Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2020



SAINTS CYRIL AND FARNOSŤ SVÄTÝCH METHODIUS PARISH CYRILA A METODA

A Personal Parish Established To Serve The Slovak Catholic Community In The Archdiocese Of Detroit

Dear Parishioners,

When all the external supports and certitudes fall apart and fail, we must return to what really matters and holds our lives in place. The apostles, after having denied and abandoned Jesus, gather around the risen Lord who suddenly stands in their midst after His resurrection. He gives new meaning and direction to their lives and transforms all of them into His faithful and courageous followers, ready to offer their lives for Him.

In these days and weeks when the frame of our lives is and will be shaken, we must take more seriously the challenge of gathering around Christ and building our lives upon Him. I have been hearing from many of you who have been constantly expressing a desire to receive Holy Communion, which is a beautiful testimony of faith in Christ who nourishes us, His faithful. He shares His life with us and allows us to live.

While under the current circumstances we cannot unite ourselves with Christ in sacramental form, we can draw from the richness of the tradition of the Church and unite ourselves with Christ in other ways. Jesus teaches in the gospels: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in



the midst of them" (Matt 18:20) and "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matt 25:40). And Paul expands on this teaching, stressing that the Church is the Body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27; Eph 4:12; Col 1:24). This is one of the unexpected implications of the sacrament of the Eucharist. When Christ gives us His body, he makes us into His body. Therefore, being members of Christ, we are to extend His presence in the world, live in accordance with Him and contribute to the building of the community.

Please, do not let yourselves be discouraged by the present situation. Christ is in our midst and He gives us a mission to transform the world.

I continue to pray for each of you daily and ask for your continued prayers as well, not only for me and for our parish community but for all those impacted by this health crisis and its resulting effects.

May God bless each of you and keep you safe and healthy, Fr. Libor Marek

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

HEN JESUS HEARD THAT THEY HAD THROWN HIM OUT, HE FOUND HIM AND SAID, "DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE SON OF MAN?" HE ANSWERED AND SAID, "WHO IS HE, SIR, THAT I MAY BELIEVE IN HIM?" JESUS SAID TO HIM, "YOU HAVE SEEN HIM AND THE ONE SPEAKING WITH YOU IS HE." HE SAID, "I DO BELIEVE, LORD," AND HE WORSHIPED HIM. (JOHN 9:35-38) Remember in Your Prayers All THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

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Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

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Father Libor & Father Juraj will celebrate the scheduled Mass Intentions in their Private Daily Masses this week as follows:

March 21, Saturday – Sobota

For James & Greete Varchetti
 For the Victims of Aushwitz
 For Lou-Em Clan
 For Hayley Reynolds and Family
 Marie Robinson req. Wolf Family
 Albert Tisch (7th Ann.)
 Tresa Marie Lamerato req. Ken Pullis
 Louis Zaidan
 Joe Marine
 Estelle Fritz
 Baptism: Joseph Michael Antonelli

March 22, Fourth Sunday of Lent - Nedela

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (31)

For the Intentions of All Parishioners
For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality
For a Special Intention req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
For Bill Marquard (B'Day) req. Leo & Diane
For Maria Laconi
For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
For Joseph Vassallo
For Julia Russo
For the Glenn Wilkins Family
†Marie Christina Robinson req. Ken Pullis
†Tresa Lamerato req. Pilarski Family
†Jozef Novak req. Peter Noga
†Richard Francis Martus req. Ken Pullis
†Charles & Isabella Varchetti
†Diane Corrigan req. Vitale Family
†Jonathan Thomas & the Thomas Family
†Paul Schliecher req. Wey Family
†Paul Magusin req. Elaine Fontana
†Gary Polisano req. Amy Perugi
†Audrey Bustillo
*†Cezar Cabrera Sr.
‡James Zabawski req. Wife
‡Alan Arnett

March 23, Monday – Pondelok

◆For Lynn Shaouni (B'Day)
 ◆For Thomas Desser (B'Day)
 ◆For the Laszlo & Ilona Families
 ◆†Lawrence Hines, Jr.
 ◆†Mary Pat Christopher req Leo & Diane Marquard
 ◆†Afifa, Elia, Angel, & Tarak Jazrawi req. Family

March 24, Tuesday – Utorok

❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Steven Funk req. Langlois Family

*†Richard Branch *†Julia Tomajko (B'Day) req. Family *†Josephine Durecki req. Niece *†Elinor Baumgartner

March 25, Wednesday – Streda *** Solemnity of the Annunciation ***

↔ For Anna & † Paul Magusin ↔ For Mark and Karen Bosscher (25th Wed. Ann.) ↔ For Cassie Giroux

