

### From Msgr. Gene

We are entering into a Holy Week like we've never had before. I never imagined that I would ever be journeying through these special days and celebrating the beautiful liturgies alone. But this year that will be the case. Do know that I will be celebrating these liturgies for you and your families (as I have been doing for all the Masses I'm offering these days). Since you won't be able to be with me at our services in person, I do ask you to join me in spirit, at least, these days.

On Thursday evening we begin the heart and soul of our church year: the Triduum (a Latin word meaning "three days"). It is the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ: **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Sunday.** (In accord with Jewish and biblical tradition, each "day" begins in the evening and goes to the next evening.) Normally we would meet at times during those three days to commemorate and enter more fully into what Jesus has done for us.

In the Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Holy Thursday** we commemorate Christ giving the Eucharist and telling us to "Do this in memory of me." We also commemorate Christ washing the feet of his disciples. We are all called to be servants.

On **Good Friday** we continue the celebration of the Triduum and focus on the Lord's Passion and Death. The Passion is read, the Solemn Intercessions are prayed, and there is opportunity to venerate the Cross. It is a profound way to unite ourselves more deeply to our Savior who suffered and died for our salvation.

Finally, we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection, beginning with the **Easter Vigil.** At that Vigil, there are the special elements of blessing and lighting the new Paschal Candle, hear a number of readings of the history of salvation during the Liturgy of the Word, and possibly celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for any new members. Of course, **Easter Sunday** is always filled with great rejoicing as we celebrate with great joy Christ's victory over sin and death.

**May this very unique Holy Week draw us ever closer to our Lord and the Church. And let us continue to pray for one another.**

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### PARISH EVENTS/NEWS

#### CONFESSIONS APRIL 5 (PASSION PALM SUNDAY)

Msgr. Gene will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at 1:00 PM. Per the diocesan directives during this time of the health crisis, the Confessions are to be done behind the screen (no opportunity for face to face). Also, blessed palms will be available in the church entry (Msgr. will bring them when he comes for Confessions.) Please take sanitary precautions when handling the palms – hand sanitizer and gloves will be available.

#### YOUR PARISH OFFERINGS

*"Receive God's gifts gratefully,  
Cherish and tend them responsibly,  
Share them generously in justice and love with others,  
Return them with increase to the Lord."*

Although our work continues, we fear that tithing will diminish. Your continued generosity to our parish is appreciated and needed, until we overcome the COVID-19 crisis. **Weekly offering envelopes can be mailed to the parish office: PO Box 128, Wilton, ND 58579.**

#### ONLINE GIVING

This would be a good time to sign up for **Online Giving.**

**It's Easy – Fast – Convenient**

The link can be found on our parish website

<https://www.sacredhtwilton.com/>

Go to the home page and click on the link under "Online Offerings":

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/sacredheartwilton>

Click "sign in" and then click "Register for a new account".

Once you have set up your account, you can establish the

amount and the frequency of contributions. This allows for your contribution (whether weekly, monthly or however frequent) to electronically come to the parish.

#### LIVESTREAM MASSES

Daily and Sunday Masses at the Cathedral will be livestreamed at [www.cathedralparish.com](http://www.cathedralparish.com) at the following times:

- Monday through Friday at 6:45 a.m.
- Saturday and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Other livestream masses are listed on the Diocesan website: <https://bismarckdiocese.com/>

- **Real Presence Radio** is streaming Daily Mass live Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM CT on our Facebook and YouTube channels with many of our local priests. If you can't join us during that time, please check out our website for a listing of other times that you can virtually partake in the Mass. Sunday Mass will be broadcast at 7:00 AM and 10:30 AM CT on Real Presence Radio. Please check out our News page for a listing of cancellations and other opportunities to celebrate the Mass.

- As always, the televised Mass is available on **the FOX TV affiliate** in our viewing area on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m.

#### TEXT SCAM ALERT !

If you received a text message that claims to be from Msgr. Gene asking for a favor, do not respond. It is a scam text that several people have received. (Msgr. Gene never communicates via text messages for favors or assistance).

#### PENANCE SERVICES

There will be no Lenten penance services in Bismarck/Mandan this year. Please refer to Bishop Kagan's message regarding the sacrament of reconciliation on the Diocesan website:

<https://bismarckdiocese.com/news/the-care-of-souls-and-the-forgiveness-of-sins-during-this-pandemic>

#### RESOURCES

##### MAGNIFICAT:

Magnificat is honored to provide complimentary access to their online version to help people pray from home:

<https://us.magnificat.net/free>

#### VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE:

<https://www.sacredhtwilton.com/>

**Faith Formation tab:** to access FORMED.org for 24/7 Catholic content.

**Resources tab:** to access multiple local and national websites. Read the daily lent meditation from **Bishop Barron.**

### AREA EVENTS/NEWS

**For COVID-19 Updates check the following websites:**

<https://bismarckdiocese.com/>

<https://ndcatholic.org/>

**Confirmation** - As a result, all the scheduled celebrations of the sacrament of confirmation between Sunday, March 22, 2020 through Sunday, May 17, 2020, are cancelled and will be rescheduled for the fall between September and December 2020.

**Communal Penance Services** - All Communal Penance Services are cancelled. All parish priests are to keep the regular schedule of confessions in their parishes but both priest and penitent are to use a screen for the celebration of the sacrament until further notice.

**Weddings** - All weddings already scheduled may take place but are to be limited to the bride and groom, the two witnesses, the parents of the bride and groom and the priest or deacon who is to witness the marriage. The Church's Rite of Matrimony Within or Outside of Mass may be used.

**Funerals** - All funerals are to be private not public for the immediate family only and for the priest or deacon who is the celebrant. The Rite of Christian Funerals Within or Outside of Mass may be used. There is to be no wake and/or vigil observed the day before or day of the funeral. No luncheon or dinner is permitted in the church hall after the funeral.

**Baptism** - Infant baptism may be administered but may have only 10 persons including the priest or deacon present. All RCIA classes are cancelled. The sacramental initiation of adults by a Profession of Faith or by baptism may take place at the discretion of the priest but must be done individually and with no more than 10 persons present.

**Religious Education** - All parish religious education classes are cancelled until further notice.