

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

The Priests will celebrate a private Mass for each of the particular intentions on the day indicated. In charity, he also remembers all of the parishioners and the silent intentions of their hearts.

Saturday, March 28th

Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary
(Fr. Hahr) by Amy Marcinko
Richard Durocher (Fr. Robert) by the Amidon/Durocher families

Sunday, March 29th

Larry Carreau (Fr. Hahr) by Katrina and the girls
Bill Mancini (Fr. Robert) by M/M Joe Simard

Monday – March 30th

Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary
(Fr. Hahr) by Amy Marcinko
Irena Boudreau (Fr. Hahr) by Amy Marcinko

Tuesday, March 31st

Michael Penro (Fr. Hahr) by Amy Marcinko
Simone Carreau by Ted & Joan Lint

Wednesday, April 1st

Raoul Del Castillo (Fr. Robert) by Mary Lou Sales
Michael Carpiola_ (Fr. Hahr) by the Family

Thursday, April 2nd

Raoul Houde (Fr. Robert) David & Tina Houde
Samuel Lucido & Cesar Lucido (Fr. Hahr) by MM Pierre Berube

Friday, April 3rd

Spiritual welfare of the children & Living/Deceased members of
Fisher/Schoppe family (Fr. Hahr) by M/M Scott Schoppe
Intentions of the Good Shepherd Catholic School (Fr. Robert) by Fr. Robert

Saturday, April 4th

Health of Catherine Bernier (Fr. Hahr) by Millie Chappell
Donna Patoine (Fr. Robert) by her husband Clement

Palm Sunday, April 5th

Ken Capriola (Fr. Hahr) by Lynn Parker
Simone Carreau (Fr. Robert) by Terry Doyon

Please keep our parishioners who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Charlene Chase, Connie, Lapage, Randy Mackay, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas & Jerry Prevost.

PARISH EVENTS

All Parish events are cancelled until further notice.

(PLEASE NOTE: Confirmation has been postponed. The new date will be announced as soon as we know it. Thank you.

Pray While Washing Your Hands to Kill the Virus

Experts recommend frequent 20 second handwashing kills the coronavirus. Wash your hands with soap while you pray an Our Father and Hail Mary.

During this challenging time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. **Magnificat** is honored to provide complimentary access to our online version to help people pray from home. **Magnificat** Magazine has the daily Mass readings, reflections, and other prayer helps. Go to: <https://us.magnificat.net>

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: nekatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up! Leave your checkbook at home, and save the parish the expense of envelopes!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/19-6/30/20 Budget: \$282,000 (\$6,000 needed per week)
Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$189,050+ **On-Line: YTD:** \$102,831

Collections and Receipts: March 15, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$1,247

Many thanks to those who are able to mail in their Collection Envelopes.

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

Suggested Content:

Daily Mass: Watch the Mass anytime on FORMED

Movies on FORMED:

Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber (subtitles)

"A moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman, as well as the great conflicts from her decision to convert to Catholicism. Deeply influenced by the writings of St. Teresa of Avila, she joined the Carmelites, took the name of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, was put to death in Auschwitz in 1942, and canonized by John Paul II in 1998 ... "Love Conquers Fear," embodies her philosophy of life.

Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968.

Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church. This movie is not rated, but we recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

April 2nd: The Feast of Saint Francis of Paola

Saint Francis was born at Paola, Italy. At fifteen he became a hermit near Paola. In 1436, he and two companions began a community. He built a monastery where he led his eremitical life. He set a Rule for his followers emphasizing penance, charity, and humility, and added to the three monastic vows, one of fasting and abstinence from meat; he also wrote a rule for tertiaries and nuns. He was credited with many miracles and had the gifts of prophecy and insight into men's hearts. The Order was approved by Pope Sixtus IV in 1474 with the name Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi (changed to Minim Friars in 1492). His fame was such that at the request of dying King Louis XI of France, Pope Sixtus II ordered him to France, as the King felt he could be cured by Francis. He was not, but was so comforted that Louis' son Charles VIII, became Francis' friend and endowed several monasteries for the Minims. Francis spent the rest of his life at the monastery of Plessis, France, which Charles built for him. Francis died there on April 2nd and was canonized in 1519. His feast day is April 2.



A Meditation on the Passion

"I THIRST." (Jn 19:28). Oh, what a severe and physical thirst was this! The extreme anguish which Jesus had endured during ten hours, without one moment's rest, had enkindled in His breast a devouring fire. The blood which flowed from His wounds increased each moment this painful torture; nevertheless, Jesus endured it three long hours on the cross without complaining, and when He does complain, it is not to be

comforted; but in order to suffer more by tasting the vinegar, and at the same time to accomplish the will of His Father, as expressed in the holy Scriptures, He contented himself with a single word, "I thirst." In order to teach us to make our sufferings known with resignation and without impatience, thus did He expiate for our sensuality.

