

WELCOME TO



St. Benedict
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday
of Lent



March 22, 2020

Dear Friends,

This is my second attempt at a letter to all of you. This morning, as I was praying, I wondered at the sacrifices being asked of us for the common good, and how it relates seamlessly with the commandment to “love our neighbor as ourselves”. Maybe during this pandemic, with all of the fear and uncertainty it brings, a simple return to the heart of our Catholic faith is the most appropriate response: Love God and love your neighbor.

Ironically, our appreciation for community is heightened by the lack of it; our ability to see God increases as other distractions are removed; and our hunger for the Eucharist is deepened by our deprivation of it. Today, we begin to value some things that we might have taken for granted.

As we receive more restrictive directives from government and health authorities, we do well to follow their wisdom without panic. Stay home, practice social distancing, and wash your hands often in order to slow the spread of coronavirus and keep our community safe. I have received several offers of help for anyone in our community who needs food delivery or other help during this time. Please let us know if we can do something for you. Even as we are apart, we are drawn closer together.

Look to our website and Facebook page to stay connected: livestreaming Masses, Stations of the Cross, and, coming soon, will be a recorded Rosary from inside the church. We are experimenting with Zoom Meeting for RCIA and important meetings of our Finance Council. Google Classroom is keeping our students moving forward! Our parish staff continues to check messages and make phone calls to check in on parishioners.

Each day, I light a candle for your prayer intentions and beg God to provide strength where it is most needed and hope where it is wearing thin. I hope you will find small ways to reach out to others. We are all united to Christ's suffering in a specific way this Lent, and we all can share the hope that Easter joy WILL come. As we wait, love God and love your neighbor.

United on this Lenten journey,
Marti Lundberg

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BLUE BAG PROGRAM STILL NEEDS YOU!



We are currently taking food donations at the church during these hours:

Mondays 9AM-12PM

Wednesdays 12-3PM

Fridays 9-12AM-12PM

Thank you for responding to the call for extra donations during the outbreak. We collected 410 lbs. of food for Family Works during the first two weeks of March, more than double our usual donation! The St. Benedict Blue Bag program has already donated 3,796 lbs. in 2020.

STEWARDSHIP



ONLINE GIVING HELPS AND GROW OUR PARISH SUSTAIN

Make donations, payments and pledges via smartphone or computer. Set up your gift today!

Click "Give Online" on our webpage or download the app. (Church ID: 1881)



Friends, our parish expenses continue even with the suppression of Masses. Our parish staff is still working and our regular operating expenses are much the same. If you are able to continue to donate, please do. If you haven't signed up for online giving, it makes it easy for everyone. We are grateful for your support, always, and especially in these lean times.

—Marti



Catholic Relief Services Collection takes place today, providing services for immigrants, humanitarian aid, refuge for the displaced, and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Mail donations to our parish office, give online through OSV, or directly on the Archdiocese Stewardship website.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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

Under your protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we
who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

DAILY SCRIPTURE

Monday, Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or
11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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