Dear Parishioners,

This is a strange way to communicate to people I see on the weekends, but it will have to do. The Diocese relies upon the state and federal governments to determine the time when our moratorium on Masses and meetings will come to an end. March 31 seems extremely optimistic. It now seems like the government and the Diocese are thinking about May.

We’re planning on streaming Masses from our church. We will be on U Tube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFDDOyj6l3pVDpKvYAxSgg) and our website (saintgeorgecatholics.com). The English Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday and the Spanish Mass at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The religious education people are putting together packets for students to complete during the moratorium. They will communicate with parents when the packets are ready. These packets might help pass some time. Meetings may be carried out through Skype. Other social communication computer programs will work, but Skype seems to be the most common. It is up to the leaders of our various groups to decide if this is a viable option for them.

I’m forming an internet newsletter. It’s a first for me. I’m not all that technologically savvy. This newsletter will be weekly and maybe occasionally biweekly. It would include the latest from our Kuzy project, updates on the moratorium, more information about our groups meeting online, some spiritual ideas to consider during this time of physical separation, etc. If you would like to be included, please e-mail your address. I’m at fatherdave@sgcatholics.com.

Confessions are available in the office through individual appointments. Please call the office for an appointment. It is not permitted to e-mail or telephone confessions. There’s always a risk with social media that your confessions will be on the internet for anyone interested to explore.

The gift shop, food pantry and the thrift store are closed. We are keeping the church open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday for private prayer. Private prayer in the church is also encouraged on Saturdays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The office hours are also changing. Starting Monday, March 23, they will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Photo: Bob Parks

259 WEST 200 NORTH, ST. GEORGE, UTAH 84770—WWW.SAINTGEORGECHRISTIAN.COM
La pérdida nos afecta a cada uno de nosotros en algún momento de nuestras vidas y lo hace de diferentes maneras. La pérdida de un ser querido por la muerte viene a mi mente de inmediato. La pérdida de empleo y la pérdida de salud pueden ser segundos cercanos. La pérdida de apetito, de deseo, de capacidad para hacer frente, y muchos más pueden crear situaciones difíciles y desafiantes.

Recentemente hemos estado experimentando un evento inusual que cambia la vida. ¿Qué ha sido nuestra respuesta?

Nuestra fe ha sido, y sigue siendo, significativamente probada por circunstancias y demandas previamente desconocidas para nosotros. No estamos muy seguros de cómo reaccionar o qué hacer. Se han impuesto restricciones poco comunes sobre lo que podemos hacer y/o cómo podemos hacerlo. La libertad que una vez conocíamos ha sido suspendida.

En esta Cuaresma hemos entrado en una forma de vida sacrificada identificada para crear conciencia sobre una situación crítica, así como la esperanza de una población que vive bajo amenaza.

Para nosotros de la fe Católica, nuestra obligación de la Misa dominical ha sido levantada. Nuestras devociones cuaresmales han cambiado. ¿Cómo aceptamos y recibimos estos momentos?

¿Podemos ver reverentemente una Misa televisada o una transmisión en línea de la Misa? ¿Una Comunión Espiritual nos permitirá experimentar la presencia de Jesús en el interior que tan connovemedoramente falta sin la Sagrada Eucaristía en la Misa? ¿Las lecturas bíblicas y las reflexiones de las Escrituras nos ofrecerán la esperanza que buscamos durante estos días?

Confiamos sin miedo. Dios, que es mayor que cualquier pérdida, tiene un plan. Él es nuestra comodidad, nuestro sanador, nuestro consuelo, nuestra guía.

A good new practice to highlight, even at this midway point in the Lenten period, is silence. Silence is the greatest of teachers. This is increasingly true in our highly distracted culture. Distraction is unnecessary noise. If our natural environment lacks silence, how will we ever understand what it is? We will know we have lost something, but will have no word for what it is. Silence will just mean that the audio doesn’t work. So we must speak about silence, communicating what it is until the penny drops into the bottomless well. Silence heals, refreshes, energizes, inspires, sharpens, clarifies. It simplifies. It is the medium of truth. And it is the font of the pure single Word that both perfectly communicates it and leads back to it. If we consciously turn off the TV or close the computer, restrain unnecessary speech, avoid gazing at advertising posters, look people lovingly in the eye, we are enhancing the same direct work of silence that we return to meeting in our meditation. And we are making the world a more silent and awakened place. “1

We have recently been experiencing an unusual, life-changing event. What has been our response?

