

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church,

You and your loved ones remain in my thoughts and prayers and as I celebrate daily Mass, your intentions are lifted up to the Lord along with the Mass intention for the day.

I would like to remind you that Confessions will be heard Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 – 9:30 AM and 3:00 – 3:30 PM.

On Sunday, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in Church instead of the Chapel from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon.

Parish House Office Hours will be from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon seven days a week. Please use the mail slot on the parking lot door if you wish to drop something off. Phone messages and emails will be checked on a regular basis.

Bishop O’Connell has promulgated a decree regarding the liturgies of Palm Sunday and Holy Week. It can be accessed at: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/coronavirus>

In the First Reading for this Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we read in the First Book of Samuel that the Lord says: “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” As the Lord searches our hearts may He find faith in Him, compassion for those who are suffering, patient endurance in this time of difficulty and the loving presence of the Sacred Heart.

Our Gospel according to John recounts Jesus encountering the man born blind and healing him. Jesus says, “Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Let us behold His light and find in it healing and hope even as the darkness surrounds us.

Our Psalm for today encourages us all: “Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.”

Let us be vessels of His light so that the works of God might be made visible through us and praise Him for His Amazing Grace, for we too once were blind and now we see. May God bless you all.

Father John