Fifth Sunday in Lent March 29, 2020

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O Mary,

you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of 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, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in

Cana of Galilee,



Amen.

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 us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic



Circumstances continue to evolve as we learn more about the spread of coronavirus. As a reminder, everyone is dispensed of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, and all public Masses and functions have been cancelled.

There are several ways you can stay informed of the latest developments. When we are able to resume regular Masses, we will communicate this to all parishioners as soon as possible.

If you haven't downloaded My Parish App, I urge you to do so. On your mobile device, visit myparishapp.com/download, and select either Google or Apple depending on your device. Follow the instructions to install the app, and then search for St. Thomas by using zip code 61616. You will receive notices regularly about the latest news from St. Thomas.

Even if you don't have a mobile device, you can visit our blog: www.jgray.org/st_thomas/
This blog will be updated several times a day to keep you informed and inspired during this time when we shelter in place. In addition to news, there are pictures posted and audio clips that you can listen to. Reflections will be posted regularly as we continue our spiritual journey through lent.

If you don't receive our **weekly emails** with links to this week's bulletin, let us know and we will add you to the list. Email **parishoffice@stthomas-church.net** to be signed up.

Finally, check our parish website:

stthomaspeoria.org. We will post general announcements on the homepage of this site.

We will reschedule the Msgr. Rank Mass which we were not able to celebrate this past week. Msgr. Rank died on March 25, 1983. On his anniversary, we generally remember all the faithful departed over the past year. We will find an appropriate time to remember the dead and pray for them once public Masses resume.

We will reschedule the Fish Fry and the Pancake Breakfast to a more appropriate time. We are working with the school to announce the winners of the raffle. News about raffle winners will be posted online.

The Food Pantry continues to serve clients whose needs are greater than ever in these

difficult times. I am encouraged by the great outpouring of generous support. We continue to serve clients on Mondays and Thursdays. Check the blog or website to see how you can help us continue to help many who need the pantry at this time.

Many Catholics have found it difficult to be deprived of the Eucharist for an extended period of time. I think we often take for granted the readily available presence of Blessed Sacrament. Our suspension of public Mass means that we are suddenly cut off from the opportunity to receive and adore the Body and Blood of Christ.

After restrictions are lifted, I think we should give special attention to the feast of Corpus Christi later this summer on June 14, 2020. We should be particularly thankful for the gift of the Eucharist which we adore on this special feast day. I look forward to a more intense celebration of this year's Corpus Christi Mass, possibly with a special extended Eucharistic procession.

-Msgr. Gray

Our Sympathy

Loretta Corwin Dottie Flores Msgr. John Prendergast

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 30, 2020

7:00 a.m. Sonia Gray/Bunco Friends 8:00 a.m. Blanche Sherman/Laura Sherman

5:30 p.m. Jim O'Brien/Ben and Cathy Russell and Family

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

7:00 a.m. Sandra Roberson/Anne and Warren Boley

8:00 a.m. Nancy Gordon/Jeanne Whalen 5:30 p.m. Evangeline Anderson/Angela Kenny

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

7:00 a.m. Lucille and Melvin Noe/Family 8:00 a.m. Walter Arnold/Terry Hardesty

5:30 p.m. Dave Ryan 5th Anniversary/Mark and Linda Joseph

Thursday, April 2, 2020

7:00 a.m. John Rush/Ed and Cathy Mallow 8:00 a.m. Dr. William C. McDermott/Family

9:15 a.m. Ann Ribando/Mai Dang

5:30 p.m. Liz B. Jelland

Friday, April 3, 2020

7:00 a.m. Lynn Goble/Family

8:00 a.m. World Peace and Special Prayer Intentions 5:30 p.m. Irene Romig/John and Sonia Nelson

Saturday, April 4, 2020

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society

5:00 p.m. William Marchulones/Friends and Family

Sunday, April 5, 2020

7:00 a.m. For the People

9:00 a.m. William B. Wombacher 30 Anniv/Bill and Pat Wombacher

11:00 a.m. Elizabeth Mathers/The McGee Famly 5:00 p.m. Michael Gray/Jolene and Tim Doyle

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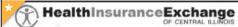
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