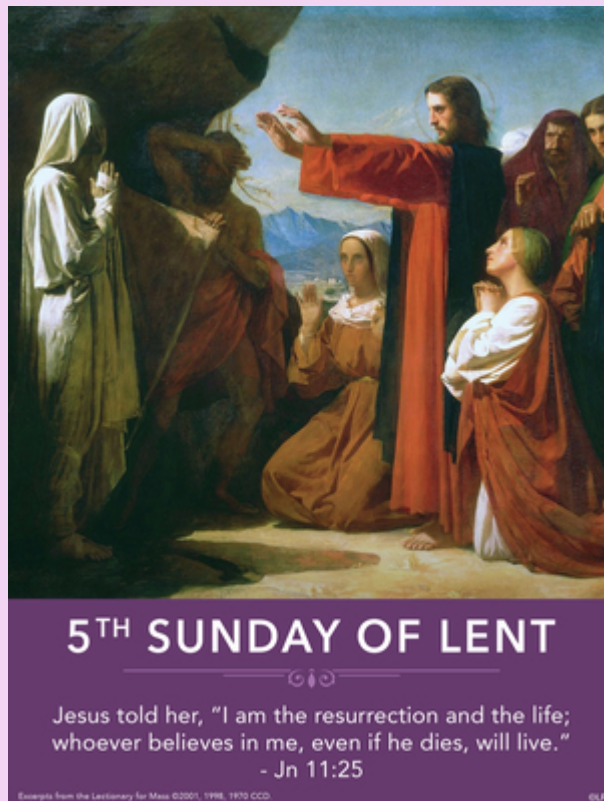


Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

Our Mission:

We honor the traditions of our parish and welcome all to unite in prayer and the Sacraments. Loved by God and guided by the Holy Spirit, we share the good news of Jesus Christ through joyful worship, faithful formation and dedicated service.



March 29, 2020

The Archdiocese has issued instructions in compliance with the mandatory "shelter in place" from the state of Illinois effective March 21 through at least April 7, 2020. As of March 21, the SFX and SJ churches have been closed.

Please see page 4 of this bulletin for information regarding our video Masses and watch your email for daily updates on other spiritual outreach activities. For emergencies, call 847-496-0031.

The Parish Offices are also closed. Questions or concerns can be addressed to either of the following emails for our parish offices:

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Stewardship Report

If you are interested in contributing to the Parish electronically at this time, you can do so through Give Central at the following address:

www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/1531

Thank you.

SACRAMENTS AT SSJFX

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM :
Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :
Saturdays, 9 - 9:30am (SJ) and 4:15 - 4:45pm (SFX)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE :
Should be arranged at least six months in advance.
Contact the Parish Office for details.

SFX and SJ Churches are closed until further notice.

PARISH REGISTRATION :
Registration Forms available at the Parish Offices
or from our Website (www.ssjfx.org)

Dear Friends,

Today, as we continue our Lenten journey just two weeks from the celebration of the Paschal Mystery, we see the real humanity and true divinity of the one whose passion and death we will remember and whose resurrection from the dead we will celebrate, albeit in a uniquely different way this year, in two weeks. Jesus, fully God and a fully human man, one with deep feelings and true friendships, loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus. So, moved by the death of His dear friend, He wept.

As if through His tears and sorrow, Jesus remembered who He was and why He was sent into this world. God sent Jesus into the world to reconcile the world to Himself and to bring life and light. Jesus, the Son of God is "consubstantial" with the Father. Fully God, Jesus, with divine power and authority called the dead Lazarus to come out of the tomb. "Untie him," Jesus said, "And let him go." His divine power prevailed then and prevails now, even as we experience our third Sunday apart from one another due to this Covid-19 crisis.

"With the Lord there is mercy and the fullness of redemption." We need the Psalmist's words now more than ever. We need the hope that Jesus' suffering and death offers us. We need to experience His life-saving power. We need to do what so many, in His day and in ours, do not; we need to believe.

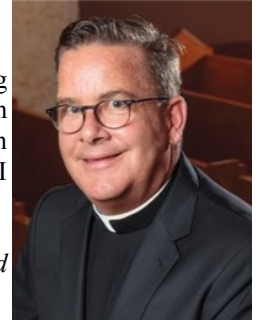
What is necessary for us to allow Jesus' power to work, in our individual lives and in our common life? First and foremost we need to acknowledge some things about ourselves, and recognize what God does. We must admit that at times our hearts are stony and hardened, and that because of sin, part of us has died. God promises to bring us back to life. He tells us that He will bring us up from the death of sin to the life of mercy and union with God. God promises to send His Spirit into our hearts. What a promise!

