

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 29, 2020

## Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Leona Proschko.

## Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or Ann Marie Bludau at 798-2959.

## This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

## Your Gift to God: March 22<sup>nd</sup>

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$920
Online Giving Parish Support	\$1,430
Building Fund	\$50
Online Giving Building Fund	\$25
St. Ann Parish Support	\$100
Online Giving	\$180
St. Ann Building Fund	\$100

*May God reward your generosity!*

## Weekly Contributions

Your weekly contribution envelope may be dropped off at the parish office during regular business hours, placed in the drop box (left of the office front door), mailed to P. O. Box 734, or you may simply wait until Masses resume and drop them in the collection.

**Ever consider online giving?** Visit the parish website, click on the Online Giving icon and follow the instructions to setup your online giving account.

## Cemetery Rules & Regulations

Please refer to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations posted in both **St. Joseph and St. Ann Cemeteries** regarding what is allowed and not allowed on gravesites. It is time, before the celebration of Easter, to remove all those items that are not permitted. Your cooperation, immediate attention and compliance with the rules will be greatly appreciated.

## Live-streaming Mass

Until this precautionary time ends, the parish will live-stream a simple Sunday Mass on the Parish Facebook (accessible by clicking the Facebook symbol on our parish website) at 9:00 A.M.

## Prayer During the COVID-19 Crisis

### 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.

*"I am the resurrection and the life,  
says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me,  
even if he dies, will never die."*

## Lent in the time of Covid-19

We don't have to imagine the reality of what it is to live in the times of a pandemic. The terrible impact the Coronavirus has revealed in the numerous stories of pain and suffering continues to challenge the breadth of our expectations. Glimmers of hope make their way through the news reports that re-instill the truth that this too, shall pass. It is in the wake of human pain and suffering though--the daily revelations bringing about fear and concern--that we find ourselves at present.

It would be too simplistic to relate this worldwide experience itself as a Lenten challenge. We are people of faith who profess belief and trust in the God who frees us from the bonds of fear and death. As much as this is occurring during Lent for us--the lens we choose to view this period is framed by our ability to find hope and promise.

John's gospel's seventh sign the Lord Jesus gives not only serves as a foreshadowing of His own resurrection, but demonstrates how God's Son is truly our Savior. Pain and suffering, sin and death are consequences of selfishness as in the original sin at the fall. In Jesus, we find the supreme act of selfless service--the emptying of Himself in sacrificial love--so that humanity, you and I, indeed all of us, might be restored, reconciled to the divine intimacy our Creator wanted to share with us from the beginning He made the human person as the masterpiece of creation.

In restoring Lazarus to life, Jesus shows His power over death. He offers us that gift that brings us eternal life: Jesus Himself. The gift the Son accomplishes for us at Calvary frees us from our bondage--allows us the opportunity to come forth from darkness--and live in the light.

In the midst of the continued concern, fear and suffering we see around us in our "worldwide" community, we commit ourselves to the hope found in the Lord Jesus. That seventh (perfect) sign of Lazarus receiving life--of being untied and free from the realities of death and sin--gives us a glimpse of fulfilled life for knowing and experiencing the power of God's son--and seeking His grace and gifts in deep expressions of abiding faith.

You continue to be remembered at the Altar of God daily--as the Mass continues to be celebrated. Keep up with the parish and possibilities through the Parish Facebook and website. We all, having known the strength we share in person when gathered together, can eagerly look forward to gathering once again around the Altar of sacrifice and praise when this experience, too, shall pass. Let's keep each other in prayer!

### **A Prayer for 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.**

### **Oración durante la crisis COVID-19**

**Virgen Santísima de Guadalupe,**  
Reina de los Ángeles y Madre de las Américas.  
Acudimos a ti hoy como tus amados hijos.  
Te pedimos que intercedas por nosotros con tu  
Hijo, como lo hiciste en las bodas de Caná.

Ruega por nosotros, Madre amorosa, y obtén  
para nuestra nación, nuestro mundo, y para  
todas nuestras familias y seres queridos, la  
protección de tus santos ángeles, para que  
podamos salvarnos de lo peor de esta  
enfermedad.

Para aquellos que ya están afectados, te pedimos  
que les concedas la gracia de la sanación y la  
liberación.

Escucha los gritos de aquellos que son  
vulnerables y temerosos, seca sus lágrimas y  
ayúdalos a confiar.

En este tiempo de dificultad y prueba,  
enséñanos a todos en la Iglesia a amarnos los  
unos a los otros y a ser pacientes y amables.

Ayúdanos a llevar la paz de Jesús a nuestra tierra  
y a nuestros corazones.

Acudimos a ti con confianza, sabiendo que  
realmente eres nuestra madre compasiva, la salud  
de los enfermos y la causa de nuestra alegría.

Refúgianos bajo el manto de tu protección,  
manténnos en el abrazo de tus brazos, ayúdanos  
a conocer siempre el amor de tu Hijo, Jesús.  
Amén.