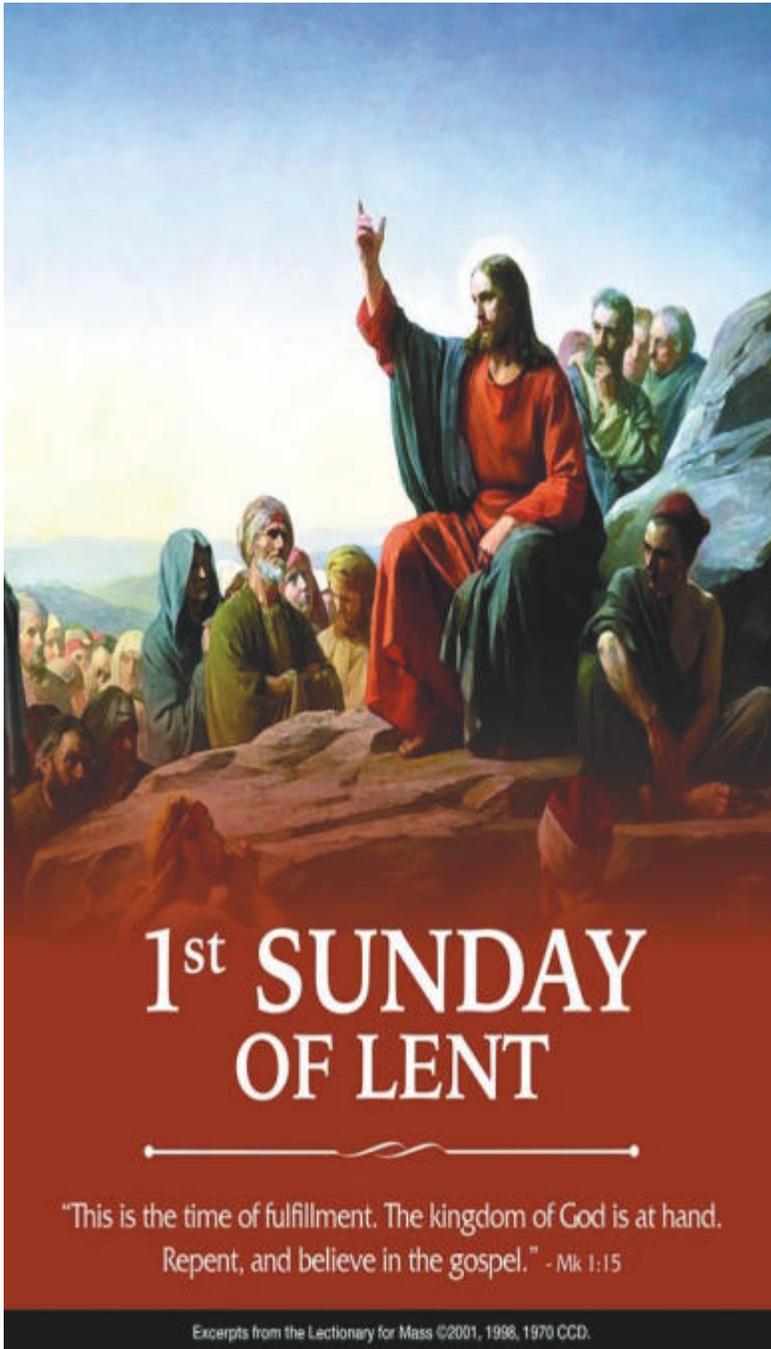




St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

8025 West Addison, Chicago, IL 60634 | 312-534-7899

First Sunday of Lent - February 21, 2021



NOTES FROM FR. JOE

- ◆ NO eating meat all FRIDAYS of LENT, 14 and older. For people 18-59, only one large meal, two small meals allowed on Ash Wednesday/Good Friday.
- ◆ NOT TRUE! Recently, some people have told me that hospitals, clinics, etc have refused to get sign-language interpreters when deaf people asked. One hospital told the deaf person that the hospital did not have to follow ADA because of Covid rules. NOT TRUE! ADA still applies to everyone. Another "health organization" told a deaf person that he/she had to pay for an interpreter. NOT TRUE! CHS (Chicago Hearing Society) still provides interpreting services in the Chicagoland area.
- ◆ WAKES/FUNERALS: the law allows people to have wakes in funeral homes and funeral services in church or cemetery. I (Fr. Joe) am able to get to funeral homes and also churches. I am able to visit people very sick, in their homes, to give them the SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK. There has been a problem trying to get sign-language interpreters to go to funeral homes or burial services. Some interpreters are not willing to go because of Covid risks. I understand. If someone is sick and needs the SACRAMENTS of RECONCILIATION (Confession), ANOINTING, please contact me asap. I know that MSGR. NELSON in the Rockford Diocese, FR RAMON SIDA in the Joliet Diocese, FR. CHRIS KLUSMAN (Milwaukee) want to bring God's blessing to those suffering and in need. We still cannot get into nursing homes or hospitals because of Covid rules.
- ◆ MENTAL HEALTH BREAK: feeling stressed out, overwhelmed by sadness, feeling "down"? Stop. Take a look at Jesus on His Cross (on your rosary, a picture or statue in your home, etc). Just be quiet. Breathe deeply five times. Look at Jesus suffering on the Cross for YOU and ME! This is how much God loves YOU!
- ◆ SOCIAL SECURITY/IRS will NEVER contact you by email or phone, only paper letter in the mail. If you get a "message" from Social Security/IRS on the phone, on your computer-hang up/delete immediately.
- The CITY of CHICAGO has a new way to sign up for VACCINATIONS. If you live in Chicago, go to: zodoc.com/vaccine. The Catholic Office of the Deaf is working with other organizations to set-up a vaccination site where there will be sign-language interpreters.

If your loved one dies and you need a sign language interpreter for Catholic funeral, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE contact Fr. Joe at 312-685-7899 v/text. If you know of a Deaf person in the hospital or nursing home who would like his blessing, he can call them at the nursing home.

