

Fourth Sunday of Lent — March 22, 2020



## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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### MASSES / MISAS:

Daily mass: Mon. - Fri. 7 and 8 am, Sat. 8 am  
Saturday/Sábado: 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm (Español)  
Sunday/Domingo: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm  
1:00 pm (Español)

Confessions: Saturday/Sábado, 3:00-4:00 pm  
Rosary: after 8:00 am mass & Saturday at 4:00 pm  
& Mon-Fri, 6:30 am in the Guadalupe Chapel  
Novena: Tuesdays after 8:00 am mass

### BAPTISM & MARRIAGE / BAUTISMO Y MATRIMONIO:

Please call the parish office for information.  
*Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial para mas informes.*

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Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment,  
so that those who do not see might see,  
and those who do see might become blind."  
John 9:39

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### ***Word from the Pastor***

We're not sure you first made the statement: "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," but it can be traced back to the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. It has been repeated in various ways for four centuries, so I guess many people have found it to be meaningful. I think it can also help us recognize what benefit may come from our suspension of all parish activities, including the Mass. Not being able to celebrate the Eucharist may create a greater hunger in our hearts for the Lord.

Of course, the Lord can satisfy our hunger for Jesus in many other ways than the Eucharist. Time for quiet personal prayer can lead us to a deeper union with Christ. As we read the Scriptures, we can hear the Lord speaking to us. His Word touching our hearts and minds invites a prayerful response from us. And so the dialogue begins. Through intimate dialogue with the Lord our relationship will grow.

Certainly vocal prayers can satisfy our hunger for the Lord. Vocal prayer refers to any prayer that might be memorized or uses the words of someone else. Common examples of vocal prayer include the rosary, novenas, prayer books, prayer cards, and a host of memorized prayers. St. Teresa of Avila says that one can reach the heights of contemplation even through vocal prayer. In order for this to happen, we need to think about what we are saying. St. Teresa says that reciting vocal prayers without thinking is useless (or worse than useless) because it is, in a way, insulting God. It is talking to God without thinking about what I am saying as if there were some magic in the words. That is why St. Teresa of Avila urges us to be mindful of what we are praying. When it comes to vocal prayer, less may be better.

Even if we pray in many other ways, we as Catholics have a great desire for the Eucharist (or we should). Going for some time without being able to celebrate the Eucharist will be difficult. It is part of the weekly rhythm of our lives. For some, it is the way we begin our day. It is also possible that for some of us, it is something that we take for granted. We don't always realize what a gift it is. Perhaps absence from the Eucharist will make our hearts grow fonder and deepen our appreciation for the great privilege we have in celebrating the Eucharist regularly.

You probably remember hearing about the Vatican Synod on the Pan-Amazon region of South America was held in Rome last October 2019. One of numerous problems discussed by the bishops of the synod is that fact that many ecclesial communities in the Amazon territory have enormous difficulties in accessing the Eucharist. It can take months or even years for a priest to return to a community to celebrate Mass or offer the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. We, who will be without the celebration of the Eucharist for some weeks, can put ourselves in solidarity with our brother and sister Catholics in other parts of the world who rarely have the opportunity to participate in the Mass.

Let us all continue to pray for all the sick and those who live in fear of this virus. We pray in a special way for all doctors, nurses and medical personnel who are being challenged with the enormity of the task that is theirs. We pray for all of our government leaders who are faced with making such important decisions on a daily basis. May the Holy Spirit guide them as they lead our country, state, county and cities. And most of all, let us pray for one another in our parish. May God take away our fears and lead us to a greater trust in the Lord's healing power.

Recall the words of Psalm 45: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Therefore, we will not fear..."

