



MAY 17, 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

With joy, I received a message from our Archbishop Allen Vigneron that the priests can celebrate the Masses at their churches for the spiritual well-being of the faithful and communities. So, on the coming weekend May 23rd - 24th I am inviting parishioners and guests for the first time since March 13th to come and participate at three weekend Masses: Saturday at 4 pm., Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The 11 a.m. Mass will also be live streamed for those who do not feel comfortable to be among a bigger gathering. Those who have a cough or other symptoms of being ill, please do not come to the church yet. Those who decided to come and participate at the celebration, please follow the rules that are essential for our protection.

The main doors of the church will be wide open so you will not need to touch them. Upon entering the church look upon the mark/sign on the pews and sit as indicated to keep social distancing. You can only sit next to someone who lives in the same house as you.

During the celebration of the Mass you must wear a mask at all times, and we were asked not to have the congregation sing. Only the music minister will sing. All the missalettes and books have been removed so no one will touch them.

The previous way of distributing the collection baskets will change. Ushers with collection baskets and wearing gloves will reach to get the sacrificial offering.

There will be no sign of peace before Holy Communion and no holding hands during the Our Father prayer.

There will be three stations for receiving communion. One in the center and two others on the side. Form only one line to each station keeping distance from each other.

After the conclusion of the Mass you can proceed to your car without shaking hands or touching the doors.

God Bless,

Fr. Bogdan

Masses Resume

Masses will resume in church on the weekend of May 23 – 24.

Saturday Mass is at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses are at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Perpetual Candle

During the week of May 17th
The candle next to the
Tabernacle
will burn
to put an end to the
Coronavirus

Mass Intentions for the week of May 17th

- + Laurie Loiacano requested by Husband Sam
- + Anna & Jerry DiGirolamo requested by Daughter June
- + Jim Emery requested by Friend

St. Vincent de Paul Donations

Thank you to everyone who has called to make donations to the St. Vincent de Paul pantry. Please hold on to your donations until our office can be re-opened. We will keep you updated.

God bless and stay safe.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To our St. Faustina Family:

May God bless you and keep you in His care always. May He take away the fear, anxiety, and feeling of isolation that many of us are experiencing. Trust in Him!

Reading daily reflections help me to stay close to God. I often start my day having breakfast with God. Below is a reflection written by Mary DeTurrís Poust for you to meditate on:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

(John 14:1)

We live in troubled times, so it’s really no surprise that we often find our hearts troubled. For some of us the trouble is right now and for others the trouble is in all the “What ifs.” There are troubles that work their way into our minds, even when they have not yet worked their way into reality. Jesus tells his followers not to worry. If they have faith in him, they already know how to get to where they need to go. How often do we say we don’t know how we’re going to get through a busy week or a rough patch of life? It threatens to overwhelm, the uncertainty of it all. When we learn not to be troubled and to trust in God, we find that the problems may still be there, but they feel less burdensome, because we recognize that, ultimately, nothing on this earth can derail our joy and our faith without our consent.

Do you sometimes imagine that your despair or worry can alter your situation? Awake at night, staring into the darkness, we spin our wheels thinking that all that energy spent on worry is actually getting things done, but it’s doing just the opposite – wearing us out and making us less likely to be ready for whatever is ahead. Same in our spiritual life. Stop the spinning and worrying and pour all of that energy into prayer and joy and life with God and in service to others. Suddenly worry gives way to dancing, even if only on the inside.

Prayer: Although I am often troubled, I trust in you, Jesus. Lead me to the dwelling place where there is no need to fear.

May God bless you with His abundant love and keep you safe,

Sandy Acord

Gospel Reflection on the Sixth Sunday of Easter
Adapted from *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families* by Kara O'Malley

Hearing the Word (John 14:15-21)

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Reflecting on the Word

Jesus proposes something revolutionary to the disciples; that God will come and inhabit them, that their own hearts will become temples of the Holy Spirit. If we surrender ourselves to God, he will come and live in us and we in him. We will be as close as a heartbeat. God offers us a relationship of love, the love that truly desires the good of the other. And his love bears fruit as it teaches us to see with God's eyes, to follow not the ways of the world but the Way of Love.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second [commandment] is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:3-31). Jesus' encouraging words to share God's love is challenging in its simplicity.

