

# 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2020

## **REFLECTION and PRAYER – COVID-19**

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us. He goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

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.

*Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the  
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following  
regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)*

## **MESSAGE ABOUT FOOD BANK DRIVE**

The “Cyber Food Drive” raised \$ 5,405.00. The Knights of Columbus are very grateful for our parishioners’ generous gifts and will match that amount!

## **CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**

Right now over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities righthere in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## **OUR PLACE IN MANCHESTER & NASHUA**

Do you know a young woman who is struggling because of an "untimely pregnancy"? Perhaps you have heard of an immigrant in a similar situation who has the added challenge of unfamiliarity with the American medical system and the availability of helpful resources. If you have heard of such a person, refer her to OUR PLACE in Manchester, [647-2244](tel:6036472244) or Nashua, [889-9431](tel:6038899431). The professional staff at these facilities provides the love, support, and education that is so needed at a most critical time in a person's life. The emotional, as well as the material support, which is available at OUR PLACE, enables the parent to look to the future of their precious child with hope and confidence. Kindly spread the good news to any woman in such need. OUR PLACE has supported women and their infants for the past 35 years and continues this mission today.

## **BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION**

Archbishop Fulton Sheen spent an hour before the Blessed Sacrament each day, which he called his "Hour of Power." He was inspired to do this because of the courage of a young Chinese girl who, after the Communist take-over, secretly entered a Catholic church where 30 hosts had been thrown on the floor. Each day she crawled into the church and picked up a host with her tongue. On the last day, as she was leaving, a guard saw her and killed her. Bishop Sheen was very moved by her courage. **Every Wednesday** from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar at St. Catherine Church. You are invited to take some time for peace and quiet, to find strength to face daily challenges, and to thank the Lord for his many blessings and constant love.



## **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." Let the Lord be the shepherd of your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are **April 18-19** in Brewster, MA and **June 6-7** in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

## **FOLLOWING CHRIST: POSTPONED**

Following Christ is designed to help people to grow in friendship and union with God. This program has been postponed and will begin after the Coronavirus is under control. For more information, contact Derick.

## **THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

Is the Gospel of Mark only a "condensed" version of the life of Christ? What does it have to offer us that the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John do not? Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful nine-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. This program has been postponed and will begin after the Coronavirus is under control.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THANK YOU</b> <b>FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT</b> <b>March 14/15, 2020</b> <b>Checks: \$ 3,555.00</b> <b>Cash: \$ 1,552.00</b> <b>E-Give: \$ 2,437.00</b> <b>Total: \$ 7,544.00</b> <i>Average February Weekly Collection: \$9,045.50</i> <i>Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$10,600</i></p>
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## **THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41**

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a "sinner," but the blind man said, "He is a prophet." Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

## *Mass Intentions*

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 21</b>
8:00	PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE
4:00	EDWARD H. KLUFTS by the family JOSEPH ROZMUS by Jay Rozmus
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 22</b>
7:30	TYLER GREGOIRE by M/M Bertrand Gregoire DAVID J. ROYER, SR. by the family
9:00	INTENTION OF THE SOULS OF MEEK & HUMBLE CHILDREN by Claire Brooks-Rieck MARGUERITE & EMILE POIRIER by their daughter, Elaine
11:00	INTENTIONS OF THE VENERATING & GLORIFYING SONS OF THE DIVINE MERCY by Claire Brooks-Rieck DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HASKAMP/ LINK FAMILIES

**MONDAY – THURSDAY – Morning Prayer 8:30 am**

**MONDAY – WEDNESDAY – Confessions 6 pm**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 23</b>
9:00	ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, Bishop OUR BLESSED MOTHERS INTENTIONS
5:30	JANE LESSARD
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 24</b>
9:00	ST. OSCAR ROMERO, Bishop SIGNE MCQUAID by her husband, Joe
5:30	GEORGETTE GUERIN & MADELINE SWIST
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 25</b>
9:00	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD JOHN DONELSON by his wife, Bunny INTENTIONS OF LOUISE SULLIVAN by Barbara Raulerson
5:30	PAUL ERICKSON & RITA PRINCE
9:30 – 5 p.m.	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 26</b>
9:00	MARIO MAURCZIO by Irene Lohnes
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 27</b>
5:30	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 28</b>
8:00	PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE
4:00	JOHN CRESTA & MARY FLYNN by Margarete Cresta MELVA NEVERETT by Rita Hungler
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 29</b>
7:30	INTENTIONS OF LUKE WARM SOULS OF DIVINE MERCY by Claire Brooks DONNELSON FAMILY by Claire Brooks-Rieck
9:00	DIANE SOUCY by the family INTENTIONS OF DEFRAINED SOULS IN PERGATORY by Claire Brooks-Rieck
11:00	PATRICK KEARNY by Patti & Bob Webster STEPHEN GUIHEEN by Patti & Bob Webster LEONARD PROVENCHER by his wife, Lucille (5 <sup>th</sup> anniv)

