



St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2020



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1970 CCC.

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NOTES FROM FR. JOE

- ◆ **STAY HOME**, avoid groups of people. **GET REST**: this helps your body remain strong. **DRINK PLENTY OF WATER**: avoid drinking alcohol. Drink hot tea or coffee. **PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER**; ask God to keep us all safe.
- ◆ The Catholic Office of the Deaf is closed until further notice. Any **EMERGENCY**, contact Fr. Joe Mulcrone, (312) 685-7899 voice/text.
- ◆ **THANKS** to: **BRIAN SWATEK**, **JIMMY SMITH** for their special help during this time; **CHS (Chicago Hearing Society)** for providing skilled sign-language interpreters, especially **MICHAEL ALBERT** who has done a terrific job for all the Governor's press conferences; **ED GLENNON JR**, **TOM BLEERS**, **JULIE BOOS**, **ART TOMLINSON**, **BRIAN SWATEK** and **BOB SWATEK** for all their work re: SDC and dealing with the insurance company, clean-up crews, adjustors, etc; **COLLEEN CURRY**, our Office Manager who is trying to keep the information getting out to people.
- ◆ **FR. MICHAEL DEPCIK** always has wonderful thoughts and suggestions for us, especially in Lent: www.frmd.org
- ◆ **APRIL 24-25, 2020 MIDWEST ICDA CONFERENCE - CANCELLED FOR NOW**. The **COMMITTEE** had to make a very difficult decision re: postponing the Conference. They made the right decision. We will share new dates as soon as they are decided.
- **ELECTRONIC GIVING** is an **EASY** way to contribute to St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. See **JIMMY SMITH**. He can make your giving to church each week simple, with no hassles!
- ◆ If a person dies, there are **NO** funeral Masses permitted at Church right now. Fr. Joe can go to the funeral home for a blessing and then go to the cemetery for the burial.
- ◆ **REMEMBER: ANYONE** can baptize a baby. If a baby is born, do **NOT** wait till we can have a Baptism at church. Take a little water, pour it on the baby's head, and say, "I baptize you in the name of the father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen."
- ◆ Many **DEAF GROUPS** are postponing events till the Fall. When it is safe again to meet, I hope the leaders of our deaf organizations can meet to discuss how to support each other for the Fall and holiday schedule.

If you know of a Deaf person in the hospital or nursing home who would like to see Fr. Joe, please contact Catholic Office of the Deaf at 312-957-4766 vp, 312-534-7899 v, or cathdeafch@archchicago.org.

HEALING MASS for people with cancer. Each month, there is a special Mass for people with cancer at 11am. Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica, 3121 W. Jackson Blvd, CHGO. (Safe, guarded parking lot.) Please call CATHOLIC OFFICE OF THE DEAF if you need an interpreter. 2nd Saturday of the month SPANISH; 3rd Saturday ENGLISH.

EVENTS COMING UP

- * **MON, Mar 23: SDC Games day CANCELLED.**
- * Wed, Mar 25, 10:30am-3pm: Deaf Social/Support group, HOFFMAN ESTATES. 224-520-9763VP, sphad-ke@schaumburgtownship.org **CANCELLED**
- * FRI-SAT, APRIL 24-25: ICDA-US Mid-West Conference. Hyatt Regency Hotel, LISLE. SPECIAL PRESENTER: DEACON PATRICK GRAYBILL. Saturday afternoon Mass, same as SUNDAY Mass! Fabulous hotel! INFO: www.deafcatholicjoliet.org (registration, hotel/conference info) **CANCELLED**

PRAYING in DOWNTOWN CHICAGO:
Monday-Friday, 11am-3pm; pray to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in a small, quiet chapel. Pauline Books, 172 N. Michigan Ave, Chgo. St. Peter's Catholic Church, open everyday, 110 W. Madison, Chgo.

We have many gloomy & wet days in March. Roads are cold & slippery.

Remember: Keep your lights, front and back, clean.

Make sure you replace any burned out lights immediately.

Never text/read texts while driving.

Never use your cell phone while driving.

Always wear your seat belt...always.

Always use your turn signals when turning.