In One Heart,  
Fr. Ron

**Our priests will be celebrating private Masses daily to cover the weekly intentions:**

- **Monday, March 23** Bernard Mills (d), Kevin McDonnell (d)
- **Tuesday, March 24** Howard McComas (d), Jim Milliman (d)
- **Wednesday, March 25** Rosario de Sosa (d), Richard Crocetti (d)
- **Thursday, March 26** Fr. Ed Broom (int), Frank Sipos (d)
- **Friday, March 27** Betty Zelent (d), Antoinette Thompson (d)
- **Saturday, March 28** Kathleen Onder (d), Richard Easland (d), Natividad Cruz (d)
- **Sunday, March 29** Thomas Dempsey (d), Dorothy Roth (d), Valentina "Cookie" Atckison (d), Lorena Ramirez (int), Apolinar Figueroa (d), Desmond Sullivan (d)



## Religious Education & Family Ministry Pre-K thru 8th grade

**All weekly classes are cancelled until further notice.**

Take home student packages can be picked up during our Office hours:  
Mondays 3:00pm-6:00pm & Wednesdays 3:00pm-4:30pm.

**Donations for our Lenten Project can be dropped off during office hours.**

We are collecting:

Peanut Butter (family size plastic jar) and rice and beans

A box of crayons or colored pencils and candy

Over-the-counter kids' medicine (cold meds, cough syrup, vitamins, Tylenol) and diapers  
(gently used) children and adult jackets, blankets, towels, and bedding.

### Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jesus reveals himself again, this time to the blind man who was cured. All that was needed was an expression of faith. Jesus gave sight as the light of faith dawned on the man born blind. Sometimes we come to know God through the challenges we face. God works in us and walks with us offering light and hope. What might it look like to recognize God's presence in our lives? How can we let the light of our faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, grant us healing for body, heart, and soul.

### Office for Religious Education & Family Ministry

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## Stewardship and Development

**Our Stewardship renewal program- *Reflect, Respond, Renew* for 2019-2020 continues to be successful and we are grateful for your continued participation!**

Offertory is our major source of income. Sustaining our offertory allows us to continue our mission without operating at a deficit.

Your commitment to our parish is important and we ask that those who use envelopes, to enclose their giving into the special mailing envelope that comes in your packet.

Please use Online Giving to help our church during this time.

**Please click the link to use Online Giving: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/58>**

If you have any questions regarding this *Stewardship – Reflect, Respond, Renew* program, or how to use Online Giving, contact the Stewardship and Development office at 760-729-0717 or [mmclain@stpatrickcarlsbad.com](mailto:mmclain@stpatrickcarlsbad.com)

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Mar 9 - Mar 15 WEEK 37	Actual	March Weekly Collection Budget	Weekly Over/ Under WEEK 37	Actual YTD 2019 - 2020	YTD Collection Budget WEEK 37	YTD Over / Under 2019 - 2020
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$20,603.91</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$9,396.09</b>	<b>\$1,142,755.57</b>	<b>\$1,020,400.00</b>	<b>\$122,355.57</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	\$7,349.00	<b>Get on the Bus Collection:</b>		<b>\$7,994.00</b>		
<b>Cash - loose</b>	\$763.00					
<b>Checks - loose</b>	\$4,426.18	<i>With gratitude for gifts received, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord.</i>				
<b>Online Giving</b>	\$8,065.73					



### Adoration Schedule

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Tuesday (Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm on Tuesdays) and on the First Friday of each month.

- ◆ Tuesday, March 24                      2:00pm - 6:00pm
- ◆ Tuesday, March 31                      2:00pm - 6:00pm

### A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.  
Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.  
Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus.  
May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.  
Be with the families of those who are sick or have died.  
As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

I am sure that many of you have heard about the bishop's decision to cancel all public Masses until further notice. This was a decision he made in consultation with the Presbyteral Council and other advisory groups, as well as input from the medical community and government leaders. I recognize that the result of this decision will be difficult for all of us to bear.

