

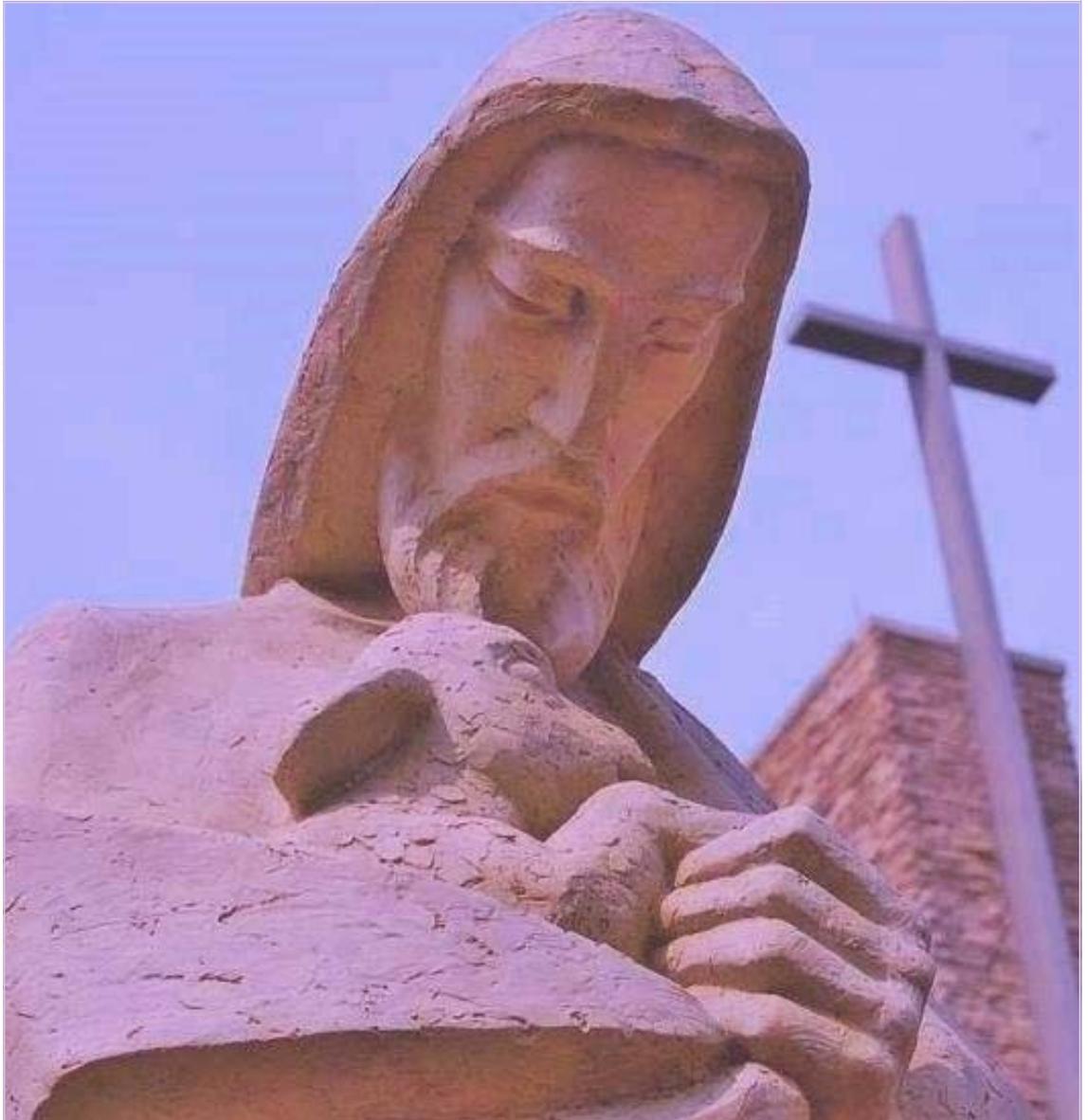
St. Lambert Parish
8148 Karlov Ave.
Skokie, IL 60076

MARCH 29
2020

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OF LENT

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ST. LAMBERT PARISH
Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord



**Make me well oh Lord,
and I will be well;
be my savior, and I will be safe:
for You are my hope.**

Jeremiah 17:14

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8am, 10am, 12pm

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the Lord GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

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Below is an article I wrote for the bulletin which will continue electronically, but I want to say hello to you as well. At first the whole thing seemed like a vacation, then a spiritual retreat (a bit more sleep, a bit more prayer.) Now it just seems like the twilight zone and the gray weather doesn't help either. I was struck by words in today's Gospel "We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work." If Mass is not the work of the Father, then what is? I miss my congregation, St Lambert really has the feel of a very large family. You are all in my prayers everyday but I offered Mass especially for the parish as is the joyful obligation of the pastor. Today is Laetare Sunday. Laetare means "Rejoice!" in Latin. The entrance antiphon for today is "Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy," And in the first chapter of the Letter of St, James, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Friends,

On the Patrick Madrid show one morning this week, someone called in indignant that they could not receive the Eucharist. They asked, "Isn't the Eucharist worth dying for?" Patrick responded by saying, "Yes! but is it worth killing for?"

Someone asked me "Isn't it my right to receive communion?" No, it isn't. It is not a right. It is a gift, a privilege, it is grace. Remember that the definition of grace is an undeserved favor. Remember what Mass is. It is unbloody re-presentation of the sacrifice of Calvary. It isn't a representation, it's a re-presentation. It doesn't represent Calvary in our modern sense. It takes us back to Calvary. It's not a shadow. It's the real thing. I urge you to see "The Veil Removed" Just do a web search for The Veil Removed, youtube. (or for those who prefer this)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdIPvAEXuPxJnFFgqCR4kXA>



It is a very short film about the way that saints and angels and the Lord Himself see Mass. Mass is a time tunnel. For God, all places are here all moments are now. He is the same "yesterday, today and tomorrow." When I go to Mass I am instantly at the foot of the cross with St. John and St. Mary Magdalene and above all with our Sorrowful Mother, Mary. When I go to Mass I am already in heaven at the Lamb's Wedding Banquet at the end of time and I am in every church throughout the ages and throughout the world.

