saturday with Fr. Jeff" podcast from "The Lamb and the Scroll." [Click here](#) for the podcast link.
- Pray for the intercession of your namesake and/or confirmation saint. [Click here](#) for information about the saints.

For Families...

- Take the day completely off from work and spend time together as a family.
- Dye hard-boiled eggs. [Click here](#) for more information.
- Decorate your home in anticipation of the coming celebration of Easter.
- Have a bonfire as described above.
- Livestream the Easter Vigil at 9:00 PM. [Click here](#) for the AOD livestreaming schedule.

After the Easter Vigil, it's time to celebrate! Play [this song](#) and conclude your Lenten fasts. *Buona Pasqua! Happy Easter!*

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Our Parish Community

From the Desk of Ann K. Crowley



Greetings Everyone

I hope this finds you safe and in continuous good health. Our school week was shortened to three days this Holy Week as the St. Clare of Montefalco school will celebrate a long weekend for Easter Break. Distance Learning will return Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

These past three days all the students participated in Zoom Classrooms with their teachers. Grades 7 and 8 did a joint zoom as students presented their bibliography poster boards. We also hope to share their presentations in a Virtual Open House soon. Our younger learners are sharing their work in real time on the screen with each other. It is really pretty cool.

A few discoveries were made over this Distance Learning experience. This week I want to share our school seems to be developing a mini international celebrity. Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Kathy Pawlowski prepares a video every day to greet her children in the morning. Come to find out parents are sharing her video with relatives which include grandparents who live in France. Some of her videos are shared on our St. Clare of Montefalco FB page. Please check them out. I am sure they will bring a smile to your face.

Peace, love and good health is wished to you,

Ann K. Crowley
Principal: St. Clare of Montefalco School



Christian Service Corner

Happy Easter



We are living in very challenging times. We hear so much bad news related to the coronavirus and the impact it is having on our lives and so many people. While I know it is hard to be hopeful, it is important that we have hope. We will get through this.

We have our faith and believe that Jesus rose from the dead for us. We need this type of faith right now, to assist us to get through each day and week. I want you to know that I am praying for you and your families. I wish you a blessed Easter. I hope you can talk or video chat with loved ones. Stay safe and Stay at home as much as possible.

Operation Rice Bowl update: If you have a Rice Bowl at home that you are collecting coins or plan to write a check to support, please know you can set it aside and plan to bring back to church whenever we return. Of course, checks may be mailed to my attention at St. Clare or mailed directly to Operation Rice Bowl. It is a great program so I hope we will eventually be able to support it as we usually do.



The St. Clare **SVDP food pantry** is offering prepacked food boxes for anyone in need. We presently have two bins set outside the Parish Offices with boxes for you to pick up. You may also call the SVDP assistance line if needed: 313-647-5062.

Also, please note that the **SVDP Blue bins are closed for donations until further notice**. SVDP has shut down its retail stores and pick-up services until further notice. Please do not leave items outside the bins. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our friends at **Motor City Mitten Mission** continue to do great work with the homeless and needy in the Detroit area. They have used our facilities for the past 20 months to plan and prepare meal kits for delivery. While we had to temporarily displace them from our buildings, they found a place to continue their good work nearby on Mack Ave. I suggest that you follow them on **Facebook** and support them in any way you are able. They are providing for our most needy every day!

Mike McDevitt | 313-647-5025
Christian Service Commission | mmcdevitt@stclare.org

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Reading for the Week of April 12

Sunday	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Act 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday	Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

St. Vincent de Paul News

Thank you for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Detroit.

We appreciate you thinking of us at this time, but with our locations closed and donation/furniture pick up services suspended indefinitely, we are not equipped to accept your generous donations. Donations left at unattended locations or at a drop off bin may create health and other safety and sanitation hazards, and, if exposed to any inclement weather, may not be suitable for use. Please hold on to your items until we are able to receive them safely and efficiently.

Our primary concern continues to be the health and safety of our staff, neighbors in need and community, along with fulfilling our civic duty to adhere to social distancing. Therefore, pursuant to the Governor Whitmer's Executive Order, SVdPD retail stores, donation sites, drop off bins and donation pick up services are CLOSED until further notice. Updates will be shared via our website and social media channels on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Thank you.



St. Vincent de Paul Detroit
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Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Prayer to St. Rita

Holy Patroness of those in need, St. Rita; your pleadings before thy Divine Lord are irresistible; because of your power to obtain favors you have been called the "Advocate of the Hopeless." St. Rita, so humble, pure, and patient and of such compassionate love for your Crucified Jesus, you could obtain from Him whenever you ask. Knowing this, we come to you with confidence and hope, pleading for comfort and relief.

Look down with mercy upon us humbly kneeling before you, and show your power with God in our behalf. In the past you have so wonderfully helped those in need; hear us and shower your favors upon us today for the greater glory of God and the consolation of those who trust in you. Relying then on Christ's merits and the power of your intercession with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we ask of you: *(mention your request)* Amen

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, April 12

9:00 AM Emanuel Buhagiar
Ruth Day
11:00 AM John O'Donoghue
Maggie Gravino
Barbara Boks

Monday, April 13

Kristin Cecil

Tuesday, April 14

Health care workers, first responders and all essential workers putting the needs of the community above their own

Wednesday, April 15

9:00 AM Michael Hines
Mr. Earl James

Thursday, April 16

Josephine Buhagiar

Friday, April 17

For those who are sick and those who died from Covid-19

Saturday, April 18

4:00 PM Laura Reno (3mo. Anniv)

Sunday, April 19

9:00 AM Ann Marie Emmerich
11:00 AM Elizabeth "Besty" Kovach
5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory
St. Clare Parishioner

Sunday Collection - April 5, 2020

Parishioner Envelopes and Online Giving	\$12,296
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Total Collection:	\$12,296
Budgeted Collection:	\$10,331
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If you would like to drop off offertory or bonanza checks, please know the mailbox at 1401 Whittier is checked multiple times a day. Thank you for your generosity.

Save the date for the 11th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, July 17th at Chandler Park Golf Course and the After-Glow Party at the Grosse Pointe Park Tompkins Center. Stay tuned for more information at www.facebook.com/scmathletics

Please note: The date could change in response to COVID-19.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

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Please keep in your prayers all the doctors, nurses and first responders working hard everyday to make sure we are all taken care of.

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