March 22, 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule

Mon—Fri 8:15am
Wednesday 2:15pm (school Mass)
Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:15am
Holy Days 8:15am, 7:00pm

Reconciliation

Friday 8:45-9:30am
Saturday 4:00-5:00pm

Parish Office

503.643.9528
www.h-t.org
Mon—Thur 8:00-4:30pm
Friday 8:00-2:00pm

School Office

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www.htsch.org
Monday—Friday 8:00-3:30pm

Community Outreach Office

503.641.1842
www.h-t.org/outreach
Tues, Wed, Fri 10:00-12:30pm
Yep, it is still Lent, as odd as everything is right now! And, somehow, even without physically gathering, we will celebrate Easter too. So many unknowns for everyone!

I urge you all to take time daily to take a deep breath and renew your trust in God. We are sure being reminded how little control we have over anything! We have printed a template for Morning and Evening prayer in the bulletin the last couple of weeks. This is a great time to use them.

Our online Mass last weekend netted over 1,300 “hits” so that is a good start. I invite and encourage you to pull it up this weekend. These are the suggestions I made in my midweek update on our parish website:

- Set a time for your family to watch the Mass, much as you decide which weekend Mass you would normally choose to go to.
- Determine a place to watch it.
- Turn off phones and try to eliminate distractions as much as possible.
- Do NOT fast-forward thru my sermon or sleep through it! Haha.
- Try to have the same reverence for a sacred time as you would if you were in church.
- Make the responses out loud. And join with us in the text for “Spiritual Communion”.
- Have a treat afterwards and a brief conversation about what you just experienced.

Here’s your challenge for this week:

**Lenten Challenge:** Have each member of the household pull together items that can be donated to Goodwill or other charity.

And here is some more information about my leaving the parish this summer. I announced last weekend (website, bulletin, and last week’s Mass has the full statement) that I will be reassigned this summer, effective July 1st. The Archdiocese has a process to carefully and prayerfully make the necessary moves each summer of our priests. The Personnel Board is already meeting regularly with the Archbishop to assess the unique needs and “culture” of each parish and try to get the best possible fit in assigning priests.

We will very likely not know who will be coming here until sometime in May, possibly even into June, and the same for me in not knowing where I will be assigned. Parochial Vicars like Fr. Hans will not know where they are assigned until after all the pastor decisions have been made. Just so you know, Brett is not up for grabs and not part of this process, so he will be staying. (Finally, I get out of having take care of him! Haha.)

Please be praying already for whomever will be sent here that his heart will be drawn to our parish and he will respond wholeheartedly to the invitation the Personnel Board will give him! More details will come as we get them.

Our staff has been pondering ways we can provide spiritual and pastoral care during this time, without gathering folks physically. In addition to our weekend Mass and online posts, Fr. Hans and I will be hosting a weekly “Coffee & Broccoli” on Sunday mornings, from 10:15-11:15am, where you can join us remotely through an online platform. All details will be posted on the website (www.h-t.org).

Please let us know at any time of additional ways we can be of service to you through this time! God bless us all.

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**Greetings from Fr. Dave**

From Pope Francis, after the Angelus prayer on March 15, 2020:

In this pandemic situation, in which we are living more or less in isolation, we are invited to rediscover and deepen the value of communion, which unites all members of the Church. United to Christ, we are never alone, but we form one Body, of which He is the Head. It is a union nourished by prayer, and also by spiritual communion in the Eucharist, a highly recommended practice when it is not possible to receive the Sacrament. I say this to everyone, especially to people who live alone.

I renew my closeness to all the sick and to all who assist them. As well as the numerous agents and volunteers who help people who cannot leave home, and those who meet the needs of the poorest and the homeless.

Thank you very much for all the effort that each one of you makes to help in this difficult time. The Lord bless you, Our Lady support you; and please do not forget to pray for me.
Hello, everyone. I miss you! I can’t tell you how strange it is not to be having Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, but then, I suspect so many of you are feeling the same way. This is indeed a difficult time, a Lenten cross that none of us would have chosen. In the midst of it though, God still gives little hints, signs, promises of resurrection. Here’s a beautiful little reflection from Fr. Richard Hendrick, OFM, sent to me by one of our stalwarts. Read it slowly and attentively, and may hope blossom in your hearts!