♦ †Thomas Lewandowski (10th Ann.) ♦ †Peter MacDonald

March 26, Thursday – Štvrtok

For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 For George & Helen Emmendorfer
 For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
 For Bill Ruhlman req. Brother
 Choi Eun Soo
 Matthew Margiewicz
 Edward Polakowski req. wife, Shirley
 Walter & Beverly Cole

March 27, Friday – Piatok

For Fr. Michael Prieur & All Priests
 For Christopher Hanna (B'Day)
 For Michael & Imelda Foley req. Dan & Jan Atkinson
 For Joe Long
 For Al & Ann Varchetti
 Paul Szwarc
 Josef Szwarc
 Leon Jimenez
 Richard Martus
 William Alexander Purvis II req. Stegner Family
 Kevin Schanze
 Olindo D'Alessandro

March 28, Saturday – Sobota

For Joseph Hines (B'Day)
 For Miriam Miller (B'Day)
 For Dorothy Formala (B'Day)
 For Patricia Gill req. Family
 For the Gammo & Gill Families
 John E Bazger (8th Ann.)
 Al Newcomer & Family
 Tuane Van Pamel
 Tresa Marie Lamerato req. Ken Pullis
 Paul J. Palace req. Marian Maniaci

March 29, Fifth Sunday of Lent - Nedela

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 1:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-35 (34)

For the Intentions of All Parishioners
 For a Special Intention Mark Dabrowski
 In Thanksgiving req. Alia
 For Justin Langlois req. Family
 For Megan Sheeran
 For Joseph Vassallo
 For Alia Korkis

For the Members of the First Catholic Slovak Union Branch 743 ***** For Julia Russo ***** For Andrea Davis req. Sister in Christ

For Andrew Dubon (B'Day)
 For Joseph Vassallo
 For Leart Prendushi (B'Day)
 For Katarzyna Gryglicka
 For Andrzej Purzyck

For Anna & †Paul Magusin req. Stefan & Marta Sobolic & For Emily & †Jo Davis & †Mary Ellen Schultz & †Amera & Slewa Meyou

†Jan Wampuszyc req. Propson Family *†Stefan & Anna Sobolic req. Sobolic Family

*†Vladimir & Terezia Krizik req. Sobolic Family *†Richard Stein

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- Those Who Are Sick
- Those Who Have Died
- Those Who Care for the Sick & Dying

<u>March 18 & 19, 2020</u> Bishop Ludovic Joseph Minde Vespers (Vigil) & Solemn Installation Ceremony As Bishop of the Moshi Diocese



Catechism Update

Following the guidelines given by the Archdiocese of Detroit and the State of Michigan, at this time, we will not return to our regular Catechism classes until Wednesday, April 8. We realize that our calendar for the school year reflected a day off that week but to help make up for the days we missed and give us a precious week of class to all come together and share our faith and prepare for Easter, we plan to have class that Wednesday (God willing, and if the AOD and the State allows us).

Though not how we had hoped to be spending the coming weeks, this time off will give the 7th grade students who have not completed their testing, time to work on their questions and prayer memorization. Actually, all parents may want to use this time to discuss what each child is learning and give positive affirmation to your child's faith life.

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Since the 7th & 8th grade students will be missing their retreat, I am requesting they do something a little different to substitute and supplement the loss of this time. I would like your child to sign into the FORMED Website and utilize the information available on Confirmation. Many of you may already be using this site and have a sign in, but if not, please sign in at https://formed.org/ Scroll down and enter our parish code: 90c575. You will then be prompted to set up your own personal account so you have full access to all of the amazing formation and entertainment materials available. Click on Sacraments and then select Confirmation. You will see a selection of 5 videos. Please have your Confirmandi select 3 videos to watch. I would then like them to write for me a half page (approximately a paragraph) about something new they learned while watching the videos. I also encourage them to watch all five or explore the site for other content that speaks to their desire to learn about this sacrament. This assignment will satisfy the requirements for this year's Confirmation Retreat.

For the other grades, some of your children's teachers may be reaching out to you to give you assignments for your child so that they can work on them while they are home from school and catechism. Feel free to email your child's teacher if you would like to find out what chapters they might want them working on at home. They are off from school and will have a lot of time on their hands, and what better opportunity than to spend this Lenten season, learning more about their Faith.

BTW, the Formed Website can be used by any family even if you do not have a child in 7th or 8th grade. Please feel free to explore the website and watch videos with your children. In the children's section there are many cute Father Francis videos including one about Lent.