- ◇ There will be no public Masses offered on weekdays or weekends. This applies to St. Patrick Parish and all parishes in the Diocese of San Diego.
- ◇ The church will be open for personal private prayer every day from 6:00 am until 7:00 pm. You are encouraged to make a visit and spend time with the Lord in prayer. Tuesday afternoon Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue.
- ◇ Time for confessions will continue to be held every Saturday at 3:00 pm. However, our Parish Penance Service and all penance services throughout the Diocese are cancelled.
- ◇ Our parish school is closed until further notice.
- ◇ All parish activities are cancelled. This includes meetings of any parish organization or ministry. All faith formation, youth ministry, prayer groups, and Bible studies are cancelled until further notice. Likewise, choir rehearsals, group baptismal preparation, group marriage preparation, RCIA, RICA, and the remaining Lenten programs are cancelled. This includes any group that meets at the Fr. Moore Center. Even Bingo is cancelled.
- ◇ Weddings and funerals will continue to be celebrated.
- ◇ Our parish offices will remain open from 8:30am - 12:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

At this point, there is no way to know how long these policies will be in effect. I ask your patience in understanding as we move into uncharted waters. My personal feeling is that it is better to err on the side of caution. So I fully support the bishop's position.

Thank you for understanding.

*Fr. Ron*



### Pope's Mass Online

There are many online sources for livestreaming daily Mass. The early morning Mass of Pope Francis is available at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta.pagelist.html>. This is the English language link. Rome time is 8 hours ahead of us but the recording of this Mass can be accessed at any time using the same link. You can watch it at your convenience. The Diocese of San Diego is offering Sunday Mass online in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. You can find it at <https://www.sdcatholic.org/find-a-parish/on-line-sunday-mass/>.

These videos are uploaded every Saturday at 5:00 pm and again you can view them at your convenience. Many cable TV channels broadcast daily and Sunday Mass. Many parishes livestream Masses on weekends through their websites. Use your search engine to find a Mass at a time that is convenient for you.

### **Spiritual Communion**

While we can watch the Mass on TV or through the internet, an important element is missing: most of us receive the Lord sacramentally in Holy Communion each time we participate in the Mass. This is the highpoint of our celebration of the Mass, our greatest form of participation. In cases when people are not able to receive Holy Communion, the Church encourages us to make an act of "spiritual communion," where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion. Countless saints incorporated this type of prayer into their daily lives, not being satisfied with receiving Jesus in the Eucharist once a week or even once a day. Making an act of spiritual communion for them was an essential part of life and drew them closer to God on a daily basis. Here is one of the traditional prayers that can help us make a spiritual Communion. As you watch the Mass online or TV, pray this prayer and meditate on the words as you make them your own.

*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.*

### **Una Oración por el Coronavirus**

Jesucristo, tú atravesaste pueblos y villas "curando toda dolencia y toda enfermedad." Por tu mandato, los enfermos fueron curados. Acude a nuestra ayuda hoy, en medio de la propagación global del coronavirus, para que podamos sentir tu amor curativo.

Cura a todos los enfermos con el virus. Que puedan recuperar sus fuerzas y sanar mediante un buen cuidado médico. Sánanos de nuestros temores, los cuales no permiten que las naciones trabajen unidas y que los vecinos se ayuden unos a otros.

Cúranos de nuestro orgullo, el cual nos hace asumir invulnerabilidad ante una enfermedad que no tiene límites. Jesucristo, sanador de todo, acompáñanos en estos tiempos de incertidumbre y pena.

Acompaña aquellos que han muerto por causa del virus. Que estén descansando a tu lado en tu paz eterna.

Acompaña las familias de quienes están enfermos o que han muerto. En medio de sus preocupaciones y penas, líbrales de enfermedad y desesperación. Permíteles sentir tu paz.

Acompaña los doctores, enfermeras, investigadores y todos los profesionales médicos que andan en búsqueda de sanar y ayudar a los afectados, y que corren riesgos en el proceso. Permíteles sentir tu protección y paz.

Acompaña los líderes de todas las naciones. Dales la visión para actuar con amor, y un verdadero interés en el bienestar de la gente que deben de servir. Dales la sabiduría para poder invertir en soluciones de largo plazo que ayudarán a la preparación o prevención de futuros brotes. Permíteles conocer tu paz en esta tierra, mientras juntos trabajan para lograrlo.