When I go to Mass I am with everyone I love who has died in the Lord, and with every saint and angel present at every Mass. That's Mass. But that is not the purpose of Mass. I do not go to Mass to enjoy the wonderful festival of the saints. I go to worship God and to unite myself with Christ on the cross for the salvation and redemption of the world. In the morning offering we pray "O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers works joys and suffering off this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in reparation for my sins, for the salvation of the world"



When I receive the Holy Eucharist, I am saying that, just as You, Lord Jesus, lay your Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity on this altar for my salvation, I place my body, blood, soul and humanity on this same altar with you for the redemption and salvation of the world. To receive the Eucharist is the most solemn oath, signed in the blood of Christ. It is to climb up on the cross with Christ.

How often have I told you that you don't go to Mass to get something; you go to give something: your very self. It makes me crazy when someone says, How come I can't get communion, or worse, "Father I didn't get any of the wine!" when referring to the Precious Blood. Eucharist is not something we get. It is something that we give. It means "thanksgiving" in Greek. What a ridiculous thing to say, "I didn't get thanksgiving."

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Perhaps we should call it by a different name, "thanksgiving" if all we are worried about is what we do or do not get.

So in the current crisis if we are not able to receive the physical presence of the Lord, we are still able to offer our lives to Him in union with all the Masses offered everywhere in the world. If we go to Mass for the good of the world perhaps for a short time we will refrain from going to Mass for the good of the world. Mass is still offered. The unceasing sacrifice of Calvary continues unabated, even if you cannot attend. You can still unite yourself to Calvary and receive the grace of that sacrifice no matter where you are.

I remember all of you and miss your physical presence in every mass that I say. I am consoled to know that you are there with me in the spirit if you regularly offer yourself to the Lord. Remember what the Lord has said in Ecclesiastes chapter 3, "To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven...a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to count as lost."

In these lost days you are always in my prayers,
Fr. Simon

Plenary Indulgence

The Apostolic Penitentiary issued a decree granting a Plenary Indulgence during this extraordinary time.

As many people are unfamiliar with indulgences it is helpful to review in a simple way the Church's true teaching on this grace:

- Fundamentally, indulgences (plenary/full or partial) refer to a repairing and healing of the damage inflicted by sin.
- In the English language, the word "indulgence" carries the connotation of "permission" or "license to

do something." In the Church and with regard to sin, this certainly is not the case.

- In traditional language, this is the "remission of temporal punishment due to sin." That we, through prayer and action recommended by the Church, can engage in this healing and repair is not because of our own efforts, merit, or power.
- The Church, drawing on the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ and the Communion of Saints speaks of drawing grace from the "treasury of the Church."
- In this moment of isolation and disconnection, the proposal to seek an indulgence re-affirms our connection in the Body of Christ and with the saints.

The *Plenary indulgence* is granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they:

- unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion,
- or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters,
- with the will to fulfill the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible, when the suspensions are lifted.
- In addition, health care workers, first responders, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: 'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends' (*Jn 15: 13*), will obtain the same gift of the *Plenary Indulgence* under the same conditions.

Especially in this challenging moment, seeking an indulgence is a way of doing something spiritually and a way of praying for ourselves and for others.

Spiritual Communion via Televised/Livestreamed Masses

Televised or live-streamed, online Mass viewing is an opportunity for the faithful to remain connected to the Sacrifice of the Mass during this difficult time.

The archdiocese will broadcast weekend Masses from Holy Name Cathedral in English, Spanish and Polish. These Masses will be available on our YouTube channel beginning at 4 p.m. March 21 and will continue until in-person attendance at liturgies is reinstated.

Additionally, daily Mass will be celebrated and broadcast from St. James Chapel on weekdays. These Masses will be available on our [YouTube channel](#).

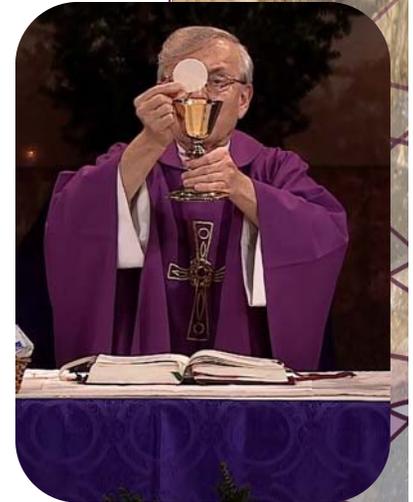
The recordings of all Masses will remain on our YouTube channel.

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Sanctuary airs on the Live Well Network which can be seen over-the-air on ABC 7.2, as well as on Comcast Channel 217, RCN Channel 618, WOW Channel 219, Mediacom Channel 723 and Charter Channel 608.

Our website, archchicago.org/coronavirus, provides resources to enrich your personal prayer life and deepen our solidarity with one another as we experience the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We will add to these and share them with you as they become available.

Let us continue to pray for all affected by the current pandemic and, together, seek Our Lady's intercession for our protection and the well-being of the most vulnerable among us.



Do not be anxious
about anything,
but in every situation,
by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your requests
to God.

And the **peace of God**,
which transcends
all understanding,
will guard your hearts
and your minds
in Christ Jesus.

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Philippians 4:6-7

God is with us

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