

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY AND SAINT ANN

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THE WEEK'S LITURGIES

NOTE: These are the Mass intentions Fr. Jason will offer in a private Mass each day.

Mon.	Mar. 30	+Roy, +Billie Johnson
Tue.	Mar. 31	+Joan Uran
Wed.	Apr. 1	Michael P. Wall
Thu.	Apr. 2	Ralph, Marlayne Brown
Fri.	Apr. 3	+Roy, +Billie Johnson
Sat.	Apr. 4	+Darlene Myhre
Sun.	Apr. 5	All Parishioners

Mass times & how to watch: Fr. Jason will offer Mass privately as follows:

Tuesday-Saturday..... 7:15 a.m.

Sunday..... 8:30 a.m.

Barring unforeseen technical difficulties, you can watch these Masses live (or later in the day if you like) on our parish website (holyrosarystanley.com) and via YouTube. In the YouTube app on your phone or tablet, search for "Jason Signalness" or in your web browser go to <https://youtube.com/jsignal>. You may want to subscribe to Fr. Jason's YouTube channel.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available Tuesday-Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. (or as long as there are penitents) in Stanley. It will also be available at 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday (or as long as there

are penitents), also in Stanley. In Berthold, confession will be available on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Appointments can also be made at your convenience.

Church Hours: The *church in Stanley* will be open for personal prayer:

Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The *church in Berthold* is always locked, but parishioners with keys may visit the church anytime. If any parishioner needs a key, please contact Fr. Jason.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Fr. Jeff Zwack, Diane Gustafson, Jim & Doris Walter, Doris Bures, and Linda Holte.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We are now in the 5th Sunday of Lent. While our schedules have been turned upside down by this pandemic, we should proceed with some intentionality through this holy season. If you have not been to Confession yet this season, please do make the time. If you do not want to physically enter the confessional, contact me and we can make other arrangements. Now, perhaps more than usual,

we should seek God's forgiveness in that sacrament.

Palm Sunday is coming up next weekend. Obviously, the congregation cannot gather for the procession into the church with the palm branches. The palms will be blessed during Mass at the church next weekend. Following the Mass (or that afternoon in Berthold), you may stop by the churches at your convenience to pick up new palms for your homes. As you do, please drop off your old palm branches from last year. I'll keep them to burn for next year's Ash Wednesday.

It has been very unusual to offer Mass every day by myself, but I am consoled knowing that some of you—more than I ever thought would—are watching online. Thank you for joining me in prayer! Please pray for our fellow Catholics, that this time will not cause them to drift away from their faith, but rather to draw closer to it. May we all grow in our faith in, and trust of, Almighty God.

Thoughts on Religious Education

Carol, Rhonda, and I have been discussing how to proceed with religious education for the rest of this year. We all agree that education about our faith is of utmost importance. Every subject taught in our public schools is important, of course. But religious education, which we cram into an hour on Wednesday night, is far **more** important. It relates to the very purpose of life, the dignity of every human person, how we will spend eternity, and how we know what is right and wrong. Nothing matters more. If all a child receives for religious education is that hour on Wednesday and sporadic attendance at a Mass on the weekend and the Faith does not affect other aspects of life at home, that is insufficient. Such a child will be religiously ignorant as they enter adulthood, and that is a tragedy for them and for our society as a whole. Over the years it has become very clear to me that our parish religious education programs always fail for kids when the faith is

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not lived at home by parents or guardians. Home is primarily where kids learn the faith, not on Wednesdays (though our classes, I hope, do help somewhat!). The goal of our religious education programs are to *support*, not *replace* efforts in the home. That is all such a program can do!

Right now, sadly, we cannot offer that same support by meeting for religious education classes, but we do want everyone to continue to learn. I want parents and guardians to know we are here to support you in your duty to live the faith and pass it on to the next generation.

Now, to get practical. **We will be trying to put out some resources in the coming week** so parents and guardians can continue to teach kids during these days, and hopefully learn something themselves in the process. I know, parents are all of the sudden forced to become home-schoolers. I know it is hard. But God is with you in this holy work. We will also be reaching out to **Confirmation** students with a plan to finish the lessons of the *Chosen* program before the end of the school year. The actual date for the Confirmation liturgy, as was mentioned in last week's bulletin, has been postponed and will be rescheduled for the fall. But we'd like to keep the classes going. **First Communion**, likewise, will proceed somehow. The dates for First Communion are still about a month away. If we're still not having public masses then, we may have to celebrate First Communion in small groups, but in consultation with families we will try to make it work. Watch for updates via e-mail, Flocknote, or Remind in the coming days.

As always, if you have concerns or questions about anything, please let me know. May God be with you in these unusual days. Please stay healthy!

-Fr. Jason Signalness

NEWS AND EVENTS

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection on April 10th, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **Please be generous!** You may donate online, or over the phone by calling (202) 526-6800. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

DRE Needed: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary is seeking a part time Director of Religious Education to start July 1st, 2020. This position entails working with the pastor to organize and operate the parish's religious education programs, including programs for youth and adults. The DRE develops the schedule for the year, helps recruit and coordinate volunteer catechists, assists the pastor in implementing the Safe Environment Program, and other tasks as assigned. On average, the position requires about 10 hours/week during the school year. If you have a passion for our Catholic Faith and want to help foster the next generations of saints, perhaps God is calling you to apply? To do so, pick up an application form in the parish hall or download a copy from the parish website. Please submit applications to Fr. Jason by March 22nd, 2020. If you have questions, please contact Fr. Jason Signalness or Carol Hynek.

HOLY ROSARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

Kelly Hanson April 3
Brooke Stone April 3
Kaylyn Obert April 5
Jared Gustafson April 6
Calli Hennessy April 8
Blair Hynek April 9
Janet Sandeen April 10
Luke Bacor April 10
Karyn Meyer April 11
JD Sauber April 11
Caiti Hennessy April 12
Charrie Lamping April 16
Luke Meduna April 19
Vince Meduna April 19
Bailey Hawbaker April 19
Doris Goettle April 23
Ella Hynek April 23
Brooke Johnson April 23
Aiden Meduna April 26
Hazen Vergara April 28
Parker Haugen April 29

Happy Anniversary to:

Mitchell & Doris Bures April 11
Kyle & Sarah Jessen April 22
Rene & Lorena Vergara April 29

ST. ANN BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

Sadie Lemer April 3
Keagan Brossert April 4
Jacob Hanson April 6
Marcie Johnson April 11
Linus Kalenze April 18
Sandy Blahut April 22
Ryan Ross April 24

Happy Anniversary to:

Gary & Michelle Rademacher April 9

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary

	Last Week	Needed
Adult Collection	\$150	\$2862
Loose Collection	\$0	\$273
Maintenance Fund	\$25	\$175
Social Concerns	\$0	\$255
Online Giving	\$768	\$0
Total	\$943	\$3565

Church of Saint Ann

	Last Week	Needed
Total	\$510	\$788



Spiritual Communion Prayer

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 spiritually 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.