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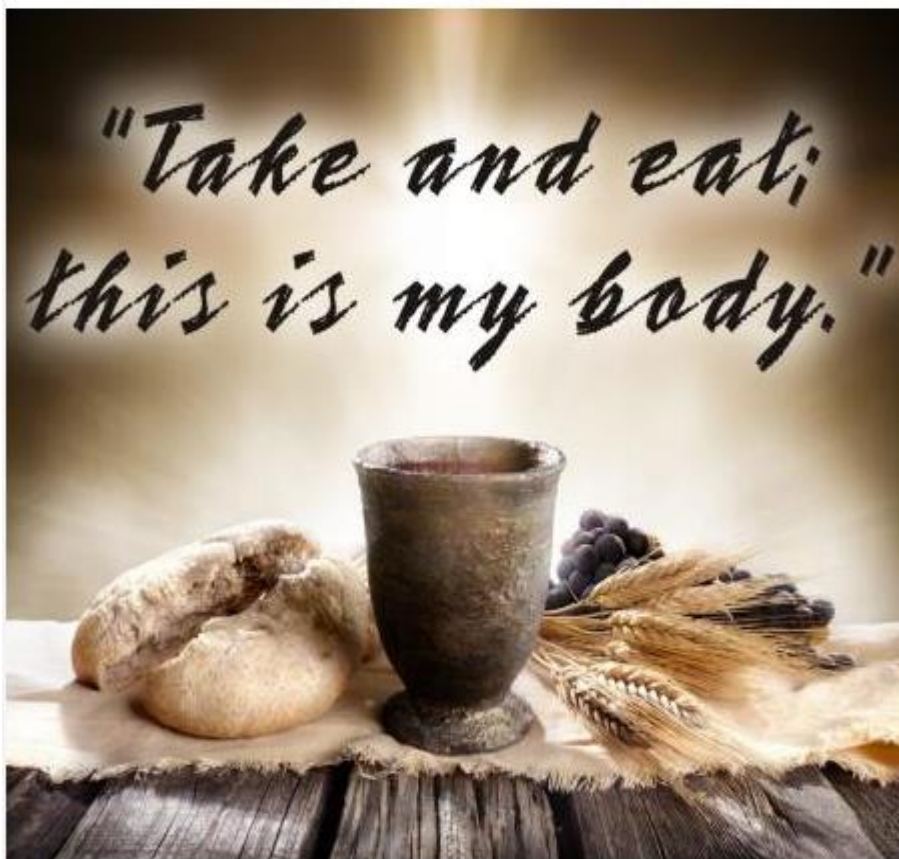
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 5, 2020



Mass Intentions for the Week

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| 05 | Sun | (P) | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord |
| 05 | Sun | (M) | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ...For the Parishioners.. <u>11:00</u> via Facebook |
| 05 | Sun | (P) | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ...in Spanish <u>1:30 p.m.</u> via Facebook |
| 06 | Mon | (M) | Monday of Holy Week.....For Homeless to return to Family (Janet Cook) |
| 07 | Tue | (M) | Tuesday of Holy Week.....+Ron Beckerman (Kevin & Sheila Hageman) |
| 08 | Wed | (F) | Wednesday of Holy Week.....+Alma Danler (Steve & Judy Dewell) |
| 09 | Thu | (M) | Holy Thursday.....+Elsie Porter (Janet Cook).. <u>6:30 p.m.</u> via Facebook |
| 10 | Fri | | Good Friday – 3:00 p.m... Service via Facebook “Catholic Churches of Meade County |
| 11 | Sat | (F) | Easter Vigil.....+Bill Dewell (Marilyn Dewell)..... <u>9:00 p.m.</u> via Facebook |
| 12 | Sun | (P) | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord |
| 12 | Sun | (M) | Easter Sunday ...For the Parishioners.. <u>11:00 am</u> ...via Face book...Catholic Churches |
| 12 | Sun | (P) | Easter Sunday....in Spanish.. <u>1:00 pm</u> ...via Facebook...Catholic Churches of Meade |

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: “The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them,” says Isaiah in today’s first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?

