

To the Parishioners of St. Mary the Virgin

As I write this, Wednesday morning, I have just closed everything down, per guidelines from the civil authorities and advice from Bishop Olson. What was last week is outdated. Now it seems what was yesterday is passé. It is changing rapidly “out there.” We are still trying to put out a bulletin, so that just in case you cannot find the scripture readings from the web, you can find them via SMV. What more can I add to the overload of advice and opinion out there? I could cut and paste more of the penitential psalms. I could say pray more, or buck-up, or find some pithy aphorisms that seem profound. The cacophony of digital noise continues apace. I am tempted to say enjoy the peace and change of pace. That may happen for some, but for other people such as truck drivers or nurses (and we have a bunch in the parish), life is very busy. For others we get to work from home, which has its own benefits and drawbacks. Others are bored silly, or exhausted from walking the dog 5 times a day. Watching the “Armageddonal” news is not spiritually healthy. We are running out of craft supplies. Ok. I get that these days are way outside our comfort zone. And, deep-down, we are afraid; afraid of what this means for the future. It is so easy to forget one thing. Before I say what, here is a small, little story:

Bishop Napolioni [a few days ago] in Italy, who was hospitalized with the virus and has been released,

said, “It is an absurd Lent, but in a certain sense perfect. Jesus is in the desert for forty days, fighting with the devil. Lent is not about the beauty of custom, but the profound mystery of the evil, death and despair that exist. But also of the Lord who is there. We must recognize His presence.”

Do we recognize His presence? Even when we must “stay at home?” These are absurd times; these are perfect times – to teach us lessons we can use for the next time of evil, death or despair – big or little.

What do we say in the Funeral Liturgy? “Life is changed, not ended.” Life has indeed changed, but we are made of sterner stuff, Catholic Christians who have put on the armor of God and with St. Michael covering our blind spot, praying he is our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil, and who will

thrust down to Hell Satan and all wicked spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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Prayer for Vocations

Priest: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy priests, brothers and sisters to His Holy Church.

All: O God, / we earnestly beseech Thee / to bless this Ordinariate / with many priests, / brothers / and sisters, / who will love Thee with their whole strength / and gladly spend their entire lives / to serve Thy Church / and to make Thee known and loved.

Priest: Bless our families. / Bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes / those who are needed for Thy work.

Priest: Mary Queen of the Clergy!

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

(For the Greater Glory)

Flowers: NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

Sanctuary Light: Jacqui Payne in loving memory of Doulas Lane.

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady: John Quin in loving memory of Ann.

Lamp at the Shrine of Joseph: Fr. and Mrs. Dean for a special intention.

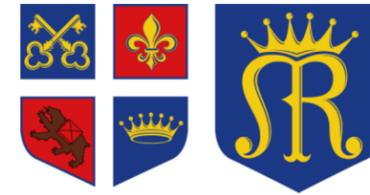
Lamp at the Shrine of St. Therese: The Oliver family for Colleen Roberts.

Lamp at the Shrine of Blessed Charles I: Fr. and Mrs. Dean for a special intention.

Lamp at St. Thomas More: Fr. and Mrs. Dean for a special intention.

Lamp at St. John Fisher: Fr. and Mrs. Dean for a special intention.

Lamp at the Altar of Relics: The Bellinger family for Meilun's recovery.



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Welcome to The Catholic Church of St. Mary the Virgin. We are a parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter authorized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012 for Anglicans seeking to become Catholic. Ordinariate parishes are fully Catholic, while retaining elements of their Anglican heritage and embracing the roots of the Catholic faith's rich tradition through reverent liturgy and historical music. All Catholics are invited to participate in our Divine Worship liturgy and receive communion by kneeling (if able) at the altar rail and receiving our Lord on the tongue.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish for details regarding the preparation program. Under Ordinariate policy, couples should contact a member of the parish clergy at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date.

Sabbath During the Pandemic

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, Bishop Lopes has commuted the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, but not the importance for the faithful to keep the Sabbath Holy.

