



Saint Mary Parish



Keeping Us Connected Newsletter

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Video Message - Msgr. Royal

The cup of blessing which we bless is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?

The bread which we break is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

I Corinthians 10:6

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Dear Saint Mary Friends,

There's still time to send a picture of the Divine Mercy image on the door of your home, preferably with you and your family in the photo. [Click here](#) to print the image.

Today's video is on the Eucharist, so below I've included wonderful quotes on the Sacrament. But more relevant to our quarantined/Communion-less situation today, take note of these saints and blessed who were for a time deprived of the Eucharist. Let's ask them to pray for us.

St. Isaac Jogues (+1646) (A French missionary to Native Americans) had his hands marred by his captors. At the time, a priest who was missing thumb or forefinger was unable to celebrate Mass, so from the time of his injury until

(having escaped his Mohawk captors) his return to France 17 months later, Fr. Jogues was unable to confess, celebrate or even to attend Mass. He was given a dispensation and permitted to celebrate Mass again, in spite of the state of his hands, and requested permission to return to America after his recovery. He was killed not long after his return, but his killer later repented and was baptized with the name “Isaac Jogues.”

St. Mark Ji TianXiang (+1900) An opium addict. Because this priest didn't understand addiction, he told TianXiang that he couldn't be absolved until he recovered—which meant that he couldn't receive communion either. For 30 years, TianXiang continued to practice the faith while being denied the Sacraments. He never did manage to get clean, but he died a martyr and has been canonized a saint not just for his martyrdom but for his decades of attempting to follow Jesus even in the absence of the Sacraments.

Bl. Laurentia Herasymiv (+1952), like countless other Catholics in Nazi concentration camps or Soviet gulags, spent the last months of her life without the Sacraments and in the near certainty that she would have no opportunity for viaticum or a final confession. Arrested for refusing to abandon the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church for Orthodoxy, Sr. Laurentia and Bl. Olympia Bida were sent to Siberia, where both died suffering at the hands of the communists. As she lay dying, she begged for the Eucharist, calling out in her delirium, “Jesus, I do not want to die without you!” She died, as she had lived for two long years, without the Eucharist, and was fully united to Jesus. (Aleteia.org)

Peace, Health, and Blessings,
Monsignor Kevin Royal

***Praised be Jesus Christ!
Now and Forever. Amen.***

Also in today's Newsletter:

- -Written reflection by Fr. Damain Pielesz.

**Fr. Damian
Reflection**

- **Quotes** from the early Church Fathers on the Eucharist
- Remember that **Fr. Lourderaj's Daily Homilies** are on our website
- Listen live to **Veritas Catholic Radio**
- The latest from **Faith & Family** on nature and Ridgefield's open spaces
- **Prayer Intercession Form** to submit names of the sick, deceased, health care workers, pharmacists, and first responders

[View Prayer List Here](#)

Go to [our Faith & Family page](#) for our latest blog entry

PRAYER AND SACRAMENTS

Live-Streamed Sunday Mass from St. Mary Parish

Every Sunday at 10 AM

Watch LIVE and afterwards (anytime) on our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#).

Sacrament of Confession

Tuesdays - 12:30 to 1:30 PM

Saturdays - 3:30 to 4:30 PM

[More Info](#)



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in the Church**

Wednesdays and Sundays

12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Sign Up - April 22

Church Bells Ring Noon Each Day for the Angelus

Whether you can hear them or not, let's try as one community in the Lord to pray the Angelus together at that time, wherever we are. If you don't know the Angelus, you can pray 3 Hail Mary's (or take this opportunity to learn it [here](#)).

**Our Church is open Monday - Saturday, 8 AM - 6 PM
Sunday - 11 AM - 6 PM**

The Church is sanitized daily at 7 AM

LINKS

[Bishop Extends Public Mass Suspension](#)

[What to Watch this Month on FORMED](#)

[Prayer Requests](#)

[VERITAS Catholic Radio Network](#)

[Making a Spiritual Communion](#)

[Word on Fire Daily Mass - 8:15 AM](#)

[Youth Ministry](#)

[Coronavirus Resources & Information](#)

[Online Daily Mass](#)

[TV Mass Schedule](#)

[CDC Website](#)

[How to say the Rosary](#)

[How to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#)

Many thanks for your continued support of our Parish!

WAYS TO CONTINUE YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Your support helps maintain our Parish facilities and bring the Eucharist and God's Word to our community - plus it helps those in need through our many ministries.

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You may mail your offertory to the Parish office as well; mail is picked up every day.

[This Week's Bulletin](#)
