FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY March 30  Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent
  Dean Berg+; Bill Berg+  Fr. Remmes
TUESDAY March 31  Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent
  L/D Mem Otmar/Elaine Bierl Family  Fr. Remmes
  Melvin Ludwig+  Fr. Friedrichsen
  Sally Drees+  Fr. Pick
WEDNESDAY April 1  Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent
  Gladys Steinkamp+  Fr. Remmes
  Merle Pothoff+  Fr. Friedrichsen
  Jim Dentlinger+  Fr. Pick
THURSDAY April 2  Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent
  St. John Guild  Fr. Remmes
  Elvira/Clarence Tiefenthaler+  Fr. Pick
  Marvin/Florence Snyder+  Fr. Friedrichsen
FRIDAY April 3  Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent
  Margaret Schroeder+  Fr. Remmes
  Doc Steinkamp+  Fr. Friedrichsen
  Walt Wittrock+  Fr. Pick
SATURDAY April 4  Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent
  Dottie Eickman+  Fr. Friedrichsen
  Leonard Feilmeier+  Fr. Pick
SUNDAY April 5  PALM SUNDAY of the LORD’S PASSION
  Betty Halbur+  Fr. Pick
  Parishioners of CTKCC  Fr. Friedrichsen
  LeRoy/Joanell Koster+  Fr. Friedrichsen

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Prayer During the Coronavirus Pandemic

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.
FROM THE PRIESTS: We Frs. Tims miss seeing you, our parishioners, in person. We are grateful that we were able to figure out what we needed to do in order to live-stream Masses and other prayer times on the Facebook page for Christ the King Catholic Community. Fr. Tim “the younger” figured out the software issues. Fr. Tim “the elder” worked on the hardware in order to extend our rectory WiFi to St. Bernard Church. This is what we are live-streaming:

- Tuesday–Friday, 7:45am Morning Prayer, 8:00am Mass (8:00am), 5:00pm Evening Prayer;
- Saturday evening Mass at 5:00pm;
- Sunday morning Mass at 10:00am.

If you would like to pray Morning/Evening Prayer along with us, two free apps for smartphones or tablets are iBreviary (we Frs. Tims use it; see the tutorial on the FB page of CTKCC) and Laudate. Both have the all the prayers of the Breviary each day, readings of the day, and many additional prayers and resources. For those who are able to access these, we hope they will be valuable resources even after we’re through this time.

For those who do not have access to the internet and the live-streaming that we’ve been doing, we Frs. Tims want you to know that you are in our thoughts, hearts and prayers. We hope you are able to “participate” in Masses that are on TV or the radio. In case you’ve not seen these listed:

- EWTN on TV or Radio: Mass at 7AM, 11AM, 6PM;
- Sioux City area, 88.1 FM Radio: Mass at 9AM on Sunday;
- Carroll area, 103.1 FM, Trinity Radio Station: EWTN programming.

Thank you to those who found a way last week or are working on ways to continue their support of their parish. We Frs. Tims know that some of our faithful will be in circumstances which hinder their regular giving. Each of us can only do what we are able to do in the spirit urged by St. Paul: “Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). As noted last week, here are suggestions for ways to make your “offertory”, so that your parish will be able to meet her obligations:

- use the parish-addressed envelope in your packets to mail in your offering;
- mail your offering in by using your own envelopes;
- drop your envelopes in the slot right of the main doors to St. Bernard office or the slot of St. Augustine’s Rectory, Halbur;
- see this as the time to start automatic payments from your bank to your parish—form is available on our website—first one, right side!
- the diocese is also offering a great service during this time; they have set up a way to give online—100% of your contribution goes to the parish you designate. Just click the picture “Online Offertory” on the right side of our website. That will take your directly to the online giving portal.

Thank you for your faithfulness and your support. May we all continue to pray for each other, our nation, and the entire world! May the Archangel St. Raphael, “God’s healer”, stir up healing waters on our behalf!!

REFLECTION FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A — The Scriptural passages for the Mass are: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-8 (Resp. “With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.”); Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45.

Ezekiel prophesied to a people in exile in a foreign land; we might connect just a bit to that experience, for we are exiled to the foreign lands of “sheltering-in-place” and “cyber-space” by the coronavirus. Like the exiled people of Israel, we cannot go into our “Temple”—theirs, however, was destroyed. We cannot go about our regular lives of work and social interactions—they were an exiled people, trying to manage a living as unwilling foreigners in a foreign land. The leadership they had from the Kings of David’s line—the good, the bad, and the downright ugly leadership—no longer existed. They even wondered if the God of their ancestors who had led them to the “promised land” could even be present and hear them in the foreign land of Babylon. The prophet and priest Ezekiel led them to a new way of being God’s people in this time. Now Ezekiel assures them that the Lord God will revive them; the grave of exile will be opened and the spirit will be renewed in them. Their exile will be at an end, for once again God tells them: “I will settle you upon your land.”

