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OLD ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC ORATORY FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, A.D. 2020 - March 29, A.D. 2020

MASS TIMES

Sunday: 8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 12 noon

except First Friday: 6 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 6 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m.

Holy Days & Special Feasts: *Please see bulletin*

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Message on the Combat against the Coronavirus, COVID-19

Excerpts from a letter of His Eminence Cardinal Burke

(...) Certainly, we are right to learn about and employ all of the natural means to defend ourselves against the contagion. It is a fundamental act of charity to use every prudent means to avoid contracting or spreading the coronavirus. The natural means of preventing the spread of the virus must, however, respect what we need to live, for example, access to food, water and medicine. The State, for instance, in its imposition of ever greater restrictions on the movement of individuals, provides that individuals can visit the supermarket and the pharmacy, with the observance of the precautions of social distancing and of use of disinfectants on the part of all involved.

In considering what is needed to live, we must not forget that our first consideration is our relationship with God. We recall the words of Our Lord in the Gospel according to John: “If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we come to him and make our home with him” (14, 23). Christ is the Lord of nature and of history. He is not distant and disinterested in us and the world. He has promised us: “I am with you always, to the close of the age” (Mt 28, 20). In combatting the evil of the coronavirus, our most effective weapon is, therefore, our relationship with Christ through prayer and penance, and devotions and sacred worship. We turn to Christ to deliver us from pestilence and from all harm, and He never fails to respond with pure and selfless love. That is why it is essential for us, at all times and above all in times of crisis, to have access to our churches and chapels, to the Sacraments, and to public devotions and prayers.

(...) In these days, I have heard from so many devout Catholics who are deeply saddened and discouraged not to be able to pray and worship in their churches and chapels. They understand the need to observe social distance and to follow the other precautions, and they will follow these prudent practices, which they can easily enough do in their places of worship. But, often enough, they have to accept the profound suffering of having their churches and chapels closed, and of not having access to Confession and the Most Holy Eucharist.

In the same light, a person of faith cannot consider the present calamity in which we find ourselves without considering also how distant our popular culture is from God. It is not only indifferent to His presence in our midst but openly rebellious toward Him and the good order with which He has created us and sustains us in being. We need only think of the commonplace violent attacks on human life, male and female, which God has made in His own image and likeness (Gn 1, 27), attacks on the innocent and defenseless unborn, and on those who have the first title to our care, those who are heavily burdened with serious illness, advanced years, or special needs. We are daily witnesses to the spread of violence in a culture which fails to respect human life. Likewise, we need only to think of the pervasive attack upon the integrity of human sexuality, of our identity as man or woman, with the pretense of defining for ourselves, often employing violent means, a sexual identity other than that given to us by God. With ever greater concern, we witness the devastating effect on individuals and families of the so-called “gender theory.”

We witness, too, even within the Church, a paganism which worships nature and the earth. There are those within the Church who refer to the earth as our mother, as if we came from the earth, and the earth is our salvation. But we come from the hand of God, Creator of Heaven and

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(called, LÆTARE SUNDAY)

privately offered - Members & Benefactors of OSP

privately offered - James Villotti, RIP

MONDAY, MARCH 23

Monday of the Fourth Week in Lent

privately offered - Dennis & Marian Pruch, RIP

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Lent

(Saint Gabriel the Archangel)

privately offered - Maddie Connelly

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

privately offered - Collin Wineinger

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Thursday of the Fourth Week in Lent

privately offered - Edward Mills, RIP

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Friday of the Fourth Week in Lent

(Saint John Damascene)

privately offered - Patricia Ignelzi, RIP

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Saturday of the Fourth Week in Lent