**Lockdown**

Yes there is fear.
Yes there is isolation.
Yes there is panic buying.
Yes there is sickness.
Yes there is even death.
But,
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.
They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them.
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighbourhood
So that the elders may have someone to call on.
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques
and Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down
and reflecting

All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.
So we pray and we remember that
Yes there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.
Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
Today, breathe.
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able to touch across the empty square,
Sing.

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**Holy Father’s Intention for March**

**Catholics in China**

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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**Pope Francis**

Faith gives us the ability to look with hope at the events of life, and helps us to accept even defeats and sufferings, in the knowledge that evil never has the last word.

4:38 AM - 14 Dec 2019
For kids, teens, AND adults, because even grown-ups have stuff to learn!

Religious Education
Chris Storm – cstorm@htsch.org

Last week, we celebrated St. Patrick’s Day. It’s interesting that we celebrate with merriment and joy a saint who was dealing with ecological disaster (an infestation of snakes), entrenched social sin (slavery), and his own painful past (victim of kidnapping).

But the glory of his life is the courage with which he faced those problems. Though uncertain of his ability to solve them, he faced his challenges head-on. He trusted that God would provide him with everything he needed to creatively solve the problems he would encounter upon his return to Ireland — and he was right! St. Patrick discovered in nature — the sun, the clover, the wind -- a world overflowing with signs of the love and power of God.

May we be blessed the same reckless faith in a God whose love for us is greater than the problems of today!

I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through a belief in the Threeness, through a confession in the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

—St. Patrick

Kid Zone
Cathie Scott – cathiescott@gmail.com

With school cancelled and parents working from home, there’s new challenges with keeping little ones occupied and entertained. To help in this, we will be putting content online that all parents can use in the weeks to come. Each week, we’ll have coloring pages, crafts, activities, and reflections for varying age groups that tie in to the Sunday Gospel. Thanks to our lead Kid Zone teacher (as well as the Pre-K teacher at HT School), Mrs. Welo Cao, for helping to compile this content!

For What It’s Worth: Thoughts on Faith
Erin Nieves – erin@h-l.org

A new perspective on LENTEN Fasting... We live in interesting times. All of a sudden, the basic things of our lives are being taken away. Watching the news, it’s all COVID-19, all the time. One simply waits for what will happen next. Ironic that we find all of this happening in Lent...or is it?

We need to remember that God’s timing is always perfect. As we find ourselves with a life that is now disrupted, and our original Lenten sacrifices almost seem puny in light of what is being taken from us now. Our autonomy is gone as we are being told what we can and cannot do. Work, school, living as we know it, continues to be dismantled and changed. We even have had our access to Mass, Eucharist and gathering as Church being stripped away.

But in God’s perfect timing can we find another way? One of our Homebound Ministers told me something beautiful and I’d like to share her suggestion with all of us: “What if every time we hear ‘Coronavirus’ or ‘COVID-19’, we offer up a simple prayer: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!” As she also says, “It’s so easy for me to forget God in all this chaos and this is a good reminder not to forget Who’s in charge.”

As we are forced to wait in joyful hope for a return to even Mass and the Eucharist itself, my we remember who is the Giver of everything we have and all we have to be grateful for. Let’s lift up the name of our Lord Jesus Christ as a prayer of praise to the One who is in charge of EVERYTHING. May He hear our prayers and answer us. Amen? AMEN! +
Originally I intended to write this article about Spring Break and how, for many families within the Beaverton School District, it becomes a challenging week. Approximately 36% of all students (almost 15,000) qualify for Free & Reduced meals. Even if you assume three of these children come from the same family, that is 5,000 families who need to figure out how to feed their kids while school is out. A tough enough challenge for one week; an incredibly difficult one when there are two or more weeks strung together.

As in years past, Holy Trinity was already working with others in the community to ensure the homeless students at Beaverton High School received food over spring break. With the various precautionary measures that have been put in place, standard protocols were changed, but the effort to provide food continued. Over 150 students received five bags of food each to help them through.

Here at Holy Trinity, as of this writing, the Food Closet remains open and will continue to do so, in some capacity, as long as we have the capability. As I have said many times over the years, hunger takes no breaks. While we are taking extra precautions and have modified our protocols, we are here to serve. The community we support needs us, perhaps now more than ever. With your ongoing support, the dedication of many volunteers and God’s blessings we intend to do what we can in service to others.

