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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020



How to make an Act of Spiritual Communion

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- 1 Make the Sign of the Cross**
- 2 If possible, read the Mass Readings**
- 3 Recite the Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

usccb.org/readings



ET AUPOUR DE DE LOORE

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

29	Sun	(P)	The Fifth Sunday of Lent
29	Sun	(M)	The Fifth Sunday of Lent.....For the Parishioners
29	Sun	(P)	The Fifth Sunday of Lent
30	Mon	(M)	Week day in Lent.....+Ron Beckerman (Jim & Laurie Devine)
31	Tue	(M)	Week day in Lent.....+Stellie Huelskamp (Randy & Sharon Glenn)
01	Wed	(F)	Week day in Lent.....+Imogene Schmidt (Rosemary Martin)
02	Thu	(P)	St. Francis of Paola, Hermit.....+Don & Barb Shellenberger (David Leis)
03	Fri	(P)	First Friday+Mark Verhoff (Bob & Kathy Goertz)
04	Sat	(F)	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.....+C. J. Thomas (John & Debbie Thomas)
05	Sun	(P)	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
05	Sun	(M)	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the LordFor the Parishioners
05	Sun	(P)	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives – our gifts as well as our sufferings – can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
OFFERTORY:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
CHILDREN:	\$.00	\$.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$.00
OTHER	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
RENT:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>		<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
		\$1,250.00		

KANSAS ROSARY CRUSADE: All Kansas Dioceses have been asked by our State's Bishops, including Bishop Brungardt, to join the Kansas Rosary Crusade. Each Thursday, we are asked to pray the Rosary for the passage of pro-life legislation here in Kansas. Thursday is the day when we normally pray the Luminous Mysteries, however the Kansas Rosary Crusade offers the "Mysteries of Life in the Womb" for your Thursday Rosary. You can log on to: <https://kansasrosarycrusade.org/> to get all of the information.

It was decided to move our Sunday Rosary Devotion (via Zoom Meeting) to Thursday's at 8pm in order to participate in this crusade. As usual, you will receive a Zoom Meeting invitation sometime on Thursday and participants can click on the meeting link to join at 8:00 pm. If you have any questions or problems signing on, please don't hesitate to contact Tom or Lisa Ridder at 620-874-0447 or 620-874-8599. Everyone is encouraged to register your individual name or family name and commit to this devotion even if you can't join on Thursdays via Zoom Meeting.

TOTUS TUUS in our parishes will be the following tentative dates: June 21- 26 – Meade/Fowler; July 12 – 18 – Plains. **Please make note of these dates!**

VOCATION VIEWS: Jesus calls us forth from our graves of apathy and passivity. How will your new life make a difference? Consider ministry in the Church. (John 11:1-45). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations.

ABBY JOHNSON PILGRIMAGE TO WICHITA HAS BEEN CANCELLED:CRUSADE: Due to the uncertainty of the Coronavirus, the decision has been made to cancel the Abby Johnson pilgrimage to Wichita on May 2. Thank you to everyone who registered and or inquired about the trip. All payments received will be refunded

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear people of 2020,

Virtual streaming or “live” have become the watchwords of our time. Or is it “social distancing”, that make these efforts necessary that is the true watchword. Social distancing seems to oppose everything about the incarnation, about our church, about the sacraments, the very coming into the world of our Lord to touch and heal people. And yet our medical reason preaches that it is necessary to preserve life. It is an act of love of neighbor.

And so we are experimenting with live streaming. I have been surprised at how easy it is to record, but how hard to really reach out to the whole “assembly”, to gather the people for the sacrifice of the Mass. The Vatican directives clearly have encouraged its use, but equally clearly discouraged “recording” the Mass. What is the difference? Truthfully, I feel inspired in my offering of the Mass to imagine the parishioners participating in their “home” church, the domestic church. I think this is the difference, our Lord is really present in the moment, less so in the recorded images and sounds. To hear the “and with your spirit” in my mind makes the offering of the Mass so much more fulfilling.

I say it is easy, but to do it well, without musicians, especially, is difficult. I think Bishop Barron does it extremely well and easily accessible at [Word on Fire.org](http://WordonFire.org). An embedded link is provided on our Home web page at Meadecocatholic.org and for Bishop John’s daily Mass, as well. But, I still feel is most real and most meaningful if I can “gather” with you, and offer with you, the sacrifice of the Mass.

Therefore, beginning on this Sunday, the 5th Sunday of Easter, I will live stream the Sunday Mass at 11:00 am in English and 1:30 PM in Spanish on Facebook. . As always, I am available at all of the previously scheduled Mass times at all three locations for confessions and then will celebrate the “private” Mass, respecting the guidelines of no more than 5 people present and the six foot distance from others. Bulletins are continued to be produced weekly and placed in the entryway with copies of the Station of the Cross devotionals for private visits to the Church.

Finally, I am working on finding ways to simplify your tithing donations that participate in the sacrifice offered by our parishes, what has been called a “virtual” offertory. One training video suggested appointing a virtual usher. On-line giving and a place to drop envelopes is our desire. Thankfully, Fowler State Bank, Meade State Bank, and Plains State Bank have all agreed to receive donation envelopes and checks at their drive-up windows and night deposit boxes. Personally, I have set up automatic monthly payments through my bank. Please, continue your financial support of the Church and the Building projects.

Thank you for your faithfulness in this “strange” and “unprecedented” time in which we live. Let us join in prayer through the means of modern media and internet communication..

Blessings, Fr. Jim

WWW.meadecocatholic.org.

During this time of "social distancing", our efforts are being applied to use more effectively the social media available to us to pray together and avoid experiencing spiritual isolation in the time of physical isolation. On the Podbean app, I will publish daily my celebration of the mass through my podcast, "The frjim Podcast", which will include my daily and Sunday homily during this time that I am obligated to offer only in a private celebration of the Eucharist. The recording will also be placed on the www. meadecocatholic.org web site under the Liturgy-Homily tab. Our parishes will continue to receive a weekly bulletin that will be available on Sunday in the Church. The Church Buildings will remain open during the day and private visits are encouraged, though the rule of thumb, is no more than 5 persons together at one time. Please continue to give as you are able to support the needs of the parishes and the Building Projects. Personally, I have set up monthly automatic giving through my bank. Fr. Jim is available for confession during previously scheduled mass times in the parishes or available by phone or internet, 620-575-5520 or diekerjames@gmail.com

The Chrism Mass is cancelled as well as all of the Holy Week Services.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT FATHER WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MASS TIMES, IN THE USUAL LOCATIONS, FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.THESE ARE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO PREPARE FOR THE LORD'S COMING AT EASTER!

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Announcement for Plains

FOOD BANK ASSISTANCE: We have had several families come into the food bank this week. It's getting low fast. With the anticipated changes in our communities, we would like to build up the food pantry even more. Can you please help get the word out that we need assistance? If people want to donate products, we need: Chunky soups (high protein soups), canned tuna and chicken, boxes macaroni and cheese, traditional spaghetti sauce, boxes of spaghetti pasta, 1 lb. bags of ground beef, bags of pinto beans and eggs. (We do have freezer and a refrigerator.) Financial donations can be sent to: Kismet & Plains Ministerial Alliance, C/O Dan Biernacki PO Box 840,Plains, KS 67869
(I am sure we will need funds for utility assistance too.)

Announcements for Meade

Announcements for Fowler

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Monday, there will be rosary for our country at 6:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on Monday, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.