There will be private Masses at St. Mary the Virgin at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Parishioners will not be able to be present at these Masses. However, you are encouraged to spend some time prayerfully reflecting on the Sunday readings. You may conclude the time of reflection with a recitation of the Prayer of Humble Access or Anima Christi. (See Page 3)

You may follow a second option, which is the recitation of the Rosary as a family.

Your tithe offering may be mailed to the church. You also may set St. Mary the Virgin up with your bank in their online “bill pay” option. With this option, a check will be mailed to the church directly from your bank.

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, Pray for us.

Divine Worship Order of Holy Mass

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

Collect

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people: that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you home into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done it, says the Lord.”

8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Masses said by lector and people after the First Reading. Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Gradual

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies:
teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee.

V. It is the Lord that delivereth me from my cruel enemies, and setteth me above mine adversaries:
thou shalt deliver me from the wicked man.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

Brethren: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Scripture of the Mass

But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God really dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you.

8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Masses said by priest and people. Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Tract

Many a time have they fought against me:
from my youth up.

V. May Israel now say: Yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up.

V. But they have not prevailed against me:
the ploughers ploughed upon my back.

V. And made long furrows: but the righteous Lord hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.

The Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

At that time: A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it."

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go into Judea again."

The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were but now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?"

Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any one walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if any one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." Thus he spoke, and then he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awake him out of sleep."

The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover."

Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying quietly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.

When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; and he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days."

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that you have sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."

The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

The Prayers of the People

Intercession (Form 3 on Page 25)

For Those in Special Need

Rachel; James; Thomas; Bishop Steven Lopes; Mike; Royal; Colleen; Jean; Mike; Fr. Ray; Don; Grace; Isabella; Ronald; Carol; Beverly; Shelli; Echo.

For Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Brett Lee; Pierson; Lucas; Patrick; Richard; Victor; Byron; Luke; Tommy; Christian; Chelsey; Dillon; Mathew; Alton; Annie; Josh; Sebastian; Brandon; James; Jacob.

For Those Expecting Children

Erin & Sebastian; Lindsey & Joseph; Riyanna & Joe; Mary Pat & Sam; Helen & Brian; Joan & John Paul; Rebecca & Brinton; Lisa & Christopher; Colleen & Rafael.

For the Faithful Departed

On the Anniversary of Their Deaths

Sunday: Mike Franklin; Adelaide Ferro; Tuesday: Russ Meyers; Wednesday: Balthasar Szarka, priest; Thomas Morrissey; Thursday: Pope John Paul II; Michael Boyer; Friday: Frank O. Cox; Saturday: Richard Judge, priest.

For those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday: Elvis Atud (B); Ayden Estrada (B); Marisa Johnson (B); Monday: Jorgé Berardi; (B); Martin Morris (B); Tuesday: Luke Weissenstein (B); Wednesday: John Paul Morris (B); Mary Jane Morris (B); Thursday: Kristobal Takawo (B); Friday: Caleb Skinner (B); Saturday: Linda Ledek (B); Kazue Takawo (B).

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but I thy manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.

But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Anima Christi Prayer

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

This Week at St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday, March 29

Private Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

No Religious Ed classes today

No ENDOW class today

Monday, March 30

Private Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: In thanksgiving)

Tuesday, March 31

Private Mass at 7:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: Colleen Roberts)

Wednesday, April 1

No Confessions at 11:00 a.m.

Private Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: All Souls)

Thursday, April 2

No Mens Examen Group at 10:30 a.m.

Private Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: In thanksgiving)

Friday, April 3

Private Mass at 9:00 a.m.

(Mass Intention: In thanksgiving)

No Adoration 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.

No Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m.

No Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

No Martyrs Mens Group at 8:00 a.m.

Private Mass at 9:00 a.m.

(Mass Intention: George Marquez)

No Confessions at 10:00 a.m.

Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O Good Jesus, hear me;
Within thy wounds hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death call me;
And bid me come to thee;
That with thy saints I may praise thee
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Parish Offering

Weekly Offering Forecast.....\$6,000.00
Actual Offertory\$1,655.00
Variance.....—\$4,345.00

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