Our faith has been, and continues to be, significantly tested by circumstances and demands previously unknown to us. We aren’t quite certain how to react or what to do. Uncommon restrictions have been placed on what we can do and/or how we can do it. The freedom we once knew has been suspended.

This Lent we have entered a sacrificial manner of living identified to bring awareness to a critical situation as well as hope to a population living under threat.

For us of the Catholic faith, our Sunday Mass obligation has been lifted. Our Lenten devotions have changed. How do we embrace and accept these moments?

Can we reverently view a televised Mass or an online streaming of the Mass? Will a Spiritual Communion allow us to experience the presence of Jesus within that is so poignantly missing without the Holy Eucharist at Mass? Will biblical readings and scripture reflections offer us the hope we seek during these days?

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“Let it go” sounds so easy and promising except when Lent tells us to let it go. Some of the things Lent asks us to place to the side are habits the world has reinforced in us.

"Get them before they get you.” “the only place that counts is first place,” “the one who dies with the most toys wins,” and the rest of these kinds of bits of common wisdom do not fit well with seeking first the Kingdom of God. No matter how much the people of the world would like to let these things go, there is the very real fear that to do so means losing what little they have. And still letting these things go is the call of Lent.

Heeding the call of Lent is a long and sometimes trying journey. Meditations about other long and trying journeys might be of help. Consider Lazarus’ journey. He and his sisters Martha and Mary gradually became favorites of Jesus, people to whom Jesus was particularly close (John 11:5, 34-35). The Scriptures tell us that one of Lazarus’ trials was a particularly severe illness, the one that would leave him dead for four days. Imagine yourself in the shoes of Lazarus. As his illness progressed so too would his concern and anxiety about his own future. The tossing and turning in sickbeds is not only caused by physical pain. His sisters would occupy his mind – who would help them? And where was Jesus? Had he turned his back on the family?

As Lazarus’ last breath grew closer and closer the grieving in the house would have intensified. In the midst of wailing and tears Lazarus died. The impact of his passing on those whom he loved affected him greatly as he passed over into death. The next thing Lazarus experienced was the stench of death and the fear of finding himself bound hand and foot with burial cloths covering his eyes. Confusion and fear surged through his veins. Through it all he heard a familiar voice, “Lazarus, come out (John 11:41)!”

It was difficult to move. Lazarus felt his way along the rock wall and used what light did penetrate the tomb.

When the rock was rolled back, he was blinded by the sun. It was all a strange mix between fear and an unreasonable hope. Lazarus’ heart was going 100 miles an hour as he heard, “untie him and let him go (John 11:44).”

What parts of this meditation hit home? When is the call of Lent more difficult to hear? What things have you let go?

"Déjalo ir" suena tan fácil y prometedor, excepto cuando la Cuaresma nos dice que lo debemos dejar. Algunas de las cosas que la Cuaresma nos pide es que dejemos de lado los hábitos que el mundo ha reforzado en nosotros. "Consiguélos antes de que te atrapen", "el único lugar que cuenta es el primer lugar", "el que muere con más juguetes gana", y el resto de estos tipos de sabiduría común no encajan bien con buscar primero el Reino de Dios. No importa cuánto le gustaría a la gente del mundo dejar ir estas cosas, existe el temor real de que al hacerlo signifique perder lo poco que tienen. Y aún dejar ir estas cosas es el llamado de la Cuaresma.

Prestar atención al llamado de la Cuaresma es un viaje largo y, a veces, difícil. Las meditaciones sobre otros viajes largos y difíciles pueden ser de ayuda. Contempla el viaje de Lázaro. Él y sus hermanas Marta y María se convirtieron gradualmente en las favoritas de Jesús, personas con quienes Jesús era particularmente cercano (Juan 11: 5, 34-35). Las Escrituras nos dicen que una de las pruebas de Lázaro fue una enfermedad particularmente grave, la que lo dejaría muerto durante cuatro días. Suponte en el puesto de Lázaro. A medida que su enfermedad progresaba, también lo haría su preocupación y ansiedad por su propio futuro. Las sacudidas y vueltas en camas de enfermos no solo son causadas por dolor físico. Sus hermanas ocuparían su mente, ¿quién las ayudaría? ¿Y dónde estaba Jesús? ¿Le había dado la espalda a la familia?