Ya estemos en nuestras casas o en el extranjero, rodeados de muchos o de unos pocos que sufren de esta enfermedad, Jesucristo, acompáñanos mientras soportamos y lamentamos, persistimos y nos preparamos. Sustituye nuestra ansiedad por tu paz.

Jesucristo, sánanos.

### **AVISOS**

La oficina parroquial estará abierta de 8:30 am - 12:30 pm de lunes a viernes.

La iglesia estará abierta para oración personal de 6:00 am - 7:00 pm de lunes a domingo.

Habrá Adoración del Santísimo, como de costumbre, los martes de 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Habrá Confesiones, como de costumbre, los sábados de 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Los Padres celebrarán Misas privadas durante la semana por todos aquellos que reservaron misas.

Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

En la primera lectura de hoy del Libro de Éxodo, atestiguamos cómo la gente de Israel lucha con los desafíos y las gracias, el sufrimiento y los triunfos, los momentos de esperanza y competencia frustración que marcó su travesía de 40 años a través del desierto hacia la Tierra Prometida.

En cada Cuaresma, este viaje histórico de los israelíes es el símbolo del Pueblo de Dios en nuestra propia época tratando de seguir el camino del Señor entre la incertidumbre y obstáculos que se encuentran alrededor de nosotros en el mundo moderno. Pero en esta Cuaresma, en este momento, nuestro camino cuaresmal ha tomado nuevas dimensiones porque enfrentamos una pandemia global que, por un tiempo, cambiará dramáticamente nuestra vida normal y nos llama a un sentido más profundo de sacrificio y fe. En estos 40 días viviremos penitencias cuaresmales que no escogimos, la necesidad de las cuales no comprenderemos completamente.

La gran tentación de los judíos en la tierra salvaje fue el de temor y de pánico, una pérdida de confianza y comunidad. Y en estos días que una enfermedad se está extendiendo y de pérdidas económicas, parece que el temor nos rodea – temor de enfermarnos, temor por la salud y seguridad de nuestros seres queridos, temor por nuestra seguridad económica y de nuestras familias, y el temor que viene del reconocimiento que para algunos de los más vulnerables entre nosotros, esta pandemia cobrará sus vidas.

El más fuerte antídoto al temor en este momento se encuentra en nuestra comprensión que el tema fundamental para nosotros como gente de fe se encuentra en confrontar la cuestión que los israelíes presentan en la lectura de hoy del Libro de Éxodo: “¿Está el Señor entre nosotros o no?”

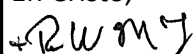
Y así nuestra observancia de la Cuaresma este año nos provee el más iluminante posible trasfondo para la carga que cada uno de nosotros, individualmente, colectivamente y globalmente, enfrentaremos en las próximas semanas. Es las experiencias que cambian drásticamente nuestras vidas que revelan poderosamente nuestra definitiva dependencia en el Dios que crió cada bendición que conocemos en esta vida y que nos sostiene con un amor tierno y personal sin límites.

Es nuestro vínculo con el Jesucristo que sufre que nos consola con una fortaleza especial al acercarse el Viernes Santo entre las adversidades que vienen que nos puedan pesar mucho. Y es el reconocimiento transformativo que Cristo ha resucitado que revela el poder inmenso de la esperanza para nosotros y para nuestro mundo.

“¿Está el Señor entre nosotros o no?” Nuestro enfático “sí” a esta pregunta, revelada no solamente en un ejercicio intelectual, pero una creencia viva que rodea nuestra respuesta personal a los desafíos que vienen, es la más grande observación de la Cuaresma que podemos realizar estos días para reflejar nuestros valores fundamentales de fe y como testigos en el mundo.

Fueron las dificultades y la fe de los judíos durante su travesía en el desierto que los formó como pueblo. Y en estos días de desafíos para nuestra sociedad y nuestro mundo, tenemos la oportunidad de hacer más noble tanto nuestro país y nuestro mundo atestiguando continuamente a la generosidad sobre el egoísmo, la compasión sobre la insensibilidad y la esperanza sobre el temor.

En Cristo,



Obispo Robert McElroy  
Obispo de San Diego