When I was in the seminary, one of my professors, now the Archbishop of Milwaukee, insisted that in order to pass his practicum class, all candidates must memorize the words of absolution spoken by the priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He thought it was important to have the words in our hearts so that when we prayed them with the penitent we could engage the person and help them to fully understand the message they carried. I still have them in my heart today. I love to pray them as the confessor and I love to hear them as the penitent. In a sense, these words epitomize God's love for us and bring us the life and mercy the Sacrament offers. If you haven't heard them recently, I share them here.

Last Saturday, before I even knew about the upcoming suspension, I had the opportunity to avail myself of the Sacrament. The experience of hearing the priest's words, after I expressed sorrow for my own sins and a desire to change almost moved me to tears. Perhaps the Archdiocese's new

emergency guidelines suspending individual Sacramental Reconciliation might make us think about our own appreciation of the Sacrament. I received these guidelines Monday.

Given that our churches are closed and a stay-at-home order is in effect:



- *individual confessions are currently not possible; this includes virtual or phone confessions, which are never permissible, nor drive-thru confessions. Despite the good intentions around such novelty, we must attend to our underlying theological tradition of the sacrament, as well as support the stay-at-home order and its intended purpose – to keep people safe in their homes at this time.*
- *in keeping with longstanding pastoral practice when penitents' access to the sacrament is restricted, they can be assured that their sins are forgiven if they make an act of contrition with a firm resolve to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the stay-at-home order is lifted.*
- *the faithful should be encouraged to pray, seeking the mercy and forgiveness of God and the grace of reconciliation.*

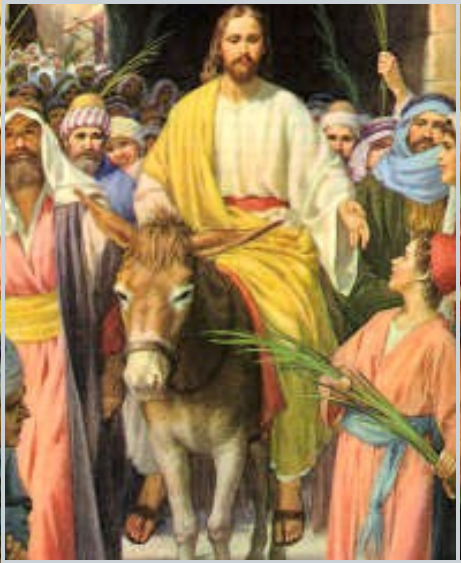
I invite you to pray over these powerful words and prompt you to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation whenever this suspension is lifted.

"God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

Peace,

Rev. Wayne T. Wauson

Schedule for Masses, Sacraments and Benediction

<p><u>Monday, March 30, 2020</u></p> <p>+Brian Carey +Martin Lee</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, April 1, 2020</u></p> <p>+Martin Lee +Marilou DiClementi +Mary Massimo Paoletti</p>	<p><u>Friday, April 3, 2020</u></p> <p>+Maureen Serb +Martin Lee (L)James Ward</p>	<p><u>Sunday, April 5, 2020</u></p> <p>+Bill Geary +Hannah McNulty +John Cossarek +Lisa Patt</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, March 31, 2020</u></p> <p>+Murt Dempsey +Martin Lee</p>	<p><u>Thursday, April 2, 2020</u></p> <p>+Kate Henn +Hutchins D. Kealy +Betty Ryan +Martin Lee</p>	<p><u>Saturday, April 4, 2020</u></p> <p>(L)Intention of the Rehbock Family +Bob and Michael McHugh +Sarah Coyle Delgado +Margaret Delaney</p>	
<p>SFX and SJ churches have been closed as of March 21, 2020. Daily Masses from SSJFX Parish are available via video broadcast. Links to these Mass videos are being sent in a daily email from the parish.</p> <p>If you are not receiving these emails and wish to receive them, please send your email address to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">officessjfx@ssjfx.org</p> <p>and you will be added to the group emails.</p> <p>Please watch your email for updates.</p>			
			
<p>+ Deceased / (L) Living / SJ - St. Joseph Church / SFX - St. Francis Xavier Church SFX School - St. Francis Xavier School</p>			

Prayers for the sick and those in need

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| Seda Aghajani | Peter DiClementi, Jr | Brier Johnston | Monica Pecuch |
| Carmen Albino | Ryan Glassberg | Charles Jonaitis | Fr. Gosbert Rwezahura |
| Rory Andrykowski | Margaret Grothe | Bob Kerrigan | Rich Santello |
| Ginnie Becker | Phillip Hall | John Krupka | Olivia Sergot |
| Tom Beitzel | Tim Hanson | Dolores Meier | Brian Slowinski |
| Heather Campbell | Barbara Hardy | Paul Molaro | Dino Tonelli |
| Vivian Cangelosi | Barbara Hawkinson | Matthew Moran | David W. |
| Guillermo Cannon | Laura Hendricks | Daniel O'Herron | Dolores Welch |
| William Carlin | Tom Hopkins | Pam O'Reilly | Krista Wilkinson |
| | | | Audrey Williams |
| | | | Carol Woodard |

