



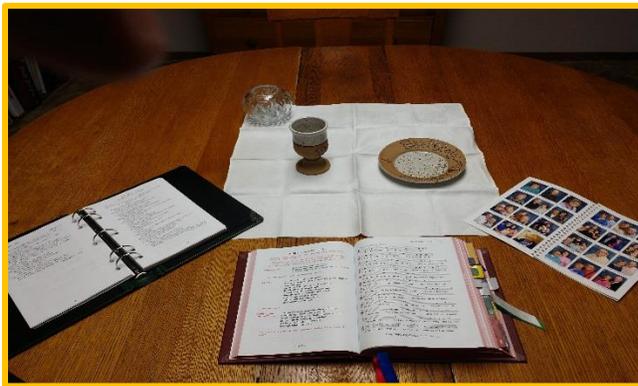
ST ANDREW

Sunday Bulletin – Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion April 5, 2020

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Mass

Priests continue to offer the Sacrifice of the Mass privately - praying for the intentions of the faithful. I am doing that – honoring specific intentions, as well as, all our intentions.



This week, April 5 - 12, 2020, in addition to offering Mass for the intentions of all our Parishioners on Sundays, I will remember in special intention:

Sunday: People of Saint Andrew Parish

Monday: Rick & Teresa Evans

Tuesday: Steve Evans

Wednesday: Special Intention - Correll

Holy Thursday: John & Margaret Fury

Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

Saturday: Neil & Doris Salmans

Sunday: People of Saint Andrew Parish

NOTE: Bishop and Cathedral priests are live-streaming mass from the Chancery/Rectory Chapels. Go to www.dcdiocese.org to see the schedule of times. Click on the Facebook icon (you don’t have to be on Facebook) in the

upper right hand corner. Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Liturgy, Easter Vigil are included in this schedule.

Today is Palm Sunday

Palms will be blessed during the private mass I will celebrate. As per our Bishop's direction, as in so many places throughout the world, these blessed palms will be available at a later date when conditions change allowing safe distribution of palms. *You may find A Celebration of the Word for Palm Sunday Prayer Service at Home Without Mass here on our website.*

Thursday is Holy Thursday

You may find A Celebration of the Word for Holy Thursday Prayer Service at Home Without Mass here on our website.
Holy Thursday homily will also be posted.

Good Friday is Friday

Return to our webpage and in a couple of days you will find A Good Friday Service at Home.
Good Friday homily will also be posted.

Stewardship

We discussed our parish stewardship via an email meeting of our Finance Council and a phone conference meeting of our Pastoral Council.

These are uncertain times for all us. This includes uncertainty about our financial stability. Due to the wise direction over many years of our Finance Councils and most of all due to responsible, faithful, generous, and even sacrificial stewardship of our Parishioners, we as a parish can weather this storm. This is true even as we have recently undertaken two long-standing projects: the additional restroom in church and replacing the windows in the vestibule so as to keep more heat out during the summer and more heat in during the winter.

Families will have varying degrees of ability to support the mission and life of our parish, diocese, and world-wide Church especially during this crisis.

With no liturgies, there are ways you can continue to give your stewardship offerings:

If you have not done so, you may wish to sign up for online giving. A number of our parishioners have been giving this way for some time now.

It is simple and it provides various ways of making the payments:

<https://www.parishgiving.org/index>.

You may mail your offering: PO Box 125, Wright, KS 67882

You may drop it by the church. You may slip it under the door to the west sacristy. That's up front by the statues of Joseph and Mary. There's a sign on the door.

Stewardship Report

Received since last Sunday: \$1,845.00 in envelopes; \$170.00 in electronic giving; \$25.00 for Saint Bonaventure Mission & School. Thank you to our faithful stewards for supporting our parish, diocese, and world-wide Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Bishop's directives, as other bishops', are intriguing: Must be in the open, behind a screen, confessor and penitent six feet apart, music playing to ensure no one else hears the confession. It might be good to take note of the counsel of Bishop Francesco Beschi, the Bishop of Pope John XXIII's home diocese: "The Church says that if I intend to confess sacramentally as soon as possible, I have already received God's forgiveness. I want to remind the faithful of this possibility."

Let us continue praying for one another

We might wish to remember in our prayer Karen Stegman who continues in the hospital in Wichita; the others who are ill in our parish; Pam Kirkby and all the Elect of the Church, as well as, candidates and inquirers; those who are out of work; children and especially children for whom staying at home may not be the safest place for them to be; those especially vulnerable to covid-19; all our health care workers and first responders. And your intentions...

We cannot gather for liturgy, we cannot gather in small informal groups physically close to each other, and we abide out of charity to the stay-at-home order.

So can we pray together? Can we celebrate as the Church?

We might re-discover praying not just with those around us – if we are in a house with others – but of being the whole People of God at prayer. Most of us live fairly private lives and we may tend to think of prayer as very personal and therefore a very private activity. Prayer can become 'me' and 'about me' and 'for me.'

Father Thomas O'Loughlin, a priest in the UK, asks us to look at the Lord's Prayer – it all about US, it is WE who pray, and we ask for OUR needs:

Go through the prayer, notice the singular individual (I/me) is completely absent, and it is framed entirely in the plural (our/us).

*We pray: OUR Father who art in heaven ...
Give US this day OUR daily bread,
And Forgive US OUR trespasses
As WE forgive those who trespass against US
And lead US not into temptation, but deliver US ...*

Father goes on to suggest that we might want to reclaim a first-century instruction on prayer:

Pray the Our Father, actually saying it quietly or aloud, three times (morning, midday, evening) each day in union with the rest of US who call on God as Father.

Many people, for the first time, are living without the normal external pressures that organize their day and create a routine. We need routines ... especially when confined within four walls.

Monks and nuns have known this for centuries. And one of the ways that they impose order on their lives is to link times of prayer to the structure of the day: the morning time of getting up, the middle of the day, and the evening and slowing down.

Let us pray with and for one another and those beyond our number especially during this time as we wait until we can again gather elbow-to-elbow around the Lord's table, give each other the sign of peace, and share the precious Body and drink again from the Lord's cup.