

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020



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You are also encouraged to log onto archstl.org for available resources. On the right hand lower corner of the home page for the Archdiocese of St. Louis is a red box “For Live Stream Mass Schedules Click Here.” This link will

take you to a listing of Churches and their links within the Archdiocese of St. Louis which are currently live streaming Masses. The direct link to live stream the Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis is [www.cathedralstl.org/live/](http://www.cathedralstl.org/live/).

The website [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) is also available for world wide access to live streamed Masses.

**Public Masses**

Archbishop Robert Carlson has announced that parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis are permitted to begin resuming public Masses on Monday, May 18, 2020, at the discretion of each individual parish pastor.

The detailed policy to be provided to pastors on May 12, 2020, will include directives and guidelines that must be followed carefully by each parish in order to resume public Masses.

We will post those guidelines as we receive them in order that we may fully comply with those mandates. We will have to make some additional adjustments because our St. Joseph Church is in the restoration process and we have scaffolds in place in order to repaint the Church.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**



Please call the Rectory office if you have a need for an individual private confession. Confessions will continue to be heard Saturday afternoons from 3:15 – 3:45 pm

**Please remember that during these difficult days collections remain essential to even the limited operations of our parishes. We encourage you to mail in your contributions and special collection envelopes to our Parish Office. You may also drop your envelopes in the mail drop slot to the right side of the Rectory door or bring to the front door. Please do not place your contributions in the bulletin mail box. Thank you for your continued support.**

**Church Restoration**

Thank you for your generous pledges and donations to date for the restoration of our Church. We have formally started the process of painting the Church. We are very appreciative of your support, pledges, and encouragement.



Fr. Steve has been able to call many of our members to find out how our folks are doing during this COVID -19 pandemic. However, a large number

of our families have disconnected phone numbers on file and/or full “leave a message” mail boxes. Please help us reach out to you by updating your contact information. Thank you.

**Your Gift to God**

*April 25 & 26, 2020*

	<b>St. Joseph</b>	<b>St. Anne</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	\$3,334.00	\$450.00
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	95.00	25.00
<b>Ascension</b>	105.00	-0-
<b>Mother’s Day</b>	242.00	-0-
<b>Church Restoration</b>	1,755.00	
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## **Pope Francis Prayers for the end of COVID-19 pandemic**

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people," you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God."

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

## **Blessed Among Us**

### **Ruth and Naomi**

Women of Faith

The Book of Ruth is set in an indeterminate time "when the Judges ruled." That period is better remembered for stories of warfare and lawless violence, often enacted on the bodies of women. The Book of Ruth, in contrast, highlights the actions and faith of two women whose trust in God and each other opens a way to overcome their precarious circumstances.

Naomi and her husband Elimelech had escaped famine in Israel by moving to Moab, where their sons married local women. When her husband and both her sons die, Naomi decides to move back to Israel, counseling her daughters-in-law to seek husbands among their own people. One of them, Ruth, refuses to leave Naomi's side.

The two women return to Israel—one of them a foreigner—with no means of support apart from gleaning the fields. Nevertheless, there is a happy ending. With Naomi's encouragement, Ruth attracts the attention of a wealthy kinsman, who agrees to marry her and thus redeem the name of her dead husband.

And so Ruth, by her faith and love, is incorporated into the house of Israel; in fact, she becomes a grandmother of David, and a foremother of Jesus. In the story of Ruth and Naomi, there is no violence, no "mighty deeds." Just two women, trusting in one another, hoping in the God who watches over the weak, who fills the hungry, and restores life.

### **Dynamic Catholic, Alive! –**

The Holy Spirit is called the Advocate, the Paraclete, and the Consoler in Scripture. He is the gift of the Father whom we received at Baptism and then more fully in Confirmation. The Holy Spirit is our defender, the one who stands by us in the midst of the attacks of Satan (the accuser). Constantly reminding us of what Jesus has taught us and guiding us into prayer, the Spirit leads us just as He led Jesus. "The Holy Spirit, whom Christ the head pours out on his members, builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church" (CCC 747). Praise God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, our anointing, our dove, our fire.

[archstl.org/dynamic](http://archstl.org/dynamic)



### **It's Gardening Time!**

Linda could use some help planting, weeding and/or watering flowers. If you could help with one gardening task or water a few times during the summer, please call the office at 358-2112 We appreciate any assistance.



## Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion

### What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 coronavirus



If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal.

In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

These devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practiced by saints.

### How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins".

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins".
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen".
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

### How to make a Spiritual Communion

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition.
2. Imagine the sacred words and actions of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri: "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.
6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.



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