If your loved one dies and you need a sign language interpreter for Catholic funeral, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE contact Catholic Office of the Deaf with info! cathdeafch@archchicago.org or (312) 534-7899 v or (312) 957-4766 VP

2020 CENSUS: answering questions for the Census is VERY IMPORTANT. It is our duty as citizens of the USA! If you are not sure how to answer the questions, please see Fr. Joe; go to CHS (Chicago Hearing Society); go to a CIL (Access living, Progress Center, DuPage CIL, etc); see SARITA at Schaumburg Township. The police or the Immigration officers (ICE) cannot use the census information to question or arrest you!

Would you love to have an American Girl Doll for your very own? St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center Children's Faith Formation Program is having a raffle of an AMERICAN GIRL DOLL by the name of JOSS. Our Girl of the Year 2020 is a fierce athlete who sets high goals for herself while keeping an open mind to new possibilities. Together, let's tell your girl to hold onto what she loves, reach for new heights, and discover who she's meant to be. Tickets are \$5.00 each and ONLY 100 tickets will be sold, so come early and get your ticket before they are ALL Sold Out. Good Luck to everyone who buys a ticket! The winning raffle ticket will be pulled on Sunday, March 29th after 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Of the Lenten habits, Scripture clearly considers **Almsgiving** as primary: "Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life." (Tobit 12:8-9) Almsgiving need not be limited to sharing material goods but can also extend to sharing our time and talents with others. In many ways, almsgiving is a natural outflow of prayer and fasting; it is an essential ingredient of the Christian life. It is also a way of showing love for God, for in loving our neighbor, we are also loving God.

Activity: Almsgiving—Not Just Money

It is considered "almsgiving" to give time and goods to those in need; for example, donating time to a soup kitchen, giving clothes to charity, visiting people who are shut-in, or driving those without transportation. Decorate a box in which to collect alms during Lent. Decide as a family how you will fill your box. Suggestions that you can adapt to fit your family's situation include: putting a dollar every time your family eats at a restaurant, 10 cents for every DVD you own, or 25 cents every time a child finds a peaceful solution to conflict with siblings. Place the box in your family's prayer center to help you with almsgiving this Lent.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

There are NO Masses at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center, St. Julie Billiard, or St. Mary of Vernon.

NO Senior Citizen Bingo THURS, MARCH 26.

NO Midwest ICDA APRIL 24-25, 2020.

The Archdiocese of Chicago will announce when we can have Mass in the community again.

Many of our Chaplains for the Deaf are posting Masses on the internet.

Mon March 23 and Weds March 25 - Fr. Shawn - www.facebook.com/bostondeafcatholic.org/

Tuesdays - Fr. Mike Depcik at 10:30 am EST, 7:30am PST - www.facebook.com/deafmass

Thurs, March 26 - Fr. Paul Zirimenya 12 noon PST, 3pm EST www.facebook.com/stbenedictparish

Friday, March 27th - 3pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - www.facebook.com/groups/icdaus/

Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

Sun Mar 29: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Mon Mar 30: Dn 13:1-9, 15-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6

Tues Mar 31: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Weds Apr 1: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thurs Apr 2: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Fri Apr 3: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Sat Apr 4: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56



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<http://RockfordDiocese.org/DeafApostolate/>

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Mass Every Sunday 10:30am

At St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

Mass at 4:00pm:

St. Julie Billiard: 2nd & 3rd Sundays every month

St. Mary of Vernon: 4th Sunday of every month

Take a look at FR. MIKE DEPCIK's web-page, every week: www.frmd.org

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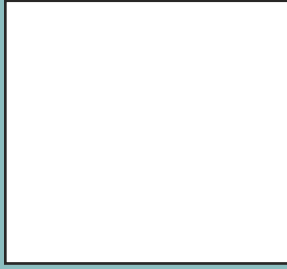
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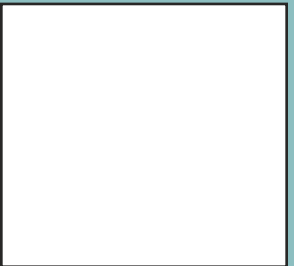
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