A medida que el último aliento de Lázaro se acercaba más y más, el duelo en la casa se habría intensificado. En medio de lamentos y lágrimas, Lázaro murió. El impacto de su fallecimiento sobre aquellos a quienes amaba lo afectó enormemente cuando falleció. Lo siguiente que experimentó Lázaro fue el hedor de la muerte y el miedo de verse atado de pies y manos con paños funerarios que cubrían sus ojos. La confusión y el miedo surgieron por sus venas. A pesar de todo, escuchó una voz familiar: "¡Lázaro, sal (Juan 11:43)!

Fue difícil moverse. Lázaro se abrió paso a lo largo de la pared de roca y usó la luz que penetraba en la tumba. Cuando la roca fue retirada, el sol lo cegó. Todo era una extraña mezcla entre miedo y una esperanza irrazonable. El corazón de Lázaro se estaba acelerando a 100 millas por hora cuando escuchó, "desátelo y déjelo ir (Juan 11:44)".

¿Qué partes de esta meditación llegan a casa? ¿Cuándo es más difícil escuchar el llamado de la Cuaresma? ¿Qué cosas has dejado ir?
EVENTS and MASS INTENTIONS
Please visit our website for more announcements or email us at sgcc.bulletin@gmail.com for questions or submissions.

PARISH EVENTS

Monday
10:00 am  Everyday God (every other week) Scanlan, FL2
7:00 pm  RCIA Scanlan, FL2
3:30 pm  Holy Rosary—please join us Hurricane

Tuesday
9:00 am  Marian Hour - Our Lady of Peace Church
12:4 pm  Bridge Group-Room at the Square St. George
6:00 pm  CCD Scanlan

First Tuesday
6:00 pm  Knights of Columbus (Library) St. George

Second Tuesday
1:00 pm  Women’s Group Lunch at Harmons Santa Clara

Wednesday
12:00 pm  Bulletin Deadline (11 days prior to publication date)
6:30 pm  Holy Spirit Prayer Group Scanlan, FL2
7:00 pm  Neo Catechumenal Way Scanlan, FL2
7:00 pm  Clases Biblicas CERS Scanlan, FL2

Third Wednesday
6:30 pm  4th Degree K of C Scanlan, FL3

Thursday
9:00 am  Prayers for the Unborn Church
6:00 pm  CCD Scanlan

Second Thursday
1:30 pm  Mass at Sterling Court, St. George 324N 1680E

Friday
First Friday
8:00 am  Anointing of the Sick at Mass Church
6:30 pm  Women’s Group (Sept-June) Scanlan, FL2

Last Friday
7:00 pm  Nocturnal Adoration Church

Saturday
7:00 pm  Neo Catechumenal Way Scanlan, FL2

First Saturday
8:00 am  Mass in Honor of Our Lady Church
9:30 am  Walk for Life Bluff & 600S

After Last Friday
6:00 am  Nocturnal Adoration ends with Mass Church

First Weekend
At all Masses - Renovation Fund Collection

Third Weekend
At all Masses - K of C Food Drive

Last Weekend - At all Masses - DDD Collection

Sunday
9:00 am  CCD Scanlan
11:00 am  CCD Scanlan
5:00 pm  Rosary Church

First Weekend
At all Masses - Renovation Fund Collection

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At all Masses - K of C Food Drive

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Our Lady of Grace Candle burns this week in memory of Mr. Pat Workman

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 3/28
5:00 pm  Alfred Jankus
Coach Ray Odette and Ken Odette
Helen Milovich
7:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

Sunday, 3/29
9:00 am  All souls
11:00 am  Those in the RCIA
Healing of Greg Lupus
1:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

Monday, 3/30
8:00 am  Verda Caldwell 99th Birthday
Conrad Minear by Carolyn Minear
7:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

Tuesday, 3/31
8:00 am  Marlene Hoffman by Julie Rita Silvestri
7:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

Wednesday, 4/1
8:00 am  Bob Kowalski by Karen Kowalski
Mary Schwarz by Dave
7:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

Thursday, 4/2
8:00 am  Dan Sorensen
7:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

Friday, 4/3
8:00 am  All Souls by Cy & Margaret
7:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

Church Hours For Private Prayer
Tuesday-Friday 9am-1pm
Saturday 5pm-8pm
Sunday 9am-2pm
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are one community nourished and transformed by the Eucharist.
As the body of Christ, we are led by the Holy Spirit to know, love and serve God and one another.