*In prayer
and loving memory of:

Deceased members of
SSJFX Parish.*



Please email the parish office (officessjfx@ssjfx.org) if you'd like to add or remove a name.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, PRAY FOR PEACE

**Do you have a family member or friend in the Military (stateside or overseas)?
Call the parish office and we will put their name on our prayer list.**

US Air Force

SSgt John Wesley Hobbs, Nephew of Frank & Jody Weschler
A1C Shane O'Dell, Great Grandson of Mike Eberle
2nd Lt Luke Stensberg, Friend of Matt Revord family

US Army

Rev Chaplain Maj John Barkemeyer, Son of Hank Barkemeyer
Maj Brian L. Bell, Son-in-law of Bob & Jeanie Quinn
LTC Kelly Quinn Bell, Daughter of Bob & Jeanie Quinn
Cpt Christopher Cannon, Son of Mark & Sue Cannon
Spc Michael Carlson, Grandson of Arlene Carlson
PFC Richard Carlson, Grandson of Arlene Carlson
Spc Harrison Daniels, Grandson of Mary Lou DiClementi
Maj Jason Harlan, Nephew of Val Deady
Lt Kyle Healy, Great Nephew of Agnes and Barb Schneider
Pvt Ryan Higgins, Nephew of Jim & Janet Black
Pvt Zach Lueken, Nephew of Todd & Rebecca Stewart
Sgt Brenda Lore Mayo, Friend of Carpenter family
Sgt David Lore Mayo, Friend of Carpenter family
Pvt Jasmine Ramsey, Granddaughter of Carol Solger
LTC Michael J. Roth, Nephew of Sharon Roth
Maj Anita Scattone, Sister of Anthony Scattone
Lt Col Shawn Schwarz, relative of Tim & Young Hee Johnson
Lt Ryan Slattery, Grandson of Faye Rebarchak
Maj Benjamin Stumpf, Son of Ron & Judy Stumpf

*If you would like to add or remove a name, please contact
the parish office at 847/256-4250*

US Marine Corps

1st Lt Jeff Barak, Friend of Frantzen family
Pvt 1st Class Colin Brennan, Nephew of Mary Lou DiClementi
Pvt Stuart Corboy III, Son of Marcia Corboy
Sgt Joseph Devroy, Grandson of Marlene Devroy
Cpt Peter Dulaney, Grandson of Diana Madden
Sgt Brandon Galgay, Friend of Matt Revord family
Sgt Aidan Gobeyn, Grandson of George & Mchele Hinchcliff
1st Lt Brad Gustafson, Son of Garth & Myrna Gustafson,
and Brother of Jack Gustafson
Ssgt Walter Ramirez, Son of Enrique & Mary Lou Ramirez
2nd Lt William Smith, Nephew of John & Mary Smith
Pfc Trevor J. Talbot, Son of Bill & Mary Talbot,
and Brother of Hope Talbot

US Navy

Cmdr Kevin Carlson, Son of Arlene Carlson
Lt. Ted Luker, Grandson of Jack & Skip Revord,
and Nephew of Matt & Lisa Revord
PO2 Kevin Morrison, Grandson of Doug & Joyce Spinner
Lt Alison Smith, Niece of John & Mary Smith
Lt Tom Smith, Nephew of John & Mary Smith

US National Guard

Sgt Steven Tetzlaff, Son of Peter & Katie Tetzlaff
and Grandson of Roger & Dolores Meier
1st Lt Zach Hubbard, Illinois National Guard,
Nephew of the Later family

St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Ignatius: Urgent Request!

Food insecurity is an increasingly serious issue for our friends at our sharing parishes. Items needed are listed here if you are able to help.

While our masses have been cancelled, our churches are open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm and on weekends from 8:30 am until noon.

Items can be left in the sharing corner at SFX Church and in the vestibule at St. Joseph Church.

Thank you for your generosity!

Dry Goods

Rice
Pasta
Beans
Macaroni and Cheese
Ramen Noodles
Powdered Milk
Creamer
Coffee
Cookies
Dry Cereal
Infant Formula
Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5)

Canned Goods

Tuna
Fruit
Vegetables
Soup
Meats
Peanut Butter
Jelly

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9, Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21, Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56, Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9, Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13, Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7, Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28, Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13, Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11, Is 50:4-7, Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24, Phil 2:6-11, Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to helping the poor and others who have come upon difficult times. As Vincentians, we serve those in need through one-on-one counseling, as well as providing financial and other help to those who have fallen on hard times. If you or someone you know wishes to meet with us, please call 847-256-4250 and when prompted by the recording for the St. Vincent De Paul line, press 3. We will respond as soon as possible. All inquiries are treated in the strictest of confidence.