

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020**

The following intentions will be prayed for by Father Hansen or Father Becker at their daily private Mass. If you scheduled this intention and would prefer to postpone it until we can have public Masses again, please contact the Parish Office right away to reschedule.

Monday, March 30

Cf. Ps 56:2...Dn 13:1-9, 15-17...19-30, 33-62...
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6...Jn 8:12-20...Jer 31:33

Intention – In Thanksgiving

Tuesday, March 31

Cf. Is 55:1...Ps 27:14...Nm 21:4-9...Ps 102:2-3,
16-18, 19-21...Jn 8:21-30...Jn 12:32

Intention – Special intention not scheduled

Wednesday, April 1

Cf. Ps 18:48-49...Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95...Dn 3:52, 53,
54, 55, 56...Jn 8:31-42...Col 1:13-14

Intention – In Thanksgiving

Thursday, April 2

Heb 9:15...Gen 17:3-9...Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9...
Jn 8:51-59...Rom 8:32

Intention – John Robertson +

Friday, April 3

Ps 31:10, 16:5...Phil 3:8-14...Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11...
Lk 12:32-34...Cf. Mt 19:7-29

Intention – Berkemeier and Beery Families +

Saturday, April 4

Cf. Ps 22:20, 7...Ez 37:21-28...Jer 31:10,
11-12abcd, 13...Jn 11:45-56...Cf. Jn 11:52

Intention – King Family +

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday

Mat 21:9...Mat 21:1-11...Is 50:4-7...Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,
23-24...Ph 2:6-11...Ph 2:8-9...Mat 26:14-17 or 27:
11-54...Mat 26:42

Intention – Marcie Thedinger & People of the Parish +

Stewardship makes a difference...Our annual campus spring clean-up day scheduled for Saturday, April 4, has been cancelled.

Since we are not having Public Masses at the current time, you may hold onto your regular contributions (for this time period) and bring all of them when Masses resume, or send them directly to the Parish Office. Thank you for your ongoing support.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY INCOME		
Monthly Budget Goal \$63,917.00		
	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Aged, Sick & Poor</u>
Week 1	\$11,039.75	\$ 1,227.50
Week 2	\$10,988.35	\$ 251.00
Week 3	\$10,888.23	\$ 220.00
Week 4	<u>\$ 5,874.50</u>	<u>\$ 95.00</u>
Total	\$38,790.83	\$ 1,793.50

This Coming Week

Monday, March 30

Food Pantry, ECC, School, and School of Religion closed
12:00 noon – 1:00 PM Confessions - Church
12:00 – 7:00 PM Church open for private prayer

Tuesday, March 31

School and ECC closed
12:00 noon – 1:00 PM Confessions - Church
12:00 – 7:00 PM Church open for private prayer
7:00 PM Rosary livestreamed

Wednesday, April 1

Food Pantry, ECC, School, and Sewing Group closed
12:00 – 7:00 PM Church open for private prayer
6:00-7:00 PM Confessions - Church

Thursday, April 2

School and ECC closed
12:00 noon – 1:00 PM Confessions - Church
12:00 – 7:00 PM Church open for private prayer
7:00 PM Rosary livestreamed

Friday, April 3

Food Pantry, ECC, School closed
9:00 AM All School Mass livestreamed
12:00 noon – 1:00 PM Confessions - Church
12:00 – 7:00 PM Church open for private prayer
Stations of the Cross booklets available for individual use in church

Saturday, April 4

No Mass
10:00 AM-5:00 PM Church open for private prayer
12:00-noon-1:00 PM Confessions – Church
7:00 PM Rosary livestreamed Facebook

Sunday, April 5

9:40 AM Rosary livestreamed on Facebook
10:00 AM Sunday Mass livestreamed on Facebook
12:00 noon-5:00 PM Church open for private prayer

Watch the livestreamed Friday “All School” Mass at 9:00 AM, Rosary at 7 PM on Tues., Thurs., & Sat., and Sunday Mass at 10:00 AM (with Rosary before Mass at 9:40 AM) on Cathedral’s Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CathedralStJoseph/videos/>

For easy access to the livestream Masses, go to Cathedral’s website: <https://www.cathedralsj.org>, go to “Mass Times” and click on “Click Here”.

Spiritual Communion
*I wish, my Lord, to receive you
With the purity, humility, and devotion
With which your most holy Mother received you,
With the spirit and fervor of the saints.*

No **Cathedral Cash** cards will be purchased or ordered on the weekend in church, through the school office, or **cathedralcash@cedralsj.org** until further notice. You may still obtain Cathedral Cash through **www.shopwithscrip.com**. We appreciate your ongoing support of this fundraiser.