If you feel sick, feel a cold starting, stay home from Church until you feel good again. It is important to: wash your hands/use a hand sanitizer. Wear a mask when you are with other people, outside or into any stores. No handshaking. Keep social distance. If you feel sick: high fever, hard cough, body hurts all over, contact your doctor. If you are VERY weak, trouble breathing, 9-1-1! Do not wait. IF YOU CAME TO CHURCH AND TEST POSITIVE FOR CoVid 19 PLEASE CONTACT FR JOE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. **WEAR MASKS. WASH YOUR HANDS. KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING. GET REST.**

Every Monday, 1pm & Every Wednesday, 2pm:
VIDEO PHONE CHAT with
Deaf Social/Support Group,
RSVP: 224-520-9763vp,
sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

WASH YOUR HANDS

SOAP & WARM WATER, 20 Seconds.

STAY HOME: avoid being near other people.

GET REST: getting enough sleep is important.

DRINK WATER

MOVE AROUND: do not sit at your VP or computer screen for hours.

FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN: There are hundreds of sites in the Chicago area where children can receive healthy, FREE meals. Text FOODIL to 877877, or call 1-800-359-2164. CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS has free lunch for children at many schools from 8 AM to 1 PM at over 450 sites every weekday. Find a site near you at cps.edu/mealsites. The Greater Chicago Food Depository has a number of "Pop-up Pantries". These are mobile sites where food is available for families. Go to: www.chicagofoodbank.org and search "Pop-up Pantries".

Remember, when the snow comes, keeping sidewalks ice-free is an important way to protect yourself and passersby from injury. It's also the law in Chicago, and many suburban municipalities. Residents & businesses who do not follow this rule could face fines of \$50 to \$500. **Chicago has a Snow Corps for helping seniors and people with disabilities.** To volunteer or request help, go to: www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/snowportal/snow_corps.html

WARNING: if you travel to ANY STATE OUTSIDE OF ILLINOIS, be careful. Wear your mask and stay 6 feet from other people. You MUST quarantine yourself for 14 days after you return. All states have high rates of COVID-19, but not all have strict mask & distance rules.

ELECTRONIC GIVING is an EASY way to contribute to St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.

INFO: deafsmitty@gmail.com (JIMMY SMITH).

He can make your giving to church each week simple, with no hassles!

IMMIGRATION LEGAL CLINICS:

Irish Community Services offers FREE 30 minute VIRTUAL meetings with immigration lawyers. Upcoming clinics Mar 3 & Mar 24. The meetings are FREE & CONFIDENTIAL. ALL Nationalities are welcome, not only Irish! If you are deaf and wish to attend one of these, contact Catholic Office of the Deaf to arrange an appointment and get an interpreter.