Ask your children to pray for their "neighbors" during this time. I am praying for you and your families. I pray that people remain healthy, that the virtue of charity is seen in all and that your children are spared from any ailing health and the bad behavior we sometimes see in society. This is a time for us all to grow closer to Our Lord, and join our hearts and lives to the great sacrifice He made for us to be able to be with Him in Heaven.

Please contact Paul or me by email or phone if you have any questions and also contact us if you did not receive our email regarding the cancellation of Catechism and the Confirmation Retreat so we can make sure we have your up-to-date information.

May God Bless you, Carroll and Paul Schuller, (586) 254-9212 or p_schuller@yahoo.com.

ADORATION 101 "Critical Times We Live In – Where is Your Trust?" By: Paul Ray

We live in incredible times. Yes, this statement has been said endlessly over the ages, but now it's our turn. Never in my lifetime, or even the lifetime of my parents, has a pandemic created such an immense and rapid worldwide and local hysteria. Of course I'm referring to the Coronavirus or also known as COVID-19.

As I'm writing this (Friday, March 13, 2020) it seems everything is being cancelled; schools for weeks on end, universities and colleges having their students taking their classes online, deferent and various workplaces have their employees working from home, all high school, college, and professional sporting events have been either cancelled or put on pause until further notice. Never before has this happened on such a massive scale.

What can we make of this as Catholics? Is this an epidemic from God to wake us up? Is this the result of not doing our due diligence in preventing the virus in the first place? Is it a little bit of both? Regardless, the questions can go on-and-on and we all have our opinions. We're left in a world/nation where we're all being afflicted one way or another by something outside of us, something we ourselves cannot control.

Is it okay to be fearful? Is it okay to panic? These emotions and reactions are natural but we must remember the words of Our Lord, " ... for He (The Holy Spirit) who is in you is greater than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4). In other words, God's got this! He knew all along this would happen. This is why we can use this pandemic, any fear or panic that we may experience, and channel it towards Him, the one who has overcome everything of this world and what it throws at us.

This is why Eucharistic Adoration has such a powerful effect on us and why we have it in the first place. Yes, some of our lives will be affected and we'll have to make changes, and that's okay. But Jesus is not going to leave us! He is in control of all His creation and He's never going to abandon us. It is up to US to trust and believe this truth of our faith. Once we do, life goes on, we learn to take all the precautions necessary and know that God will take care of the rest.

By the time this is published I don't know where this pandemic would have evolved. It could be for the better, but it could be for the worst. Nevertheless, our God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow (Hebrews 13:8), and it is in Him to whom we place our trust! Do not fear! – *Paul A. Ray*

ADORATION HAS TEMPORARILY BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 6

KEEPING SUNDAYS (and ALL DAYS) HOLY IN A TIME WITHOUT MASS

- Watch Mass on TV or Livestream (See page 7 for Mass times)
- Ss. Cyril & Methodius will livestream every Sunday at 10:00AM: www.saintcyrils.church

• Make a Spiritual Communion :

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 in 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.

• Read the Sunday Readings as a Family (See page 3 for Sunday Readings)

"Magnificat" is offering complimentary access to the online version of its prayer book (us.magnificat.net/free) Magnificat includes the daily liturgy, saint of the day, spiritual reflections and prayers.

• Pray a Family Rosary. As a "Parish Family", let us unite ourselves spiritually as we focus together:

SUNDAY: Glorious Mysteries dedicated to the Resurrection & the Holy and Undivided Trinity MONDAY: Joyful Mysteries dedicated to the Holy Ghost & the Souls in Purgatory TUESDAY: Sorrowful Mysteries dedicated to the Holy Angels WEDNESDAY: Glorious Mysteries dedicated to St. Joseph THURSDAY: Luminous Mysteries dedicated to The Blessed Sacrament FRIDAY: Sorrowful Mysteries dedicated to Christ's Passion and His Sacred Heart SATURDAY: Glorious Mysteries dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and her Immaculate Heart

• **Read the Bible** (Available at the USCCB website)

• Grow in Faith:

Unlimited access to FORMED (Catholic resources for all ages): www.formed.org (Parish Code: 90c575) 52 Sundays (Guide for families to keep the Lord's Day holy): www.52sundays.com





10 Guideposts for Christians in the Time of the Coronavirus Pandemic (March 18, 2020) Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron

1. Introduction: In my service as spiritual father, I earnestly desire to offer support and wise counsel in order to help us cope with the stress that comes with living through this pandemic. In my Pastoral Letter *Unleash the Gospel* I cast what I wanted to say into the form of "Guideposts," and that has seemed to be helpful. So I've decided to use that format here.