**Tabernacle Candle** – For all those who affected by the Coronavirus

**St. Catherine Candle** – For all those working in the Health Care System for their protection and compassio

**ST CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS**  
**SAVE THE DATE - SCS AUCTION**

Mark your calendar for our annual auction fundraiser on **Saturday, April 4** at the Derryfield Country Club, Manchester.

**CAMP SIENA**

Will be held this summer from **June 22 – August 14**. All participants must be registered students at St. Catherine of Siena School.

**KEEP KIDS SAFE: ABUSE AWARENESS TRAINING**

Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester requires all those who work with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete “safe environment” training. This training teaches adults to recognize and report suspected abuse and boundary violations. Training is offered free of charge to **all** NH Catholic adults and is available online at <https://manchester.cmconnect.org>. For more information about child safety, visit

**ST. GIANNA’S PLACE FUNDRAISER**

Please join us for the 2nd Annual St. Gianna's Place Fundraising Banquet on **April 22** at The Event Center in Nashua, NH. Immaculee Ilibagiza, Rwandan genocide survivor and bestselling author of Left to Tell, will be the keynote speaker. Appetizers and cash bar begin at 5:45 and dinner will be served at 6:45. There is no fee to attend, but reservations are required and there will be a time for giving during the event. Please call Liz at (603) 247-8654 or Kelly at (603) 770-9288 to reserve your seat.

**CAMP BERNADETTE SEEKING COUNSELORS**

Camp Bernadette is a Catholic, all girls, residential summer camp located in Wolfeboro. Our camp is currently looking for faith-filled, energetic & creative young women to join our staff helping to mentor our campers in faith and friendship! We are currently hiring counselors eighteen years of age and older for summer 2020. Please go to [www.bfcamp.com](http://www.bfcamp.com) to apply!

**HELP NEEDED**

A 60 year old employee of the Sisters of Holy Cross is seeking to *rent a room* in someone’s house or apartment. She would also pay for her own food. Would you or anyone you know be able to help? For more information, call Sr. Pauline at 622-6392 or 264-6329 (cell).

**JESUS WAS BORN IN A SHELTER**

The box at the main entrance of the church is to collect items for those who are in need of the food pantry at the Parish of Transfiguration. *Needs include: non-perishable food items and personal care products only.*

**CMC PARISH NURSE NEWS**

The Parish Nurse is at St. Catherine Church is suspending their weekly wellness checks until further notice

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS (FREE)**

Call 603.663.8004 to reserve your spot

**HANDS-ONLY CPR**

St. Catherine of Siena, **April 22**, 11 am & 6 pm

**ONGOING PROGRAMS**

**CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES (FREE)**

**Tuesdays** at St. Elizabeth Seton, Bedford, 9  
**Wednesdays** at Congregation Church of Goffstown, 10  
**Thursdays** at Transfiguration, 9:30

**KNITTING GROUP**

**Tuesdays** at Transfiguration, 1 – 2:45

**SHINE**

A senior support group offering sociability, education, nutritious food and exercise.

**Wednesdays** at St. Matthews Episcopal, Goffstown, 10:30-11:45

**SENIOR FITNESS (FREE)**

**Tuesdays** at Transfiguration, 8:45 – 9:30

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

Youth Group begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. As always, feel free to bring a friend!

**March 22: High School Only – CANCELLED**

**March 29: Everyone**

Make your own garden. Dinner: pasta

**April 5: Everyone**

This is where it all begins. This is the beginning of Holy Week and our Easter celebrations. Dinner: breakfast

**April 19: Everyone**

How do we celebrate every day? We are going to take time to reflect on where we find joy in our lives. Dinner: Tacos in a bag

**April 26: High School Only**

Game night

**May 3: Everyone**

Cinco de mayo. Dinner: tacos and churros

**May 17: Everyone**

Barbecue

**May 31: Steubenville East/Lifeteen camp participants**

Team building

**June 7: Everyone**

We are walking to Puritan to get ice cream!

**June 14: Steubenville East/Lifeteen camp participants**

**UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYERLINE**

The number to call for prayer requests, or if you wish to pray with us, is 622-2094.