

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with a heavy heart that on account of the present of the coronavirus spreading throughout our country that effective Friday, March 20, all regularly scheduled public celebrations of the Catholic Mass and devotions are suspended until further notice. I will continue to celebrate Mass privately for the intentions in our bulletin and of our community and the Church. Baptisms, the sacrament of the sick, funerals and weddings may take place.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 29 Fifth Sunday in Lent	David Darajky, by Georgia & Bob Plattner
Monday, March 30	John (Johnny) Williams
Tuesday, March 31	Geraldine Cousins, by Paulette & Tom Watson
Wednesday, April 1	Nell O'Brien
Thursday, April 2	for all our nurses & doctors, and other healthcare workers
Friday, April 3	for the end of the corona virus
Sunday, April 5 Palm Sunday	Fr. John Ahearn, by Paul & Bev Regan Lew Sackrider, by Glenn & Kathy

THE SEASON OF LENT

In the coming weeks, families are spending more time together at home. One good use of time is to pray together on a regular basis, especially at the usual time you normally went to church. This prayer time together can be enhanced by creating a place in your home dedicated to prayer. It can be the corner of a room or any unused space. Furnish your prayer space with a bible, prayer books, cross, rosary, and/or a candle. Encourage family members to use this prayer space for personal as well as family prayer.

PRAYER FOR MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Holy Eucharist. 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.

PRAYER TO MARY TO END CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC BY POPE FRANCIS

O Mary:

You shine always on our path as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your Faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, who intercedes for us with your Son, know what we need, and we are sure you will ask your Son to provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon Himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O Glorious and blessed Virgin.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

The Sacrament of Confession is one of the greatest sacraments of the Catholic Church, wherein Christ gives power to the priest to forgive sins, in His Name. Many are not in the habit of regular confessions. However, the holy season of Lent is an especially good time to come to confession to prepare oneself for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. As Christ Himself said: Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will refresh you."

Inspired by these truths, Fr. Mike is available during Lent to hear confessions. Please call the rectory for an appointment.

STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.