Somos una comunidad alimentada y transformada por la Eucaristía. Como cuerpo de Cristo, somos guiados por el Espíritu Santo para conocer, amar y servir a Dios y unos a otros.

LOOKING AHEAD
May 18 Confirmation
June 6 First Holy Communion
July 6-11 Vacation Bible School

Next weekend’s second collection benefits the Saint George Catholic Church Renovation Projects
If you have Building Fund envelopes, you may use them for this collection. You may also contribute to the Renovation Projects fund through our online giving.

Weekly Collection Report
Collection (03/15)............................................$ 5,455

Capital Improvement Project (January)
Renovation and Improvement Fund...........$188,124
Restricted Fund—Kuzy Hall Pledges...........$ 65,922
Renovation Fund Collections .................$  6,277

Looking ahead
Parish Council ...

Parish Registration and Information Update continues
Please remember to pick up a Parish Registration and Information Update form, complete it and return to the parish office if you are new to the parish, have moved or any other family and/or contact information has changed. Forms are located in the vestibule or at the front doors of the church. The completed form may be delivered to the parish office, or placed in the envelope provided and mailed or dropped in the collection basket.

Volunteers wanted to spread cheer and information in a Dementia Activity Group
Consider giving a few hours of your time this Lenten season to enrich the lives of seniors with dementia in an active, social model adult day care.
Volunteer for an hour weekly or four hours weekly. Contact Memory Matters Utah at 435-319-0407 or by email at memorymattersutah@gmail.com
If you have questions, you may also contact parishioner, Linda Foster at columbinewife@gmail.com or by text at 303-356-1916.

Online Giving
Visit saintgeorgecatholics.com to learn about convenient online giving. If you travel frequently, or are here all year round, this is a great way to support your church throughout the year, especially if you regularly use online banking. There are “Frequently Asked Questions”, an online form, and contact information to get you started. Just click on the Online Banking button under the home drop down box.

This weekend’s second collection benefits the Diocesan Development Drive (DDD)
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Rogaciano Tellez..........................652-9219

Baptismal Preparation Registration (English)
Kathy Snyder.........................307-256-9814—call to register

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Lenten Fast and Abstinence Guidelines
1. All Catholics 14 years and older are to abstain from all meat on all Fridays of Lent, unless a particular Friday is a liturgical solemnity.
2. All Catholics who are between the ages of 18-59 are obliged to fast on Good Friday. (Canon #1252)
3. Fasting permits one full meal and two lesser meals, which combined are not greater than the full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted.

GIVING DURING TIME of CRISIS
The time of crisis we are currently experiencing has not eliminated our expenses and need to pay for those services on which we must depend, such as utilities. Parish staff have undergone a reduction in working hours and our priests also have accepted a reduction in monthly monetary assistance.

During this time, your monetary contributions will be so very much appreciated to help us meet our current obligations until the crisis eases. If you are engaged in Online Giving, thank you for your uninterrupted continuing support. If you would like to mail your contribution, please do so by sending it to Saint George Catholic Church, P.O. Box 188, St. George, UT 84771. You may also personally deliver your contribution to the parish office Monday through Friday from 9 am to 12 Noon.

We appreciate your faithful, ongoing support of our parish and the services we continue to offer during this challenging time.

CHRISTIAN PENANCE
“We need to reject the desire to identify only with those who are sinless. How could the Church have excluded sinners from her ranks? It is for their salvation that Jesus took flesh, died and rose again. We must therefore learn to live Christian penance with sincerity. By practicing it, we confess individual sins in union with others, before them and before God.”


ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 29
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Ps Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Ps Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

What you give up for Lent changes lives.

A lo que renuncias por la Cuaresma cambia vidas.