(Saint John of Capistrano)

privately offered - Joseph King

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

PASSION SUNDAY

privately offered - Catherine Paine

privately offered - Members & Benefactors of OSP

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: *Matins*—Exodus 3:1-15

Mass—Galatians 4:22-31; John 6:1-15

Monday: *Matins*—Hom. of St. Austin

Mass—III Kings 3:16-28; John 2:13-25

Tuesday: *Matins*—Homily of St. Austin

Mass—Exodus 32:7-14; John 7:14-31

Wednesday: *Matins*—Isaiah 7:10-15

Mass—Isaiah 8:10-15; Luke 1:26-38

Thursday: *Matins*—Hom. St. Ambrose

Mass—IV Kings 4:25-38; Luke 7:11-16

Friday: *Matins*—Hom. of St. Austin

Mass—III Kings 17:17-24; John 11:1-45

Saturday: *Matins*—Hom. of St. Austin

Mass—Isaiah 49:8-15; John 8:12-20

Confessions: 30 minutes before all Masses

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays after Mass

Holy Hour and Benediction:

Fridays at 6:00 p.m. (First Friday, after Mass)

COMPLINE FOR THE WEEK

The seasonal final Marian antiphon is

Ave Regina calorum. The word “feria”

denotes the psalms said for that

weekday (i.e., when there is no special

feast requiring the Sunday psalms).

Sun, Tue, Wed: Sunday psalms

Other Days: Ferial psalms



Earth. In God alone we find salvation. We pray in the divinely-inspired words of the Psalmist: “[God] alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken” (Ps 62 [61], 6). We see how the life of faith itself has become increasingly secularized and thus has compromised the Lordship of Christ, God the Son Incarnate, King of Heaven and Earth. We witness so many other evils which derive from idolatry, from the worship of ourselves and our world, instead of worshiping God, the source of all being. We sadly see in ourselves the truth of Saint Paul’s inspired words regarding the “ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the truth”: “they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever!” (Rom 1, 18. 25).

Many with whom I am in communication, reflecting upon the present worldwide health crisis with all of its attendant effects, have expressed to me the hope that it will lead us – as individuals and families, and as a society – to reform our lives, to turn to God Who is surely near to us and Who is immeasurable and unceasing in His mercy and love towards us. There is no question that great evils like pestilence are an effect of original sin and of our actual sins. God, in His justice, must repair the disorder which sin introduces into our lives and into our world. In fact, He fulfills the demands of justice by His superabundant mercy.

God has not left us in the chaos and death, which sin introduces into the world, but has sent His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer, die, rise from the dead and ascend in glory to His right hand, in order to remain with us always, purifying us of sin and inflaming us with His love. In His justice, God recognizes our sins and the need of their reparation, while, in His mercy He showers upon us the grace to repent and make reparation. The Prophet Jeremiah prayed: “We recognize, O LORD, our wickedness, the guilt of our fathers; that we have sinned against you,” but he immediately continued his prayer: “For your name’s sake spurn us not, disgrace not the throne of your glory; remember your covenant with us, and break it not” (Jer 14, 20-21).

God never turns His back on us; He will never break His covenant of faithful and enduring love with us, even though we are so frequently indifferent, cold and unfaithful. As the present suffering uncovers for us so much indifference, coldness and infidelity on our part, we are called to turn to God and to beg for His mercy. We are confident that He will hear us and bless us with His gifts of mercy, forgiveness and peace. We join our sufferings to the Passion and Death of Christ and thus, as Saint Paul says, “complete what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church” (Col 1, 24). Living in Christ, we know the truth of our Biblical prayer: “The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble” (Ps 37 [36], 39). In Christ, God has fully revealed to us the truth expressed in the prayer of the Psalmist: “Mercy and truth have met together; justice and peace have kissed” (Ps 85 [84], 10).



CHURCH DEBT AND BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Thanks to all the generous donors who made it possible for us to complete Phase I of the tuck-pointing project. The remaining debt for the restoration of Old St. Patrick Oratory is currently **\$269,298.34**. At this time we are making combined principal/interest payments of \$6,500 each month.

*Please make out all checks to:
Institute of Christ the King*

SAINT PATRICK, PRAY FOR US!

