

St. John of the Cross



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Roman Catholic Parish

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St. John of the Cross (140 Richmond Road):

Masses:

Saturday Vigil at 6 pm. Mass is open to the public.

Sunday at 8 am. Mass will be held outside in the Shrine, weather permitting, and is open to the public.

Masses LIVESTREAMED Monday through Saturday at 11 am—Intentions will be offered for both SJC & SRW.

Adoration:

Adoration in the Church every **Monday, Tuesday & Thursday** from **9 am to 2 pm.**

You can just come in a pray. In addition, we will offer First Friday adoration from 9 am to 2 pm. All are welcome and this is open to SJC & SRW parishioners.

Confessions:

Offered at both St. John of the Cross and Ss. Robert & William **12 Noon to 1 pm every Saturday**

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm

In these last months Catholics have been heard to say “I long for Jesus in the Eucharist”, “I am starving for Jesus”, “I want to talk with Him and listen to Him in the Blessed Sacrament at Adoration”, Live Streaming Mass and Spiritual Communion notwithstanding. To that desire, to that need, the Blessed Sacrament will be waiting for you on the **Church** altar on **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** from **9:00am to 2:00pm**. We will **also have Adoration on First Fridays** from 9 to 2. If you plan on visiting for an hour, please email Deacon Tom (deacontom@siceuclid.com) or Nancy (npowell@siceuclid.com) or call the office (216-289-0770) and tell us when you will be there.

From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners

WOW! It was awesome to be back and have people at Mass. My hope and prayer are that this experience has and will continue to help us never take the Eucharist for granted. The fact that the Lord Jesus Christ gave us His Body and Blood and allows us to receive it daily if we want is such an awesome gift. At every Mass we say, "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." At every Mass, He does say the word and invites us to this awesome moment of receiving Him into us and uniting our very being with Him.



I am sure we will see our experience of Mass and the Mass schedule itself evolve over the summer. Things are different and I realize this can be hard. However, I really appreciate all your cooperation. I want to emphasize that the requirement for masks is a simple courtesy. I am not sure how they have become so "political" but for me as a pastor, it comes down to the fact that as a child my Mom taught me to cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough and if your sick don't breathe on someone. Since you can have COVID and not know it, it seems to me to be a smart idea. I would rather err on the side of caution. For me, I personally hate wearing one but I have decided to "offer up this small sacrifice" for all the times I have "opened" my mouth and said something that I should not have and my "filter" was not working that well. I know God has offered me mercy so many times with this and this is a small sacrifice I can make for that mercy and all the people who have forgiven me for doing such.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your immense generosity to being faithful to our Sunday offertory and various collections. A lot of parishes are really struggling, and we are doing okay. I wanted to share with you the weekly collections since we stopped public Masses:

March 1	\$6,041	April 5	\$8,232	May 3	\$3,127
March 8	\$5,138	April 12	\$8,501	May 10	\$2,180
March 15	\$3,066	April 19	\$4,447	May 17	\$2,417
March 22	\$3,788	April 26	\$5,520	May 24	\$1,390
March 29	\$4,851			May 31	\$7,932
March Faith Direct	\$7,700	April Faith Direct.	\$10,189	May Faith Direct.	\$8,663

EASTER SUNDAY \$11,907.00

So many of you were able to step up to the plate and continue your contributions. Thank you, thank you! Thank you also to all of you who signed up for our online giving through Faith Direct. The traditional envelope is still a great choice, but the online giving is a very good and consistent way to keep up your donations. I am appreciative of both options. For those of you who did not give during the period of no Masses, if in anyway you can "catch-up" that would be great. I know some are struggling because of job loss and/or pay reduction. Please know I have no expectation that you give, and we are here to help in anyway we can. I do have some funds available both in the parish and at the Diocese. Just call or email me. I do want to thank a parishioner who received a bonus at work just before Easter and sent \$1,500 of it to the parish to help those in need! So very generous. I was very humbled.

Make it a great week! I love that I can now say, see you in Church!

Peace,

Fr. John

OPENING OUR HEARTS DURING A PANDEMIC

*An update from the Hands United in Hope & Love ministry
June 2020*

The generosity of our parishioners knows no boundaries, even in the midst of the global pandemic.



Our annual Lenten Almsgiving appeal to support our friends in Nicaragua had just begun when our churches closed in mid-March. Thankfully, your hearts did not close at the same time. To our amazement, the people of St. John of the Cross and St. Mary-Chardon contributed more than \$6,600.

