The Bishops of Florida have decided there will be no public Masses celebrated throughout the State of Florida until further notice.

Confessions: by appointment

Very Reverend Thomas R. Lafreniere, V. F., Pastor
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SATURDAY, MAY 2
5:00 PM  † Joyce DelGaudio  
by Walter & Barbara Butkus
SUNDAY, MAY 3 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:30 AM  † Wanda Ihrig by her daughter, Wanda
9:00 AM  † Solange Chosson by Anne Marie Chosson
10:45 AM The intentions of those affected  
by the Pandemic; sick, deceased & families
5:00 PM  The Intentions of our Parishioners
MONDAY, MAY 4
8:00 AM  † Jen-Ah Sing by Nancy Wajda
5:30 PM  † Edward and Marietta Van Leuven  
by Mary & Greg Oatis
TUESDAY, MAY 5
8:00 AM  † Mary Gertrude Hayes Kishel  
by The Kishel Family
5:30 PM  † Rick Doyle by Louise & Dick Doyle
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
8:00 AM  † James Cole by Mary Ann & Tom DeRiso
5:30 PM  The Intentions of John McMillan  
by his family
THURSDAY, MAY 7
8:00 AM  † John Carroll Cahill by his family
5:30 PM  † Phyllis Beckinella by her husband
FRIDAY, MAY 8
8:00 AM  † Guiseppe ‘Pino’ Taormina  
by The Azoto Family
5:30 PM  † Miguel David DeLaCruz by his family
SATURDAY, MAY 9
8:00 AM  † Diane Voigt  
by Erin, Sean, Max, Elle and Avery McGould
5:00 PM  The Intentions of our Parishioners
SUNDAY, MAY 10 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:30 AM  † Jeanette Marino  
by her children & grandchildren
9:00 AM  † Jeannie Mundie by her mom
10:45 AM The intentions of Mothers  
of St. Paul of the Cross, living and deceased
5:00 PM  Raegan Quinn McCutchchon  
by Susan & Joseph Viglietta

Registered Parishioners: Please help keep our census current by advising us of any changes of address, phone numbers, and family additions or deletions.

New Parishioners: Registration forms are available on our website and in the Office during the week.
By submitting your email you will also receive the most up to date information about our Church and Parish.
Baptisms: Celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:00pm. Parents are encouraged to attend an instruction class prior to the birth of their first baby. Please call the Office to register.

Marriages
Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

Our beautiful Ave Maria Banquet Hall (capacity 325) and our St. Joseph Hall (capacity 175) are available for rental for approved adult receptions and gatherings for occasions connected with church events.

Stimulus for Service

Recently, a very generous parishioner approached me and said, “Father Tom, I am so blessed and I don’t need the stimulus check that I just received. However, I know that there are people in need that could use this money, but I don’t know who they are or how to reach them. Do you think that the parish could help?”

This questioned inspired me in two ways: First, I thought, “I don’t need my stimulus check either and maybe I should donate mine too.” Then, I thought, “What if a number of people gave some or all of their stimulus checks? What kind of difference could we make?”

So here’s the program: If you donate to St. Paul of the Cross for “Stimulus for Service”, we will use the money in two ways:
1. If someone with a legitimate need for living expenses, such as rent or utilities, comes to the office, we will work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help even more than we might not normally be able to do.
2. We will purchase a number of gift cards for food that can be distributed to those in need.

You may donate by sending in a check (write Stimulus for Service in the memo), by calling the office with a donation by credit card, or through our online donations portal. You can donate online by clicking on the button on our homepage or at the following location: www.osvonlinegiving.com/611. Simply choose the category “Donation, Special Intention”, then choose “One time” and type Stimulus for Service in the box.

We are a community; we are a family; we are St. Paul of the Cross. God bless you!
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

To prepare for the Readings of May 9/10
Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).
Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).
Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).
Gospel — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).
A Column by Fr. Tom

...Who Art in Heaven...

During a second grade religion class, one student asked the teacher, “What is God’s name?” Another precocious child, waved her hand wildly and said, “I know, I know, it’s Art. We even call Him that when we pray...Our Father, who is Art in Heaven.” While most of us know that we are not naming God in this phrase, what exactly is its significance for us?

There are two ways for us to consider this phrase – on its own and in conjunction with the address of the prayer that we discussed last week. Let’s begin by considering this phrase together with the address – Our Father who art in Heaven - in fact, we might even consider the whole phrase as the address – Our Father in Heaven. We might use this address to help us recognize that we are calling on our Heavenly Father, the one who is omnipotent and omniscient. As much as we may have been able to call on our earthly father for assistance, we can call on our Heavenly Father even more.

However, when we consider “who art in Heaven” on its own, we begin to get a much better understanding about why Jesus begins the prayer this way. One might think at first that this phrase is almost unnecessary. Where else would God be, but in Heaven. That’s His home; that’s where He resides. After all, that’s what we’ve been taught since we were children.

