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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Obligation:
4:30 pm (Saturday)
9:00 am (English)
11:00 am (Polish)

Holy Days:

6:00 pm (English) - Vigil Mass
12:00 noon (English)
6:00 pm (Polish)

Weekdays:

7:30 am (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)
12:00 pm Wednesday
6:00 pm Friday (Polish)
(No AM Mass on Monday & Saturday)

Novena to St. Anthony:

Tuesday after 7:30 am Mass

Chaplet to Divine Mercy:

Friday after 7:30 am Mass

March 14, 2021 • Fourth Sunday in Lent



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March 5, 2021

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

This past week news reports have indicated that a third COVID-19 vaccine, produced by Johnson & Johnson, will begin to be used along with the previously available vaccines produced by Pfizer and Moderna. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, unlike the previous two, was not only tested with the use of cell lines derived from abortions decades ago, it was also developed and produced using those cell lines.

To address this question, the Chairmen of the USCCB Committees on Doctrine and Pro-Life activities have issued the following guidance:

"The approval of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States again raises questions about the moral permissibility of using vaccines developed, tested, and/or produced with the help of abortion-derived cell lines.

"Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines raised concerns because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested and produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that 'when ethically irreproachable COVID-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive COVID-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.' [1] However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's.

"While we should continue to insist that pharmaceutical companies stop using abortion-derived cell lines, given the world-wide suffering that this pandemic is causing, we affirm again that being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good."

As the Bishop of Rockford, I affirm both this statement from the Bishops' Conference as well as the statement by the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith on the morality of the COVID-19 vaccines. I would like to reiterate the following important points these statements make. Namely, that choosing the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine is preferable. If there is any choice possible we should specifically ask to receive one of those two. However, if one has no choice of vaccines then receiving even the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is morally permissible, given the current pandemic. And finally, choosing to be vaccinated can be both an act of love toward our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, as well as a contribution to the common good of our society.

Prayerfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Malloy
Bishop of Rockford

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

EASTER VIGIL MASS will be celebrated at 7:30 pm on Saturday, April 3rd in **English only**. Mass in English on Easter Sunday will be celebrated at 9:00 am.

Please register for Mass at the parish office.

The sign up sheet will be available on March 15th.

The Mass of Resurrection in Polish will be celebrated at 7:00 am on Easter Sunday.

The regular Easter Mass in Polish will be celebrated at 11:00 am.

Przypomnienie

MSZA ŚWIĘTA REZUREKCYJNA w języku polskim zostanie odprawiona o godzinie 7:00 rano w dzień Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego czyli w niedzielę 4 kwietnia.

Także dla osób, które nie będą uczestniczyć we Mszy Rezurekcyjnej, będzie odprawiona Msza o godzinie 11:00 rano, zgodnie z porządkiem niedzielnym. Ze względu na panującą pandemię, nadal prosimy o zapisywanie się na Msze święte w biurze parafialnym.

Zapisy już od 15 marca.

Why Wear a Roman Collar?

Question: Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

Answer:

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.

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Due to Covid pandemic, Fr. Mieczyslaw will hear confessions in his office, face to face maintaining social distance.

Saturday, March 20, 2021

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Sunday, March 21, 2021

8:00 am - 9:00 am & 10:00 am - 11:00 am

After Mass if needed

Wednesday, March 24, 2021
Diocesan „Be Reconciled Day”

St. Peter & St. Paul Church:

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church:

12:00 noon - 2:00 pm

St. Anthony of Padua Church:

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

St. James Church:

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 27, 2021

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Sunday, March 28, 2021

8:00 am - 9:00 am; 10:00 am - 11:00 am

After 11:00 am Mass as needed

***THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS
DURING THE TRIDUUM
(HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY
AND HOLY SATURDAY)***

***NIE BĘDZIE SPOWIEDZI PODCZAS
TRIDUUM PASCHALNEGO
CZYLI W WIELKI CZWARTEK,
W WIELKI PIĄTEK I W WIELKĄ SOBOTĘ***

**All Saints Catholic Academy enrolling
now for the 2021-2022 school year**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 15, 2021

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

7:30 am †Souls in Purgatory - *requested by Parishioners*

Living and deceased parents, relatives and benefactors of Franciscan Order

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

12:00 pm †Stella Szmydt Brewer - *requested by Susan Lewandowski*

Thursday, March 18, 2021

7:30 am †Souls in Purgatory - *requested by Parishioners*

Friday, March 19, 2021

7:30 am †Souls in Purgatory - *requested by Parishioners*

6:00 pm †Tadeusz Czerski - *requested by wife & children*

Saturday, March 20, 2021

4:30 pm †Teresa Grochocka - *requested by Danuta & Bogdan Podgorny*

Sunday, March 21, 2021

9:00 am Living and deceased members of Brad Moberg/Dzielak/Kowalski families

11:00 am †Stanislaw Piekarz - *requested by Rudawski family*

For Parishioners

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

March 20/21	bar soap
March 27/28	non-perishable juices (orange, tomato, fruit juice)
April 3/4	baby food
April 10/11	box prepared foods (mac & cheese, hamburger helper)
April 17/18	ketchup, mustard
April 24/25	dried beans, rice

Angel Dusters Church cleaning March 20, 2021 Group I

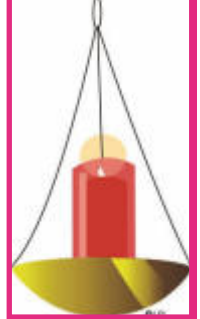




We would like to wish a Happy Birthday and all God's blessings to the following parishioners celebrating their birthdays

this week (Sunday, March 14 - Sunday, March 21): Edward Portillo, Marian Saprón, Natalie Boger, Jan Gibala.

Seven-day Sanctuary Candles



Red Candle on the right side of the altar is offered for:

In memory of Hanna Walas
offered by Elzbieta Czerska

Red Candle on the left side of the altar is offered for:

In memory of Tadeusz Czerski
offered by Elzbieta Czerska

These candles will burn beginning Sunday, March 14th.

CHURCH SUPPORT

March 6/7

Envelopes	\$1,841.00
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International Appeal	\$435.00
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Be Reconciled Day Diocese of Rockford

March 24, 2021

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