

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2020

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of James and Agnes Chomout.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Your Gift to God: April 19th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$2,205
Online Giving Parish Support	\$2,118
Building Fund	\$10
Online Giving Building Fund	\$25
Rice Bowl	\$6
St. Ann Parish Support	\$400
Online Giving	\$333
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.

Office Schedule

Office hours are 8:00 A.M. to noon until further notice.

*“Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn
while you speak to us.”*

Parish Facebook

Take a look at the parish Facebook page as there are brief devotionals posted daily during this time as well as our Sunday Mass is live-streamed each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

Gratitude

The KJZT made a generous donation to St. Ann Church to assist in this time of crisis on behalf of St. Ann KJZT #37. The parish family is grateful!

Sacramental Celebrations Update

The first weekend in May was to be our parish celebrations of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. As foreseen when the pandemic precautions began, we will be rescheduling these special moments for so many once we return to Masses with the full congregation. Once that occurs, dates and times will be set, posted and communicated, and a brief period of time allowed in order to finalize details, inform family members, etc.

A Prayer for Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.**

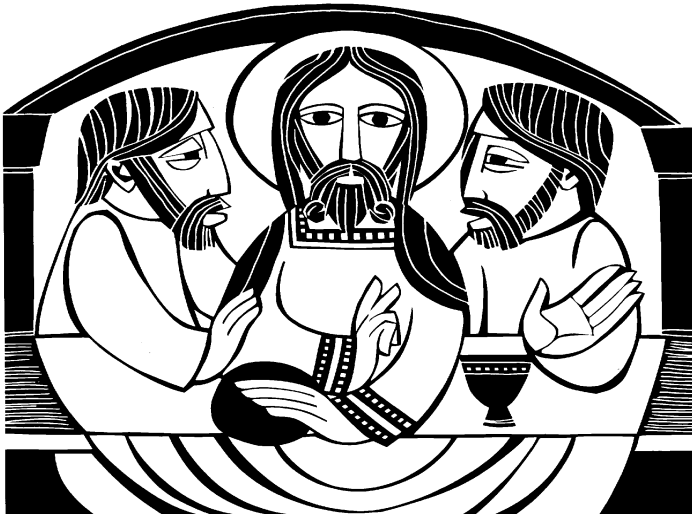
**I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.**

**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.



Jesus Appeared to His Apostles During a Lockdown

Philip Kosloski

The apostles were afraid and alone, isolating themselves from the world, but Jesus appeared to them anyway.

After Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, most of his apostles scattered, afraid of suffering the same fate. Peter went so far as to deny he knew Jesus in order to avoid being captured.

They were **afraid, uncertain** about the future and having doubts about Jesus as the messiah. Instead of resuming their normal lives, they **distanced themselves** from normal social gatherings and chose to go on "**lockdown.**"

During their **anxiety**, Jesus appeared to them and offered them **peace**.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

Even after this first encounter with the Risen Jesus, the apostles continued their "lockdown" until Jesus appeared a second time.

*Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "**Peace be with you.**" (John 20:26)*

Whenever we feel alone and isolated, maybe even on "lockdown" or quarantine, we should read again this passage from the Gospels and place ourselves in the scene.

Imagine, for a few minutes, yourself in this locked room the apostles are in. They are all expressing feelings of worry and anxiety, stressed-out by the events that just took place.

In the midst of all this anxiety, Jesus walks through their locked doors and enters into the room. His first words, before any type of greeting, are "**Peace be with you.**"

Jesus brings peace to those in lockdown, he wants to calm our hearts and ease our worries. He knows we are afraid and offers to us his peace.

All we need to do is **accept** his gift of peace into our closed and locked hearts. That is one thing we need to **open** during times of isolation. Our hearts need to open wide to his love and peace, allowing Jesus to dwell within it, reassuring us that he is in control, no matter what is happening outside in the world.