Please pray for all of those who need the help of our Food Closet that they may receive the assistance they need; please pray for our volunteers and their families that they remain healthy; please pray that the efforts being taken quickly reduce this health issue and that those affected recover quickly.

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<td>Eileen Sleva – 503.713.7939 – <a href="mailto:eileen.sleva@gmail.com">eileen.sleva@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Maryknoll Lenten Reflections</strong></td>
<td>A Journey Toward Ecological Conversion</td>
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<td>The readings this week are images of light and darkness, blindness and sight. As Christians, we are called to see and address the injustice and suffering around us. The damage done by extractive industries is one example of harm to the earth that is not seen by many of us. Extractive industries take raw materials from the earth, creating waste and destroying land that is home to vulnerable communities. As Pope Francis tells us in Laudato Si’, we are truly called to “hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.”</td>
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<td>Jesus invites us to change our behavior, to not just speak faith by our words but live it through our actions as well. How can you help to open the eyes of others around you? Think about ways you and opt for buying gently used items, such as clothing, kitchenware, appliances, etc., rather than buying them new, to save energy and waste from production.</td>
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<td>(Read this week’s full reflection at h-t.org/social-justice)</td>
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<td><strong>Respect Life Ministry</strong></td>
<td>Gloria Bernard – 503.579.2562 – <a href="mailto:globernard2@gmail.com">globernard2@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Walking with Moms in Need</strong></td>
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<td>This Wednesday, March 25th, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. It also marks the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical Evangelium vitae written by Pope St. John Paul II. The document unequivocally proclaims the value of every human life from conception to natural death.</td>
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<td>To honor Evangelium vitae, the USCCB’s Pro-Life Committee has launched a nationwide effort called Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service to assist pregnant moms and families in need. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be “islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference.” Visit walkingwithmoms.com to learn more about this initiative!</td>
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<td><strong>Community Outreach</strong></td>
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Holy Trinity School Closure Update

As many of you saw, last week Governor Kate Brown announced that schools would remain closed until April 28th. The Department of Catholic Schools has requested that all Catholic elementary schools close through April 28th as well, which includes Holy Trinity. We are blessed to have the ability, teacher creativity, and support of parents to do digital learning!

Thank you all for your support and prayers, and your patience as we roll out this digital program. We never thought we’d turn our school into an online platform in just a week! You can visit our Facebook or Instagram pages for information, birthdays, prayers of the day, and more. You all are in our prayers as well.

HT Kid Quarantine: LEGO Masters Competition

To promote community and keep the kids busy, one of our parents started “HT Kid Quarantine: LEGO Masters Competition”! Each day, a new challenge and time limit is posted on Facebook. Photos of the completed entry are to be published in the comments by noon (by their parent, of course), and then kids and parents can vote for their favorite until 6:00pm. Last week’s challenges included building a vehicle, a bridge, and an out-of-this-world creation, all without a pre-designed set. Take a look at our students’ creativity!
### Scripture Readings
- **Monday 23rd**
  Is 65: 17-21 | Jn 4: 43-54
- **Tuesday 24th**
  Ez 47: 1-9, 12 | Jn 5: 1-16
- **Wednesday 25th**
  Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10 | Heb 10: 4-10 | Lk 1: 26-38
- **Thursday 26th**
  Ex 32: 7-14 | Jn 5: 31-47
- **Friday 27th**
  Wis 2: 1a, 12-22 | Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
- **Saturday 28th**
  Jer 11: 18-20 | Jn 7: 40-53
- **Sunday 29th**
  Ez 37: 12-14 | Rom 8: 8-11 | Jn 11: 1-45

### Mass Intentions

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### Intentions that had been previously scheduled for our weekend Masses have been moved to a weekday Mass.

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### Parish Staff

- **Pastor**: Dave Gutmann | frdave@h-torg
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- **Director of Religious Ed.**: Chris Storm | cstorm@htsch.org
- **Sacramental Admin. Asst.**: Pat Linton | pat@h-torg
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- **Senior Luncheon**: Kathy Delach | 503.614.9724
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- **Filipino Community**: Monette Mallari | 503.307.3438
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