2. Guideposts

No Time Is Without Its Grace: Christ's death and rising is a grace that should shape every day of a Christian's life and above all in these days. In this time of trial we are called to seize the grace of showing ourselves, by the power of the Spirit of Christ, to be, like Christ, filled with faith in God's care for us.

This Is The Lent God Our Father Wants Us to Have: This second guidepost is a sort of corollary to n. 1. God in Christ is the Lord of history. He's in charge. His providential plan for our salvation and happiness cannot be defeated. If he has permitted us to have to be for a while without our public celebration of the Holy Eucharist and our usual Lenten devotions, his Spirit offers us other means to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum.

It's Still About Unleashing The Gospel: Right now all of us, especially us pastors and our co-workers, are focused on responding to the Corona pandemic. Yes, but that doesn't mean that "unleashing the Gospel" has been abandoned. Quite the contrary. We still must be about evangelization. That's always our mission. This is a providential time for us to witness to our sure confidence in Jesus as Lord of history, to manifest to the world that we face this challenge with unshakeable trust that the Lord will sustain us.

Now Is The Hour Of The Domestic Church: At Synod 16 the Holy Spirit said clearly that the Christian family, as the "Domestic Church," has to be at the center of the New Evangelization. In these days when our large public gatherings for prayer and catechesis are suspended, the Domestic Church is all the more clearly "ground zero" for our response. Now it falls squarely on families to make their homes places to hear the Word of God, and to offer him praise, especially in acts of Spiritual Communion and entrustment to the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Holiness Works With Science: We must resist any idea that there's some sort of divorce between our cooperating with public health officials to mitigate the spread of the virus and our complete trust in God's power to protect us. This guidepost is a variation on the axiom that "Nature builds on Grace." Our whole-hearted cooperation with the civil authorities involve act of Christian virtue: acts of justice in doing our part to protect the common good, acts of charity because our motive is love for God and neighbor.

We're Called To Accompany Our Neighbors: I've "cribbed" this "guidepost" and the one that follows the pastoral wisdom of Pope Francis. Each of us, especially in our families, faces fears about what the future holds for us as the spread of the virus unfolds. But we're not alone in this. Some of us will become seriously ill, and undoubtedly there will be fatalities – along with all the sufferings that follow for those with loved ones who become ill. Many of us face the prospect of economic troubles, the loss of jobs, the collapse of businesses, with all the trials these misfortunes entail. In this time of troubles we must support one another, not only with sympathy but with ready acts of practical kindness, that is, works of mercy.

We're Obliged To Care For Those "On The Peripheries": As I've said, here, too, I'm echoing a theme dear to the heart of Pope Francis. The pains caused by the pandemic will fall particularly hard on the poor, the elderly and the chronically ill. We Christians have a particular duty to care for them. One simple but much needed work of mercy will be to stay in touch (by phone?) with the elderly who are quarantined. We should be sure that "social distancing" doesn't result in losing "spiritual closeness." Not least should we remember that many of the inconveniences we experience in order to mitigate the spread of the virus are aimed at protecting the vulnerable. With that in mind it should be easier to be at peace with these inconveniences.

Read God's Word Through The Lens Of This Time: The Psalmist says, "O that today you would hear his voice" (Ps 95: 7). As you read any passage of Sacred Scripture that is part of your prayer during these days, listen especially for how in his word God is speaking directly to you about how to find the grace he offers in this time (see n. 1 above). He wants to speak to your heart: to offer his wisdom about what this crisis means, his guidance about how to respond, his assurance that all things work for good for those who love [him]" (Rm 8: 28). He is close; listen for him.

Our First "Touchstone" Is Eucharistic Communion: During this time when the public celebration of Holy Mass has to be suspended, we need the graces of the Eucharist more than ever. For these are the graces whereby the Holy Spirit works in our lives that dying to self and living for the Father that is Jesus's Paschal Mystery. These graces can be available to us through Spiritual Communion. Please pray for Spiritual Communion in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice at least every Sunday, if not more often. And gather as a family to pray together for this Communion.

Our Second "Touchstone" Is Our Lady's Protection: From the cross, Jesus gave us his Mother to be ours. In every age – from the days before Pentecost until today – the Church has been blessed through the Mother of God interceding for us, from her being close to us with her care and protection. Let us renew our commitment to "fly to her protection." I invite you to join with me in praying the "Memorare" every day to commend not only the Church but also our country, indeed the whole world, to the loving care of the Blessed Virgin Mary. And, I follow the admonitions of Bl. Solanus, "thanking God ahead of time" for the graces he will give us in answer to her prayers, and I will work to build a Lourdes Grotto on the grounds of our Cathedral as a token of appreciation for what I am sure he will do for us through her intercession.