CAN YOU SING?!

“Sing to the Lord!” The choir provides a perfect opportunity to express the praises of Almighty God. Our choir director, Mr. Sean Scozzare, is looking for more singers who would like to join the choir. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Scozzare at oldstpatchoir@gmail.com.

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ORATORY INCOME

March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent -
\$TBA
Building Fund - **\$TBA**
Utilities - **\$TBA**

CELL PHONES

As a courtesy to others, please remember to put your cell phones on “church mode” (off or low vibrate) when you come into church. Thank you for your cooperation.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Jesus Christ has founded the Catholic Church in order to pass on His teachings to a world so desperately in need of truth and in order to lead all men to heaven. Are you a non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic? Do you know a non-Catholic or a lapsed Catholic who has questions about the Catholic faith? If you would like to learn more about the claims and teachings of the Catholic Church, please contact the Rector by phone or e-mail in order to set up a meeting. There is nothing to lose, and eternity to gain!



In our totally secularized culture, there is a tendency to view prayer, devotions and worship like any other activity, for example, going to the cinema or to a football game, which is not essential and therefore can be cancelled for the sake of taking every precaution to curb the spread of a deadly contagion. But prayer, devotions and worship, above all, Confession and the Holy Mass, are essential for us to remain healthy and strong spiritually, and for us to seek God's help in a time of great danger for all. Therefore, we cannot simply accept the determinations of secular governments, which would treat the worship of God in the same manner as going to a restaurant or to an athletic contest. Otherwise, the people who already suffer so much from the results of the pestilence are deprived of those objective encounters with God Who is in our midst to restore health and peace.

We bishops and priests need to explain publicly the necessity of Catholics to pray and worship in their churches and chapels, and to go in procession through the streets and ways, asking God's blessing upon His people who suffer so intensely. We need to insist that the regulations of the State, also for the good of the State, recognize the distinct importance of places of worship, especially in time of national and international crisis. In the past, in fact, governments have understood, above all, the importance of the faith, prayer and worship of the people to overcome a pestilence.

Even as we have found a way to provide for food and medicine and other necessities of life during a time of contagion, without irresponsibly risking the spread of the contagion, so, in a similar way, we can find a way to provide for the necessities of our spiritual life. We can provide more opportunities for the Holy Mass and devotions at which a number of faithful can participate without violating necessary precautions against the spread of contagion. Many of our churches and chapels are very large. They permit a group of the faithful to gather for prayer and worship without violating the requirements of "social distance." The confessional with the traditional screen is usually equipped with or, if not, can be easily equipped with a thin veil which can be treated with disinfectant, so that access to the Sacrament of Confession is possible without great difficulty and without danger of transmitting the virus. If a church or chapel does not have a sufficiently large staff to be able to disinfect regularly the pews and other surfaces, I have no doubt that the faithful, in gratitude for the gifts of the Holy Eucharist, Confession, and of public devotion, will gladly assist.

Even if, for whatever reason, we are unable to have access to our churches and chapels, we must remember that our homes are an extension of our parish, a little Church into which we bring Christ from our encounter with Him in the bigger Church. Let our homes, during this time of crisis, reflect the truth that Christ is the guest of every Christian home. Let us turn to him through prayer, especially the Rosary, and other devotions. If the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, together with the image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is not already

enthroned in our home, now would be the time to do so. The place of the image of the Sacred Heart is for us a little altar at home, at which we gather, conscious of Christ's dwelling with us through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our hearts, and place our often poor and sinful hearts into His glorious pierced Heart – always open to receive us, to heal us of our sins, and to fill us with divine love. (...)

For those who cannot have access to the Holy Mass and Holy Communion, I commend the devout practice of Spiritual Communion. When we are rightly disposed to receive Holy Communion, that is, when we are in the state of grace, not conscious of any mortal sin which we have committed and for which we have not yet been forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance, and desire to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion but are unable to do so, we unite ourselves spiritually with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, praying to Our Eucharistic Lord in the words of Saint Alphonsus Liguori: "Since I am unable now to receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart." Spiritual Communion is a beautiful expression of love for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It will not fail to bring to us abundant grace.