Father Hansen’s message . . .

This 5th Sunday of Lent will be the 2nd of what seems to be 5 Sundays where the Cathedral and St. Mary’s can’t be open for Mass. I mentioned on the livestreamed Mass (<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CathedralStJoseph/videos/>) last Sunday that it was the first time since 1858 that the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine was closed to pilgrims. The Clyde Benedictine Sisters opened large Adoration chapels around the country over the years. One near my hometown had to close public Adoration for the first time since 1928. In these difficult times there are many signs that God is looking after us. In Lourdes this week on the Solemnity of the Annunciation there was a LARGE rainbow that was enough to take one’s breath away! In the Adoration chapel started by the Clyde Sisters there are Franciscan Brothers and Priests praying around the clock, privately, for the needs of the Church and the world!

In your homes these days you’ve probably seen graces that point to God’s presence. I look forward to hearing about them when we all gather again together at church and in the school! I traveled, before the ban, to the Charles Untz home for the memorial Mass of the young man who died 20 years ago and wanted to be a saint! There is a nice article about him in the current issue of the Archdiocesan paper there, at: <https://thecatholicspirit.com/news/local-news/20-years-after-his-death-charles-untzs-life-continues-to-inspire/>. Charles’ brother, Bryant, said something new about Charles I hadn’t heard before that will help us all see graces of God’s presence in these difficult times, including for those who are home alone. Here is the quote from the article: *His heartfelt counsel stemmed from good listening, said his brother, Bryant, a mechanical engineer who, along with his parents, belongs to St. Patrick in Oak Grove. “When people were talking to him, they felt like they were the focus of his attention,” Bryant said. “He wasn’t straining to look or listen to something else. He had this ability to show love through paying attention.”* Let us take time each day to listen to one another, and to God. Let us take time to call someone who we know lives alone. Our “paying attention” will not go unrewarded!

In addition to the Sunday Mass livestreamed at 10am, we’ll be having 9am livestreamed all school Masses on Friday. Beginning this Saturday at 7pm, Fr. Becker or I will be leading the Rosary from the living room at the rectory. You’d be welcome to join in! One of us will be leading on Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7pm, too! Terri is keeping the left side of the Cathedral website updated at <https://cathedralsj.org/> and the Facebook pages of the Cathedral, School, and St. Mary’s are also being updated regularly!

Step By Step Instructions to watch the Masses/Rosary/Messages

You **WILL** need a computer or smart phone that is connected to the internet in order to watch the Mass on Sundays.

You **DO NOT** need a Facebook account to watch the Mass. The parish Facebook page is open to the public so you can see the videos without needing an account.

Step 1: Go to the Cathedral website at cathedralsj.org

Step 2: Scroll down to the section that says MASS TIMES.

Step 3: Under there you will see a link that says

[CLICK HERE](#)

It will take you to

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CathedralStJoseph/videos/>

Step 4: This will take you to the Cathedral Videos Page. If you scroll down, you will see a section that has all of the videos in small squares. The most recent video will be in the upper left hand corner in the first spot. When we go live, the video will be in this first spot and it will have a red badge that says **LIVE** on it. Click on the video and it will automatically come up and begin to play.

If you would like to watch an **EASY How-To Video** from Deacon Josh, **[CLICK HERE](#)** or go to **<https://youtu.be/mulqYSNqLvI>**

CHECK THIS OUT . . . [The Good News of Cathedral](#)

- **Congratulations to Lucas Dudley & Nattalie Crawford King**, Cathedral Class of 99 & LB Class of 03, on the birth of, **Isabella Marie**, on **March 20!**
- **Congratulations to Dan and Melissa Pfister** on the birth of **Charles Patrick** on **March 25!**

[School and ECC News](#)

- **Don’t forget:** In order for the School to plan for the future, you are asked to please turn in your **school registration paperwork** as soon as possible! Please send your completed packet with payment by **Friday, April 10** (deadline extended) to receive a \$20 Early Bird Discount!
- The **Race for Education** will almost certainly be canceled, but we will still issue some sort of Healthy Living Challenge. The fundraiser for this event helps support the school’s annual operational expense, so the race must go on (figuratively, of course)! Your favorite Cathedral students would greatly appreciate your support in sponsoring them for their RACE for Education. The students are running to earn money for their exceptional faith-based education at Cathedral School. **Text RACE to 74121** and follow the instructions, or go online to: **qtogo.net/race**. Thank you for your ongoing support of Cathedral School!

Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph, is working to respond to the impact of COVID-19. They are preparing for as much as a 40% increase in requests in the coming days and weeks as this pandemic progresses. If you can help in this need, contact **Lynn Lichte**, Donor Stewardship Specialist, at **816-659-8243** or **lichte@ccharities.com** to donate.

Sacrifice of Praise

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Ezekiel 27:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45

Finding the Light of the World, in the World

In this week's Gospel, Jesus learns Lazarus is gravely ill. Out of great love for his friend, he chooses to travel back to Bethany. Those traveling with Jesus worry about his safety. Jesus tells the disciples they will travel during the light of day because anyone who walks in the light will not stumble — speaking here both figuratively and spiritually. Jesus is the “light of this world” (Jn 11:9), and we are called to walk in his teachings and his promises; if we walk by the light of Jesus, we will not risk stumbling into temptation nor falling away from faith.

Jesus shares seven “I Am” statements in the Scriptures. In this Gospel passage, he describes himself as light of the world, also “the resurrection and the life” (v. 25). Our hope for eternal life rests in Jesus Christ as Messiah, Savior. Could you answer Jesus with the affirmation of the belief that Martha did when he said to her: “Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (vv. 25-26).

She answered, “Yes, Lord, I ... believe.” Can you make this proclamation in your own life? Do you see the generosity of God in your life, that you can trust in his



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FOR REFLECTION

- How would you categorize your ability to trust God?
- Which prayers fortify or comfort you when you feel your faith wavering?
- Does Jesus' generosity toward his friends provide consolation or hope as you present your supplications to the Lord?

power whatever the circumstances? Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Sometimes we are dead in our faith — whether in our prayer life, in lackluster participation in the sacraments, or in lack of time spent reading the Scriptures. We may have allowed it to wither and maybe even develop, dare we say, a stench.

Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha, are offered as

examples of contemplative and active prayers. When Jesus first visits them in Bethany, we find Martha anxious and busy, upset with her sister's contemplative stance at Jesus' feet. Jesus challenges her to find a balance in her life between work and prayer; she was missing that one thing needed — dedicated time with the Lord amidst all the other things to do. In John 11, with her proc-

lamation of faith in Jesus as Messiah, we witness the fruit of following Jesus' gentle admonition.

Lent is an opportunity for us to answer this same gentle exhortation from Jesus in our own lives. Beloved, you are anxious about a great many things, but only one thing is needed. Do you read those words and begin to make a list of the things for which you are worried? Can you recount the last time you sat at the Master's feet to learn from him? Do you believe you can come to Jesus with your supplications, no matter how dire or how many? Do you trust him with your life?



PRAYER TIP

Prayer bears fruit in our lives when offered in:

DEVOTION
with earnest belief

HUMILITY
with reverent awe

CONFIDENCE
with expectant hope

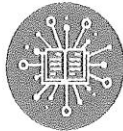
PERSEVERANCE
with unwavering patience

TRUST
with abandon to the will of God

An Act of Trust

Prayer of supplication comes from the Latin verb *supplicare*, which means to plead or to beseech. A prayer of supplication calls for one to humble themselves before the Lord and ask (petition) for a favor only he can give. It is an act of trust in the Lord. Gabriel's words, "for nothing will be impossible for God" (Lk 1:37).

CATECHISM CONNECTION



"Jesus also prays for us — in our place and on our behalf. All our petitions were gathered up, once for all, in his cry on the Cross and, in his Resurrection, heard by the Father. This is why he never ceases to intercede for us with the Father. If our prayer is resolutely united with that of Jesus, in trust and boldness as children, we obtain all that we ask in his name, even more than any particular thing: the Holy Spirit himself, who contains all gifts."

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2741

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you told your disciples to ask and it will be answered. In your mercy, what we receive always aligns with the will of your Father. If we, broken and sinful, strive to give good gifts to our children, how much more will our heavenly Father provide. I bring my supplications to you, trusting in your love and mercy.

Remaining Steadfast in Prayer



St. Gemma Galgani preferred to engage in informal prayer in the form of continually conversing with God throughout the day and night. This way, she believed, was the way to assure she remained in the presence of God at all times. Gemma spent a year suffering from spinal tuberculosis. After two failed attempts at reciting a novena to the Sacred Heart, she persevered and tried once more. This time, not only did she complete the nine days of prayer, but she also received a miraculous and complete cure of her illness upon its completion. Grateful to be cured, her focus remained on Jesus: "I too was pleased, but not so much that I had been cured as that Jesus had chosen me for his child."

"V. We adore you, Christ, and we praise you.

R. Because by your holy cross, You have redeemed the world."

— TRADITIONAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS BY ST. ALPHONSUS LIQUORI



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