The much-needed funds will provide for tuition assistance in León, painting and repairs to the rectory and school in El Viejo and Spanish-language children's Bibles in Chacraseca. Meanwhile, the three parishes we support are addressing various social and spiritual needs resulting from the pandemic.

Many of the issues are similar to those here in the United States, but the full picture is unclear. "Due to the social reality that Nicaraguans are living, it is difficult to know the progress of the pandemic," Padre Tomás told us recently.

A widespread quarantine was not imposed because of the Ortega regime's concerns about the potential economic impact. Yet hospitals are reportedly overcrowded, rumors of mass burials persist and a Central American data-gathering organization reports far higher levels of confirmed cases and deaths than those reported by the Nicaraguan government.

But as Padre Tomás reports, "In reality there are more infections, since many people are treating themselves at home with the help of private doctors or medical relatives. This is the case of some faithful of our parish, who have not wanted to go to the hospital because they fear for their lives since our hospital centers do not have the conditions [to handle] the emergency. And that fear is increased when watching the news on television and social networks."

Sadly, the COVID-19 crisis only compounds the challenges the churches there must confront. As Padre Tomás adds, "Due to the sociopolitical situation, poverty is the epidemic that hits Nicaraguan homes the most. We hear heartbreaking stories of survival in many homes. Our parish brings awareness to the parishioners to open their hearts to those who are going through difficult times."

Thank you again for opening *your* hearts to help our friends in Nicaragua. Please continue to pray for the well-being of people everywhere, and for an end to a crisis that has brought us even closer despite the many miles that separate us.

Muchas gracias!

Dale and Marie George

Pray for...

Evelyn Adamczak	Rudy Myeress
John Ballard	Sheila Moore-Baka
Noella Burrows	Larry O'Donnell
Constance Durrah	Joan Raddell
Mary Frain	Pat Rossoll
John Hocevar	Jerry Scarniench
Andrew Jarm	Judy Schmidt
Anna Jalovec	Rose Simek
Nick Kaluza	Frank Somrack
Joe Matejka	John Tarmann
Ronald Maxey	Abbie Vernon

Mass Intentions

All scheduled Mass Intentions will be celebrated at Ss. Robert and William LIVESTREAMED Mass at 11am everyday—Monday through Friday.

Monday, June 8

11:00 AM (JB/TK/JR-P/TS) † Jack Barni

Tuesday, June 9

11:00 AM (TK/JP/JR/TS) † Mark Sedar

Wednesday, June 10

11:00 AM (JB/JR) † Jim Proctor

Thursday, June 11

11:00 AM (AM/TK/TS-P) † William Carrick

Friday, June 12

11:00 AM (TK/AM/TS) † Chuck Prophal

Saturday, June 13

6 PM (JB/TS-P) † Tom O'Toole

Sunday, June 14

8:00 AM (JB/TS-P) † Newt & Ginny Baker

Euclid Hunger Center-Donation

We are happy to announce that dropping off items for the Euclid Hunger Center here at St. John of the Cross have resumed.

You may drop off your donation at the Parish Office during the hours of 8:00am to 1:00pm, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

DONATIONS

—cereal, canned fruits/vegetables, canned tuna, chicken, soups
—toiletry items (deodorant, toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, feminine hygiene items)

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SJC Prayer Hotline

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Call and leave a short message with your request. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

LUKE BROWN'S REFLECTION



The bulletin is back! It's hard to believe that this pandemic has already lasted almost three months. While it has felt like the time has been dragging by, it has also gone by quickly in a way. It's interesting how uneventful and unmemorable life can seem when there are so few opportunities for community, social engagement, and events. When I speak to people about the last three months, most don't have much to talk about and say, "Not much has been going on." How true these words are when we remember how much God made us for community! St. Paul's words in the second reading this weekend are very powerful as we begin to see Masses taking place again. St. Paul tells us to encourage one another and live in peace. While he recommends that we greet one another with a holy kiss, I would maybe refrain from that for a while longer. My hope throughout this pandemic has been that the experience of social distancing will teach us an important lesson about how much we are made for one another. While we may get frustrated with various people in our lives, I hope this experience has taught us that being alone and isolated is not the answer and is very painful. We will get frustrated with people again in the future, but hopefully we remember the experience that we have had during this pandemic and stay connected within our communities despite the suffering they may cause at times. Suffering often serves to teach us what is really important. Let us use this suffering as a lesson in how we were made for one another.