To register for a legal clinic please call 872-227-7099 or email info@irishchicago.org

Are you Deaf, DeafBlind or Hard of Hearing and need help with your taxes? CHS Tax Program can provide assistance. Free (no deductions) tax preparation on-site and remote. To schedule your appointment, and learn what documents you need, contact mcunningham@anixter.org

Family Together

To focus in on living out this week's gospel message, spend some time alone -- in prayer with God. At a pre-arranged meeting time, gather together as a group.

Discuss these topics:

One special way that I know I am of service to others is ... (helping with chores, visiting old people, babysitting, listening well, and so forth).

People tell me I am really good at... (singing, painting, reading, spelling, pitching, punting...whatever.)

How could I use my "talents" to serve others -- in healing and proclaiming the good news of God?

Do I believe that prayer helps me? Why or why not?

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter

February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

Lent is the season when God calls his people to return to him with their whole heart. God says that when we return to Him, we will find Him gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in kindness.

During the 40 days of Lent, we reflect on how we can move fully turn our lives over to God so that we can celebrate Easter with joyful hearts. The Church has given us many tools to help our reflection and conversion. Among these are the following: Ash Wednesday; Prayer; Fasting; Almsgiving; Reconciliation; Stations of the Cross; Holy Week. Each week I will be exploring these seven ways to practice Lent by offering background on each tradition, an accompanying prayer, and activities for parents to share the riches of Lenten practices with their family. By deepening our understanding of the disciplines, practices, and devotions of Lent, we will live Lent more fully and grow in relationship with God and one another.

Ash Wednesday is the most visibly Catholic day of the year, a day on which Catholic sacramentality (the outward expression of faith) literally adorns most Catholics right on their foreheads. The ashes, made from burning the blessed palms used on the previous year's Palm Sunday, are placed on our foreheads in the Sign of the Cross as a reminder of our mortality and total dependence on God as well as on our commitment to repent (turn away) from sin. This visible reminder of our mortality makes us rethink how we are living at the moment.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, Feb 28: Mass, 10:30am. Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon
Sun, Mar 7: Mass, 10:30am.
Sun, Mar 14: Mass & Anointing of the Sick, 10:30am.
6pm Mass, St. Julie Billiart (deaoned@stjulie.org)

REMINDER: the doors to the hall open at 10am each Sunday for Mass. There is no social time after Mass until further notice. When Mass is finished, you must leave the building.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR NEW INFORMATION. WWW.DEAFCHURCHCHICAGO.ORG
Many of our Chaplains for the Deaf are posting Masses on the internet.
Mon and Weds - Fr. Shawn Carey - www.facebook.com/bostondeafcatholic.org/
Tuesdays - Fr. Mike Depcik at 10:30 am EST, 7:30am PST - www.facebook.com/deafmass
Thursdays - Fr. Paul Zirimenya 12 noon PST, 3pm EST www.facebook.com/stbenedictparish
Fridays - 3pm - Divine Mercy Chapel - www.facebook.com/groups/icdaus/

State of Illinois has funds to help families pay utility bills, get help for food, pay rent. See if you qualify:
www2.illinois.gov/dceo/communityservices/homeweatherization/communityactionagencies/pages/helpillinoisfamilies.aspx

Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sun Feb 21: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Mon Feb 22: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tues Feb 23: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Weds Feb 24: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thurs Feb 25: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Fri Feb 26: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sat Feb 27: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO: www.archchicago.org
CATHOLIC OFFICE of the DEAF:
deafchurchchicago.org or Facebook
SWOBODA DEAF CENTER:
www.swobodadeafcenter.org or Facebook
JOLIET DEAF CATHOLICS:
www.deafcatholicjoliet.org
DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD:
<http://RockfordDiocese.org/DeafApostolate/>
DIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE:
www.facebook.com/dhhmo/

CONTACT INFORMATION

Catholic Office of the Deaf
3525 S. Lake Park Ave
Chicago, Illinois 60653
Phone: (312) 534-7899
VP: (312) 957-4766
TTY: (312) 534-8368
Fax: (312) 534-0394
E-Mail: cathdeafch@archchicago.org
deafchurchchicago.org