Connecting the exile of God’s people with our own pandemic-caused exile, we can be assured by the hopeful promise that God will revive his people. We can be even more hopeful than they, because of St. Paul’s reminder to the Romans and all of us that we “are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in [us].” Unlike the people in Ezekiel’s time, we don’t worry whether God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—can be present to us, even as we hunker down in our homes, and locked out of our Churches for a time. For with St. Paul, we believe that “the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in [us].” So even though much has changed during this time and we grieve the losses that are part of it, that Spirit can raise us up to renewed faith, hope and charity!

With the assurance of the indwelling Holy Spirit, we can move from Ezekiel’s metaphorical graves and our metaphorical exile, to Lazarus’ real grave and the ultimate exile, death. This long drama, which actually goes twelve verses longer than the “long form” of today’s Gospel, is a story second in length only to the Passion Narrative in the Gospel of John (18:1-19:42; Good Friday). Today’s story points to and beyond the Passion Narrative. Much like the Samaritan Woman at the Well and the Man Born Blind, this narrative moves through stages of faith in Jesus the Christ for Martha and Mary—especially Martha. Like the Samaritan woman and the man healed of his blindness, Martha will come to deep faith, but not yet the full faith foreshadowed in the story of the Raising of Lazarus. For that, stay tuned through Easter and the Second Sunday of Easter (aka, Divine Mercy Sunday).

In this story, the evangelist John, introduces us to three new characters, Mary, Martha and Lazarus. This sibling trio appear to be stay-at-home disciples of Jesus. They provide Jesus hospitality—although the story has not yet been told, the evangelist refers to Mary as the one who anointed and dried Jesus’ feet (12:1-8). Lazarus is gravely ill; so much like we would do, his sisters send word to Jesus. The request is respectfully put to the “Master” (the word “Lord”); they report that Lazarus is ill, and remind Jesus that Lazarus is his friend (the word “love” [phileō], is the same root that Jesus uses of his disciples when he calls them his “friends in 15:14—so what is the “loving thing to do”? Perhaps Jesus should have asked, “What would Jesus do?”!

The time to get the message to Jesus, his two day delay, and Jesus’ return trip to Judea, where his life was already threatened (10:31ff) and where he will ultimately be crucified, results in Lazarus being four days in the tomb. Martha (v 21), Mary (v 32), and some of their Jewish sisters and brothers (v 36) all believe that had Jesus been there, Lazarus would not have died. And we know Lazarus is dead, for Jesus himself said that “clearly” (v. 14). So what now—Martha believes that God will do whatever Jesus asks—she
tells Jesus that. But what is that she thinks Jesus will ask? Martha also informs Jesus that she believes in “the resurrection on the last day”. But Jesus has been inviting his disciples, and now those in Bethany, to another level of believe: “I am the resurrection and the life”; Jesus transends their understanding of time and even resurrection. He is the very way to both resurrection and life now and eternally. Martha jumps in, ‘Yea, yea, I believe so much about you—Christ, Son of God, the coming one!’ And the final word she will have to Jesus—and in the Gospel—will indicate to Jesus that she doesn’t believe that he has authority over someone dead for four days.

Martha seems frustrated so she goes to her sister Mary; she even fibs a bit that the “teacher” (a term that shows less than optimal understanding of Jesus) is calling her (using the verb phoneō, the word John uses for the voice of the Shepherd). Second sister, second round—If Jesus had only been here. There are a couple differences: Mary is weeping and the audience expands to weeping neighbors. Their weeping is loud wailing. Jesus is twice “perturbed”, but when he has been shown the tomb, Jesus weeps; the evangelist uses a different word. Jesus’s weeping is drenched in tears!

What brings about this gift of tears in Jesus? Does he mourn like Martha and Mary at the death of his friend? Does he cry because he sees the pain that the sisters have—and that the neighbors share? Does he weep as he perhaps gets a glimpse of his own stone-hewn, rock-enclosed tomb? He no doubt weeps out of concern that no one seems capable to come to the belief to which Jesus has invited them. Perhaps—let’s look at this from Lazarus’ point of view—Jesus weeps for if he revives Lazarus, then Lazarus will again know suffering, sickness and physical death. Unlike Jesus’s resurrection, Lazarus comes forth from the tomb bound in his burial clothes; Lazarus needs to be untied and let go—back into his life which will again end in death. Before that comes to pass, however, I think we can trust that Martha, Mary and Lazarus will truly believe what Jesus had said: “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die” (vv 25-26).