This thirst was also mysterious; it was the thirst of His soul devoured with love for His Father and for all mankind. Jesus had an ardent desire to accomplish the will of His Father. During His life He had said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me." Now He says that it is His thirst. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after justice." Another desire filled the Heart of Jesus, it was to suffer for us! In the garden of Olives He had besought His Father to take away the chalice. On the cross He says that He still thirsts. "Still more, O Lord," exclaims later St Francis Xavier, who had understood the generosity of such a thirst. From His altar Jesus says the same to me. He thirsts for my love; thirsts for me, that I may have a zeal for others, in order that I may contribute to the salvation of souls as far as in my power. There is yet another thirst which Jesus has, which I can relieve; the poor are His members; in them He suffers both hunger and thirst How few, when giving alms, behold Him, by a lively faith, under the guise of poverty? But the adorer of the Sacred Heart should strive to imbue himself with the sentiments of Jesus, in order to conform His own to them.

What am I, O Lord, compared to what Thou dost expect to find in me? Alas! I behold in my soul only tepidity in Thy love; nay, an absolute void when there is question of loving Thee. Egotism restrains me in the narrow circle of my personal interests ; I exact much from others, whilst I cannot bear the slightest suffering without exaggerated complaint or murmuring at any involuntary annoyance which I may have to suffer; and in place of the virtues which Thou requirest of me, I offer Thee, with Thy executioners of Calvary, only a bitter and unpleasant draught.

Act of Reparation

Behold me, O Lord Jesus, prostrate with a lively faith before Thy divine Majesty, to make reparation to Thee for having been hitherto so ungrateful in Thy service. There lives not one full of good will and affection for me, whom I do not love in return, and rejoice to visit, whilst I forget and abandon Thee, O Heart of Jesus, worthy of the adoration of men and angels. Heart, truly worthy to possess the hearts of all mankind, vouchsafe to change this heart of mine; purify and inflame it with Thy love, that, becoming faithful and fervent, I may endeavor to practice virtue amongst those who bear like me the name of children of Thy Sacred Heart. Amen.

Consecration to the Heart of Jesus, Source of Living Waters.

Lord Jesus, Thou hast said these sweet words, "If any one thirsts, let him come to me and drink." Thou art the fountain of living waters which flow for eternal life, and at the same time Thou art that Savior from whom I hear that mysterious complaint, "I thirst." Ah, loving Redeemer, Thou thirstest after this heart of mine; I beseech Thee take it, and place it for evermore within Thine own. Teach me the holy art of zeal and charity, in order to make Thee known and loved by those with whom I have any influence. Let this living water, that is to say, that grace of which Thy Heart is the fruitful source, spring up in my understanding, in order to enlighten it, in my memory to purify it, my will to direct it, and my heart to sanctify and inflame it with, Thy love. Amen.

Saints Victor and Corona

The two Christian martyrs, St. Victor and St. Corona are thought to have been killed near each other in Roman Syria during the reign of Marcus Aurelius in 170 A.D. Victor was a Roman soldier. After his Christianity was discovered, other soldiers brought Victor to face judgement. The judge, Sebastian, wanting to make an example out of him, ordered him to be bound to a pillar and whipped until his skin fell from his body. After the whipping, Sebastian ordered Victor's eyes to be gouged out. Despite the pain Victor endured, he never denied the Lord. News about Victor's cruel treatment reached a young girl named Corona. Corona is believed to have been the wife of one of the soldiers, and a secret Christian herself. Hearing about Victor, Corona decided to help the dying man. She publicly announced her own Christianity and rushed to his side. She knelt ... and prayed, letting him know he was not alone. As a result Corona was brought before Sebastian to face her own punishment. Sebastian ... immediately ordered her to be imprisoned and tortured. Corona was tied to the tops of two palm trees bent down to the ground ... the ropes holding the trees down were cut and the trees sprang away from each other, back to their upright position. The force ripped her body in half. As a final command, Sebastian ordered Victor to be beheaded. St. Corona is the patron saint of treasure hunters, and St. Victor and Corona's feast day is celebrated on May 14.

Saint Roch, Patron Against Plagues

Saint Roch was born at Montpellier ... "upon the border of France." ... On the death of his parents ... he distributed all his worldly goods to the poor ...and set out as a mendicant pilgrim for Rome. Coming into Italy during an epidemic of plague, he was very diligent in tending the sick in the public hospitals ... and is said to have effected many miraculous cures by prayer and the sign of the cross and the touch of his hand. At Rome ... he preserved the "cardinal of Angleria in Lombardy" by making the mark of the cross on his forehead, which miraculously remained. Ministering at Piacenza he himself finally fell ill. He was expelled from the town; and withdrew into the forest, where he made himself a hut of boughs and leaves; he would have perished had not a dog belonging to a nobleman ... supplied him with bread and licked his wounds, healing them. Count Gothard, following his hunting dog that carried the bread, discovered Saint Roch and became his acolyte. On his return incognito to Montpellier he was arrested as a spy (by orders of his own uncle) and thrown into prison, where he languished five years and died on 16 August 1327, without revealing his name, to avoid worldly glory.