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Genevieve Balsitis	John Hoberg
Marijo Wimbush	Sr. Corita Ambro
Bill Ortiga	Peggy Franco
Genevieve Uhren	Richard Kush
Arlene Redmond	Deacon Casey Fronczek
Hedie Iovito	Dolores Wallace
Patricia Mancuso	Fr. Len Broniak
Frank Mancuso	Danny Rivera
Chris Wehking	William Costello
Caroline Goraj	Baby Victoria Solis
Majka family	James Mulcrone
Drucilla Ronchen	Joan Christian
Carmen Reyes	Esther Stolarski
Kay Mulvey	Mary Brandseth
Bill Cusack	Joseph Valicento
Theresa Stanis	Charlotte Seegert
Michael Kornacker	Mary Cook

JOHN LO, who died Feb 13 from CoVid.

- ♦ Rev. Joseph Mulcrone, Administrator
jmulcrone@archchicago.org
- ♦ Margaret Swatek - Rel Ed Coordinator
maggiedre@gmail.com
- ♦ Colleen Curry - Office Manager
cathdeafch@archchicago.org
- ♦ Deacon Emeritus Casimir Fronczek
casufonz@yahoo.com

Mass Every Sunday 10:30am
At St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center
Mass at 4:00pm:
St. Julie Billiart: 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

Pietryka Funeral Home
 5734 W. Diversey Avenue ~ 773-889-0115

Fullerton Funeral Home
 5735 W. Fullerton Ave. ~ 773-237-6400

Our family is dedicated to helping you share the stories that make this community great. We provide a place to cry, to laugh, and most importantly, begin the healing process that follows the loss of a loved one. Whether traditional or unique, we help you create a meaningful way to say goodbye.

SCHIELKA
 ADDISON STREET
 FUNERAL HOME

7710 W. ADDISON ST., CHICAGO
 (773) 625-3444
 WWW.SCHIELKAFH.COM

Lin's Mandarin
 Chinese & Asian Restaurant

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
708-452-0888

DINE IN • CARRY OUT • DELIVERY • CATERING

BEST CHINESE FOOD IN TOWN

www.linsmandarin.com

5050 N. Cumberland Ave. • Norridge

\$5.00 OFF
 Purchase of \$25 or more
 not incl. tax. Take out or delivery ONLY
 Mention coupon at time of order.
 Must present coupon for carryout and delivery.

Cambridge Manor
 Senior Living

2631 S. Indiana Ave.

Close to Downtown
 & Public Transportation
 62+ years to Apply
 Accepting Applications Now!

(312) 326-5023



PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE
 MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM

\$29.95/MO
 BILLED QUARTERLY

PLUS SPECIAL OFFER

CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772
 WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM



AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Jeff Hansen** to place an ad today!
 jhansen@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x2683

HELP WANTED! Experienced Auto Tech

Ted's Auto Clinic, Inc.

Your car deserves the best!
FULL-SERVICE preventative maintenance and auto repairs

Servicing Domestic and Import Vehicles

(773) 625-7360
 7850 W. Addison St. • Chicago
 www.tedsautoclinic.com



Jasanne Jewelry
 FINE JEWELRY
 AT DISCOUNTED PRICES

- Large Selection of Jewelry
- Custom Work
- All Kinds of Repairs

HARLEM IRVING MALL
 708-583-9285



FREE AD DESIGN
 WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE.

— 800-950-9952 —

4LPi WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES

Join our team

- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT: careers@4LPi.com
 www.4LPi.com/careers

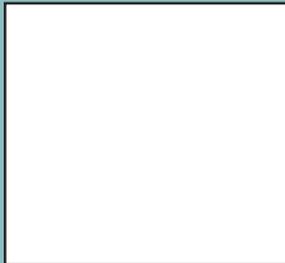
ARROW
 BODY & FENDER SERVICE, INC.

Joseph J. Bellocchio

\$50.00 OFF
 Any Insurance Repair

708-456-9424 www.arrowbodyandfender.com

7536 West Grand Avenue, Elmwood Park, IL



ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider | SafeStreets | 1-855-225-4251



4LPi WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES

Join our team

- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT
 careers@4LPi.com • www.4LPi.com/careers

Too Sick for Mass?

SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!
 www.parishesonline.com