| | <u>FOWLER</u> | <u>MEADE</u> | | <u>PLAINS</u> |
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| ENVELOPES: | \$1260.00 | \$.00 | | \$.00 |
| OFFERTORY: | \$.00 | \$.00 | | \$.00 |
| CHILDREN: | \$.00 | \$.00 | Bldg. Fd. | \$.00 |
| OTHER | \$.00 | \$.00 | | \$.00 |
| RENT: | \$.00 | \$.00 | | \$.00 |
| CANDLES: | <u>\$128.00</u> | <u>\$.00</u> | | <u>\$.00</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$1,388.00 | \$.00 | | \$.00 |
| | | \$1,250.00 | | |

The Catholic Charities Wine Tasting that was scheduled for Friday, April 24th has been cancelled. Instead, please support the Catholic Charities Pandemic Appeal Fund to assist vulnerable families who need our help at this critical time:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/2020-pandemic-relief-fund>

The Problem Gambling Workshop and Community Event featuring Dan Trolaro that was to take place on April 6th has been cancelled.

Food: Do you know someone who needs financial assistance for food? Please ask them to call Catholic Charities; we can help with that application over the phone.

ABBY JOHNSON PILGRIMAGE TO WICHITA HAS BEEN CANCELLED: 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

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 emptied himself and became obedient even unto death. Are you willing to die to selfishness? Let Christ reign in your heart! (Philippians 2:6-11). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear home-bound, nearly everyone,

Our Kansas Governor Kelly wisely mandated a state-wide order to stay at home until April 19th except for essential needs and those working to provide essential services in the community. She gave an impressive detailed list of what her administration perceived as essential activities and non-essential activities that were allowed. The religious essential services were defined very narrowly, certainly excluding gatherings.

The order set me to thinking, or maybe re-evaluating what is essential. For us, as Catholics, the Eucharist and the other sacraments are essential to our spiritual life, yet we are discovering ways to administer them in extraordinary ways. It is so difficult to conceive of Holy Week without gathering on those holy days. It has been conceived that we would safely be able to provide palms on Palm Sunday, and a small gift on Easter Sunday, with me present to give the blessing for Holy week and the Easter blessing in person from a safe distance at the door of the church. To also make available the bulletin, the new Easter time Word Among Us, the Southwest Kansas Catholic, in a drive-through access that honored the six foot distance and open-air contact only. And of course, there would be a collection basket to receive your donation.

This is the real essence of my article, the essential need for continued donations to maintain the church and promote the building projects needed for our future. Much ink and air has been spent in how to continue the life of the Church under the restrictions necessary to contain the Coronavirus and save lives. I include an anonymous quote, "I think that when the dust settles, we will realize how little we need, how very much we actually have and the value of human connection." I would change the quote and replace the words, "the value of human connection" with the Catholic "value of communion". What is essential?

The church has temporal needs and depends on the consistency of donations to do its work. I am working diligently to provide a system of on-line donation as soon as possible. We are very grateful to our local banks for their willingness to be a collection point. The US Postal service continues to function though, I worry some about its becoming a dissemination point of the virus. The only truly safe, efficient and consistent method of collection is on-line bill payment. I use the automatic bill payment from my personal checking account to make donations, but a more direct and single button donation access on our website, www.meadecocatholic.org, is something I would like to add as soon as possible, and beg you to consider using it for the future.

What is essential? Our connection to communion through the Eucharist is essential. The offertory is an essential part of this united worship and communion in Christ. Please continue to be faithful in your weekly support of the Church.

Gratefully yours, Fr. Jim

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!

LIVE-STREAMED CLUSTER MASSES: Enclosed in the bulletin are the Revised Holy Week and Easter Schedules on Facebook “Catholic Churches of Meade County”.

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.meadecatholic.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

**There are palms available at the churches. Please stop by after the Palm Sunday Masses and get some palms for your families!
If possible, please continue your church support!**

**www.formed.org has an incredible amount of information! Please take advantage of it!
In an effort to assist Catholics everywhere, we are opening our doors to make the FORMED platform free to everyone for 40 days. Sign up today and get immediate access to the best Catholic movies, faith formation videos, audio talks, and great children’s videos.**

We are enclosing literature on Divine Mercy

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.

IF YOU NEED HELP: If you need things from Dodge City and are unable to pick them up, we have an offer for help. Please call or text Judy at the Church office.