Think of some ways you can live these two commandments, individually and as a family.

How can you be better about showing one another your love? How can you be better about showing your love to God?

Testimonial about Being Quarantined

(Written by Mallory Smyth who is a content creator for Walking With Purpose)

Ever since we were told to shelter in place, I have been generally upbeat about everything going on. I know that it's bad out there, but I am naturally an optimist, so I focused on the positives. "Oh, the opportunities," I thought to myself. Sure, we couldn't go out, which is sad, but I'm an introvert, and there is an endless amount of projects to do and habits to form. By the end of this, my house would look perfect, and my husband and I would have finally started that couple's workout routine I have been dreaming about. With a smile on my face, I went about starting the new life in quarantine that we are all establishing. Then Easter came, and I hit my wall. My husband and I tried to make our family's Easter celebration as special as possible, but everything we did fell flat. I realized the adrenaline rush that I experienced at the beginning of the crisis was gone. What is left is the hard work of waking up every day and choosing if I will live my day in hope or not. As I soberly came to terms with this, I remembered the words that the Lord spoke to me four years ago when my husband and I welcomed our first daughter, and I had to get used to the "new normal" of life as a mother. In the middle of my complaining and mourning with God, he spoke clearly in my heart. "It is here that I make you holy," he said. "It is here in the unseen repetition of this new life, where much is hidden, and there is no applause, that I will expand your capacity to love. In this present monotony, I will sanctify you if you let me."

Friend, we are still in this global shutdown. The adrenaline rush is gone, the bad news is constant, and the end is not here yet. We are now officially in the middle, faced with the reality of living with this new normal everyday. While we are all in this together, it is undeniable that we are going through this crisis apart. Our daily realities look completely different depending on where we live and how hard the virus is hitting our city. Day in and day out, it can be so easy to feel that we are alone in our struggles and unseen by the outside world. It is right here, however, in these unseen moments and unshared sufferings that God sees us. It is here that He wants to heal our hearts and make us holy. It is here that we have to make a choice. We can choose inertia and slowly give in to cynicism, numbness, and fear, or we can actively decide to renew our minds through daily prayer and surrender. We can choose to read too much news and spend too much time on our phones, or we can dive into the scriptures and spend time on things that will feed our soul. Here in the middle of this crisis, the Lord wants to enter into your daily grind. He wants to be there in the small, hidden moments of your life, and He wants to use them to make you holy. I pray that you will let Him so that, when the end finally comes, you can emerge from this crisis more closely resembling the saint that He has called you to be.

Can parishioners continue to make weekly offertory contributions during this period of public mass suspensions?

During the COVID-19 pandemic and the temporary suspension of public Masses in the Archdiocese of Detroit, we recognize our parish still needs the support of our parishioners for parish operations.

To accommodate everyone in making offertory contributions, including parishes that do not have an online offertory system in place, the Archdiocese of Detroit has developed an online offertory option, similar to the current online CSA giving system.

Parishioners will be able to go to give.aod.org and select the "Parish Offertory" option to make their contribution. Parish offertory funds donated on this website will be deposited in our parish's LDP account weekly.

Act of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping Him in His Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

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 in 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

**Please pray for those
in our parish family in
prolonged sickness:**

Samantha Beattie
Ray Dominic
Dorothy Gietzen
Jim Lewis
Chris Liebetreu
Francine Lorentz
Kerry Markiewicz
Patrick Martin
Ellen Nawrocki
Ray Nawrocki
Luciana Putil
Salvator Rubello
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Gloria Sadocha
Mary Ann Selewski
Mary Stefko
Cyndy Vitale
Fred Walny
Magdalen Webster
Gary Whyte
Dolores Zrepskey

Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others – no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. The Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at (844) 324-3374 or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov. For more information go to protect.aod.org.

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MASSES

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.,
7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:00 p.m.
or by appointment

Registration

Parishioners may register in person,
by phone or online.

Baptism

At least one parent needs to be registered, active and a practicing Catholic for at least 6 months. A Baptismal Preparation Class is required for both parents and godparents. The church requires that at least one of the godparents be an active and practicing Catholic.

Marriages

Arrange at least 6 months in advance.

Communion Calls

Pastoral staff members visit the sick in the hospital when possible and take Communion to the sick and homebound.

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RCIA

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