3. Conclusion: Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus (Heb 12: 1). That's the best way I can summarize what I believe we need to do to come out of this pandemic as the daughters and sons God calls us to be. Keep focused on Jesus' example of abandonment into the hands of God the Father. Keep close to Jesus in prayer. Keep confident that Jesus is with us in this time of trial. Keep at peace, for Jesus is Lord, conqueror of sin and death, victor over every evil.

Resources, Worship Aids, Holy Mass TV & On-line Schedules

Instead of focusing on what we are being deprived of, replace it with one of the many blessings God has given us!

NEGATIVE: NO PUBLIC MASSES

POSITIVE:

If possible, watch the Holy Mass in your living room by watching it on EWTN or CTND every weekday morning, and on Sunday the 10:00AM Livestream Holy Mass from St. Cyrils! Fully participate by gestures and responses. We would all be "attending" the same Holy Mass, at the same time, hearing the same homily, and making a Spiritual Communion united with each other. You can also use this opportunity to explain to your family and young children everything that takes place during the Mass. *"To the servant of God, every place is the right place, and every time is the right time."* -St. Catherine of Siena

NEGATIVE: NO CONFESSIONS

POSITIVE:

Take 15 minutes each night to make a true and thorough examination of conscience. You can print out an examination of conscience for children and adults on our website! Pray slowly and with all of your heart the Act of Contrition, knowing each night could be our last. The next time you are able to go to Sacramental Confession will be a day of great joy!

"The best penance is to have patience with the sorrows God permits. A very good penance is to dedicate oneself to fulfill the duties of everyday with exactitude and to study and work with all our strength." -St. Peter Damian

NEGATIVE: NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

POSITIVE:

Make a little family altar and adorn it with holy pictures, a candle (even if it is fake) and flowers. Kneeling before the altar, take time as a family to transport yourself in spirit to the Tabernacle, and pray the family Rosary.

"When you awake in the night, transport yourself quickly in spirit before the Tabernacle, saying: 'Behold, my God, I come to adore You, to praise, thank, and love you, and to keep you company with all the Angels.'" -St. John Vianney

Although we are not able to physically pray together as a Parish Family, let us unite ourselves together spiritually by the following methods, especially by our livestream on Sundays at 10:00AM for those people who have computers. A complete listing of televised and livestream Holy Masses is available at www.aod.org. Below is a condensed listing:

Sundays - TV

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6:00AM - 7:00AM:	Broadcasted by WJBK Fox 2			
10:00AM - 11:00AM:	Broadcast by CTND: Brighthouse Channel 398 & Comcast Channel 72			
2:30PM - 3:00PM:	Broadcast by CTND: Brighthouse Channel 398 & Comcast Channel 72			
5:30PM - 6:00PM:	Broadcast by CTND: Brighthouse Channel 398 & Comcast Channel 72			
6:00PM - 6:30PM:	Broadcast by CTND: Brighthouse Channel 398 & Comcast Channel 72			
7:00PM - 8:00PM:	Broadcast by CTND: Brighthouse Channel 398 & Comcast Channel 72			
11:30PM - 12:00AM:	Broadcast by CTND: Brighthouse Channel 398 & Comcast Channel 72			
<u>Sundays - Online</u>				
7:30AM - 8:30AM:	Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist (Ann Arbor)			
8:00AM - 9:00AM:	EWTN			
9:00AM - 10:00AM:	Solanus Casey Center			
10:00AM - 11:00AM:	Ss. Cyril & Methodius (www.saintcyrils.church)			
12:00PM - 1:00PM:	Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament			
7:00PM - 8:00PM:	CTND			
<u>Weekday - TV</u>				
8:00AM (Live), 12:00PM	& 7:00PM (Repeats): EWTN			
9:30AM, 12:00PM, 7:00P	PM, 11:30PM: Broadcast by CTND			
<u>Weekday - Online</u>				
7:45AM:	Solanus Casey Center			
9:30AM, 12:00PM, 7:00PM, 11:30PM: CTND				
Saturday - TV				

<u>Saturday - TV</u>

9:30AM & 7:00PM:	Broadcast by CTND: Brighthouse Channel 398 & Comcast Channel 7	72
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<u>Saturday - Online</u>

7:45AM:	Solanus Casey Center
9:30AM & 7:00PM:	CTND

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