At the same time, when we are conscious of having committed a mortal sin and are unable to have access to the Sacrament of Penance or Confession, the Church invites us to make an act of perfect contrition, that is, of sorrow for sin, which "arises from a love by which God is loved above all else.". An act of perfect contrition "obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1452). An act of perfect contrition disposes our soul for Spiritual Communion.

In the end, faith and reason, as they always do, work together to provide for the just and right solution to a difficult challenge. We must use reason, inspired by faith, to find the correct manner in which to deal with a deadly pandemic. That manner must give priority to prayer, devotion and worship, to the invocation of God's mercy upon His people who suffer so much and are in danger of death. Made in God's own image and likeness, we enjoy the gifts of intellect and free will. Using these God-given gifts, united to the also God-given gifts of Faith, Hope and Love, we will find our way in the present time of worldwide trial which is the cause of so much sadness and fear. (...)

Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke - March 21, 2020

Notice from the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at 816-392-0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.



Special Prayer Requests

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Carol Duncan, Fr. Evan Harkins, Anthony Mogilnicki, Sid Tracy, Eugene Murray, Richard Delgado (brother of John Delgado), Jack Fitzgibbons (brother of Bill Fitzgibbons), Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster, Marietta Fitzgibbons, Richard Kirkland, James Villotti, Chief Charles Fisher, Chandra Gamlath, Connor McCullough, Fletcher Richardson, Patricia Larkin, Charles C. Richardson, Fr. Ambrose Karels, Fr. Stanley Piwowar, Louise Duncan, Debbie Ducommum, Walter & Linda Carter, John Lehman, Fr. Andrew Apostoli, Badri Taheri, Lucy Martinez, Alice Umphress, Dr. James Pretz, Iris Arnold, August & Gertrude Dubbert, Kim Dasta, Maria Lupe Delgado, Joseph Schutzman, Peter Scozzare, Alex Porter, Josie Letscher, John Nevshemal, Lillian Farrell, Christina Groccia-Brady, Jack McDaniel, Hal Petznick, Max Minnic, Alice S. Valencia, Allen Troyer, Scott Larrick, Mark Cahill, Jewell G. Shikles, Elaine Jones, Jean Elizabeth Lehman, Stephen & Frances Brady, Lisa Michelle Dorsel, Patricia Connelly, Carol Umphress, Michael Kellerman, Kay Marie Geiger, Gloria, Gregory Valadez, John Joseph Neet, John Clayton, Rita Fitzgibbons, Dewey Madrid, Leo Valencia, James Eugene McManus, Paul Peterson, Cale Miller, Pat Petsch, Don Boos, John Pretz, Ray Yingling, Elroy Balke, Joyce Umphress, Don Deister, Gerard Burns, Daniel Ziglinski, Michael John Valencia, Mother Angelica.

Please pray for the health of: Lucie Mertz, Betty Lucas, Ruby Rushly, Austin Pappé, Christopher Farrell, Tina Jinkens, Bruce Crawford Bernhard, Bill Fitzgibbons, Phillip Kalaf, Leo & Helen Nixon, Wendall Clark, Jill Lehr, Fr. Lockwood, Lorelei Friedl, Lisa Blankenship, Chris Bernhard, Walt Marnett, Bob Hughes, Kathy Branson, Andrew Almendarez, Nikki Bain, Patti Canizaro, Nuala Watkins, Giovanna Wilson, Hillary Trossen, Jerry Hunter, Gloria Shotwell, and Colleen A. Fitzgibbons.

Please pray for: the Goodman Family, Mary Paine, Jacob Goldman, the T. family, Ian Jones & Spencer Jones, the Nixon family.

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