However, according to the Catechism, we may have been mistaken to lock God away “in Heaven.” “This biblical expression does not mean a place (‘space’), but a way of being; it does not mean that God is distant, but majestic. Our Father is not ‘elsewhere’: he transcends everything we can conceive of his holiness. [...] ‘Our Father who art in heaven’ is rightly understood to mean that God is in the hearts of the just, as in his holy temple. At the same time, it means that those who pray should desire the one they invoke to dwell in them.” [CCC 2794]

What this quote from the Catechism is teaching us is that “Heaven” is wherever God is, not the other way around. It is very comforting to know that God wants to reside in our hearts and make that a heavenly place as well. In other words, He wants to help us to be holy; He wants for our hearts to be a home (dwelling place) for Him.

So what does this phrase of the Our Father teach us about our relationship with God? This phrase is actually a prayer of what we hope for from God. We hope that He will dwell in our hearts and that He will dwell among us as we gather in prayer. “When the Church prays ‘our Father who art in heaven,’ she is professing that we are the People of God, already seated ‘with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus’ and ‘hidden with Christ in God,’ yet at the same time, ‘here indeed we groan, and long to put on our heavenly dwelling.’” [CCC 2796] In other words, we are already anticipating what we will pray later in this prayer – “on earth as it is in Heaven.”

Next week, we will continue with the phrase “hallowed be Thy Name.”
Challenge Question: Even while witnessing the “beauty of our humanity” in our frontline, healthcare workers and those providing meals to those out of work, we recognize that some of us wait out this pandemic in the comfort of our homes, with our finances in tact. How can I provide hope to those who have lost work, waiting desperately for a small stimulus check, which may not be nearly enough to cover what is needed? How can I share the hope of the resurrection with those truly suffering during this difficult time? Let us all prayerfully consider what we can share with our brothers and sisters.

For those with email: Go to the formed.org website and click on the box that says - SIGN UP. Choose - I belong to a Parish or Organization, 3rd choice, and click. Put in St. Paul of the Cross North Palm Beach, click the name and the NEXT box will light up, click there. Put your name, first and last, and your email, then click sign up.

Don’t forget our young parishioners! When you are logged into formed.org look for KIDS - Some great resources are Brother Francis, The Saints and Heroes Collection, and Ryan Defrates: Secret Agent. You may even find a great movie about a saint you can watch as a family!
Diocesan Prayer for God’s Protection in the face of the Coronavirus Pandemic

Loving and gracious God, as in all times, we turn to You and implore Your protection and healing as we face a new threat to our health and peaceful well-being in the coronavirus pandemic before us. Help us to be united with each other and with all of our brothers and sisters around the world affected by this illness. We pray for all those in the medical field who are assisting patients and in the field of science who are discerning a cure, as well as for all government leaders. Remember those who, through this virus, have passed from this life as well as their families in their loss.

At this time of fragile uncertainty, we also humbly implore You to grant us prudence, hope, courage and patience. Dispel from us fear, panic and distrust which disrupt us in spirit to the detriment of our well-being.

We make our prayer in the name of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who always cured those who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. Our Lady, Patroness of our Diocese, Queen of the Apostles and Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us, Amen.

Please Pray for Vocations

Father, you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your Church by raising up dedicated leaders from our families and friends in the Diocese of Palm Beach, who will generously serve your people as sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests.

Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS

“The Lord’s call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a “cage” or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch.”

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Whether or not we are present at Church, we remain one in the Lord. Please keep the following members of our parish family in your prayers: Nicole Miles, Shirley Williams, and...

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Richard Michael Anderson
David Antonucci
George Arevalo
Carlos Aviado
Rose Baker
Frances Balducci
Austin Barnes
Tonya Benware
Clare Bellucci
Peggy Black
Alicia Mont Bont
James Boyer
Bill Cahill
Coralie Cahill
Richard Campbell
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Rusty Canant
Mary Carroll
Henry Chenette
Bill Cherrie
Kimberly Chorniewy
Joy Cicchocki Family
Mary T. Clark
Wayne Clark
Marion Clements
Rose Colombo
Doug Coomer
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Eileen Crowell
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Please call the Parish Office if you are admitted to the hospital or know of someone in our parish who requests a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister. Names will remain on the prayer list for two months, unless notified.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR ARMED FORCES STATIONED OVERSEAS, FOR THE MILITARY COMMANDERS WHO LEAD THEM, FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP AND HIS ADVISORS AND FOR...###

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Spec. Thomas Bates
Tyler Blank
Maj. Travis Blaschke, Army Aviation
PFC Adam Blazak, Army
Chris Bodley
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Col. John Cross, Army
Michael Crump
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Amanda Wilson

May 3, 2020

Merciful Father, You desire the welfare of all your children. Stretch out Your protecting arm over our men and women in the service. Shield them from every danger to body, mind and soul. Comfort them in loneliness, sustain them in hardship, give them the courage they need to fulfill their duty and so do Your will in all things. Bestow on our leaders and the leaders of the world the wisdom and prudence which will bring peace and justice to all. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen. May, help of Christians, pray for us.
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