Exile, death, fear in the face of a pandemic and so many challenges in life are opportunities to affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. May we know in the depths of our being that united to him in baptism and living lives of faithful discipleship, we already share eternal life. Nothing is more powerful than our Lord and the Spirit of the Father who raised him from the dead—and that Spirit who dwells in us. We will know dark times—grief, fear, anxiety; it is then that our faith can raise us from those graves and revive our faith, hope and love.

REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS: The bulletin is accessible on our website: http://christthekingcatholiccommunity.org home page under the Tab –BULLETIN. If you would like to be added to the email list, contact Julie at stjohnarcadia@gmail.com. If you are homebound, contact the parish office in Breda or Arcadia and we can mail it to you.

ST. BERNARD-BREDA

BREDA ALL SCHOOL REUNION: The all school class reunion will be at Breda Memorial Park Shelter House from 4-11 p.m. on July 3. Meal will be available by reservation at 5:30 p.m. One of your class mates will be contacting you very soon. Tours of the past St. Bernard School and memory rooms will be held July 3 from 2-4 p.m. Also after the 10:00 Sunday Mass on July 5, there will be tours, and coffee and rolls will be served from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. at the past St. Bernard School. If anyone has some school or church artifacts that they would like to donate to the memory rooms, please call or see Mary Kay at her restaurant 712-673-4695 or 712-673-2847. There were many quilting ladies in our parish over the years since 1920. They worked together quilting for raffles and gave donations to our church. Does anyone have any pictures or news articles of these ladies who volunteered their precious time? Please contact Mary Kay.

**Stewardship for March 22**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST-ARCADIA**

WE ARE LOW ON MASS INTENTIONS requested by St. John the Baptist parishioners. If you have some that you would like Fr. Remmes or one of the Frs. Tim to honor at St. John, please put them in a special envelope in the collection or give them to one of the Frs. Tim. (We can, of course, have other intentions honored at St. John Masses.)

**CHURCH CLEANING** on Saturday, April 4, has been canceled.

**Stewardship for March 22**

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL-MOUNT CARMEL**

WE ARE LOW ON MASS INTENTIONS requested by OLMC parishioners. If you have some that you would like one of the Frs. Tim to honor at OLMC, please put them in a special envelope in the collection or give them to one of the Frs. (We can, of course, honor other intentions at OLMC Masses.)

**Stewardship for March 22**

**ST. AUGUSTINE-HALBUR**

Holy Angels MWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the St Augustine Raffle held November 10, 2019: $500 – Tess Sturm, $250 – Lorraine Wempe, $100 – Brooklyn/Blaire Pettit, $100 – Lori Williams, $100 – Mitchell Behrens, $100 – Steve Hausman, $50 – Leon/ Monica Rotert, $50 – Bob Pottebaum

THANK YOU to all who participated in our Holy Angels St. Patty’s Day Pot of Gold Giveaway. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. **Congratulations** to the winners: $1000 – Britne Rupiper, $750 – Mandy Schreck, $500 – Nate Ramaekers, $250 – Tacey Stoelk, $100 – Dale Ehlers, $100 – Carla Markway, $100 – Wayne Riesberg, $100 – Wayne Riesberg [2], $100 – Tom Simons, $50 – Leslie Trecker, $50 – Barb Sturm, $50 – Neal Rupiper, $50 – Austin Hulsing, $50 – Nate Stangl

**Stewardship for March 22**

**ST. ELIZABETH SETON-GLIDDEN**

THERE ARE 100 metal folding chairs and 1 older Frigidaire Range available to Parishioners for a free will donation. Please contact Kimberly Whitaker at 712-830-6931 for info or to claim. These items are also posted on our Facebook page.

**Stewardship for March 22**

No Report Available
PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], may contact the pastor at any time of the year to begin the process known as RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults]/RCIC [Rite of Christian Initiation of Children].

BAPTISM CLASS is being offered for parents who are having a child baptized for the first time in one of the parishes of CTKCC. The class will be offered at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of odd numbered months (Jan., March, May, July, Sept., Nov.) at Holy Spirit in Carroll. PLEASE email one of the Frs. Tims to let them know when you will be attending.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION is to begin 6-12 months before the wedding day. If either the bride or the groom is not a Catholic or has been previously married, additional time may be necessary for preparation. Please contact the pastor so that all preparations may be completed in time for the wedding and marriage. Remember, a wedding is just a day, a marriage is a LIFETIME!

NEW PARISHIONERS may register in the parish of their choice by visiting http://christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/parish-registration [under the ABOUT drop-down menu] and completing the form.

BULLETIN ADS FOR SALE---yes, you may advertise your business or event here. Cost of each ad is $3 per week or $150/year. Space is limited. Ads must meet the Catholic Church standards. Contact the office in Breda for more information and/or to set up and schedule your ad.

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