Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020

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

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<td>SATURDAY, APR 4</td>
<td>Lenten Weekday, St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (EZ 37: 21-28; JN 11: 45-56) 5:00 PM +John &amp; Irma Nace and Bill Rigo</td>
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<td>SUNDAY, APR 5</td>
<td>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (MT 21: 1-11; IS 50: 4-7; PHIL 2: 6-11; MT 26: 14-27: 66) 8:30 AM +Lou Loncar and Living and Deceased Members of HNS 11:00 AM +Eddie White</td>
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**All Events cancelled through Easter 04/12/20**

**SUNDAY, MAR 29**
8:30 AM Mass  
11:00 AM Mass

**MONDAY, MAR 30**
8:05 AM Rosary followed by  
8:30 AM Mass  
9:00 AM Adoration  
3:00 PM Divine Mercy

**TUESDAY, MAR 31**
8:05 AM Rosary followed by  
8:30 AM Mass

**WEDNESDAY, APR 1**
8:05 AM Avilas followed by  
8:30 AM Mass

**THURSDAY, APR 2**
8:05 AM Rosary followed by  
8:30 AM Mass

**FRIDAY, APR 3**
8:05 AM Rosary followed by  
8:30 AM Mass  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross/C

**SATURDAY, APR 4**
5:00 PM Mass

**SUNDAY, APR 5 Palm Sunday**
8:30 AM Mass  
11:00 AM Mass

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**Q** What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

**A** Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or “cathedra” in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop’s teaching authority.
We gave our best try! I am sorry to all those who tuned in last Sunday to see our first Livestreamed Mass. Our technical difficulties were the result of the company that we are dealing with. Their server was overloaded at the time and resulted in the shut down of our Livestream. We, of course, will not give up and valiantly will try again this Sunday. I hope you will be with us this Sunday at 8:30AM. Go to the parish website and just click on the Link for the Livestream Mass.

I do have to say, with only a handful of people present it was one of the strangest experiences to celebrate Sunday Mass in a totally empty Church. Afterwards I reflected on how much I miss our community. I pray each day that this pandemic will soon end. I do know that we must continue to take caution. As I write this column, Governor DeWine has given a Stay-at-Home order. This means only essential workers can go to their place of employment. Fr. Caddy, myself, and one staff member will be in the rectory through the week. If you have a need please don’t hesitate to call.

My own personal reflection about our world health crisis is the next two weeks are critical to contain the virus. If what all the experts are saying is true, then keeping down the numbers of people infected is critical to stopping the virus through the days of Holy Week. Since we will not be gathering as a community for our Holy Week liturgies, maybe we can offer that time to let this virus die and bring new life to the entire world. Jesus is our Life!!

I miss seeing everyone on the weekend. I guess you can say I just don’t understand the “I don’t need to go to Mass” mindset. We draw so much strength from being together, proclaiming the Word, and sharing in Holy Communion. These are great gifts and it is all about being in and around the altar together. I hope I never take for granted what we do in Church. It just brings greater depth to our lives. I hope you are feeling the same kind of sentiment. God’s glory will shine again for us soon at Divine Word!

This Fifth Sunday of Lent brings us front and center to Jesus’ mission. He offers new life to those who believe. He states from the beginning when he hears Lazarus is ill, “This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Death has no chance against Jesus Christ.

This is what we have learned from the very beginning of Lent. The Devil in the desert cannot stand against Jesus. What Jesus has is more powerful than evil and sin. The Transfiguration gave the three apostles a glimpse into the glory of God. No wonder they wanted to stay there on the mountain. The woman of Samaria could find the only thing that would bring meaning to her self-inflicted wounded life and that was the mercy Jesus freely offered. The man born blind had his eyes opened and his life renewed by Jesus who responded to this man’s faith. What we experience in today’s proclamation is Lazarus’ life given back to him. The powers of this world cannot compare to what Jesus offers us.

Next weekend is Palm Sunday. Several people have asked if we still have palms ordered and I can assure you we will have palms available. We will make them available to all once we gather back as a community. In the meantime, we will see you on our Livestream Palm Sunday Mass at 8:30am next weekend. I hope you can watch and pray with us. (The Livestream is also recorded so you can watch it at any time.)

We will let you know what we will be doing with our Holy Week Liturgies through next week’s bulletin and via the parish website. I cannot imagine as a priest not celebrating the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter liturgies. I will do everything I can to make these liturgies available to you on the Livestream.

As we enter deeper into the Lenten Season and prepare for Holy Week, I hope you have found a place and time to pray at home. Think of a corner in the house or a room and make it your “sacred space.” The next two weeks will be important in our reflection to stay on top of our relationship with the Lord through these sacred days. The Holy Week liturgies speak powerfully to all the powerful work Jesus has done in the world and in our lives. He never tires of giving of himself, if only we are willing to take what he has to offer.

Please know of my prayers for all of you. Each day I grow more anxious to be back with you around the Lord’s altar. These are trying days for all of us. Remember to be patient with each other, to persevere though these days, and pray. God is with us always. Keep the Faith and have a good Lenten week.
The teenage son was growing frustrated as he tried to show his dad how to program the remote control. Finally he sighed, “You know, this would be a lot easier if you were ten.”

After the Smiths moved into their larger home, little Dennis was telling his Grandma about the new place. “It’s really great,” he said. “Meg has her own room, the twins have their own room, and I have my own room.” Then he confided, “It’s too bad, though, because Mom and Dad have to share theirs.”

AM 1260 The Rock
AM 1260 The Rock will be offering our listeners additional opportunities to join in the Sunday liturgy. Beginning this weekend, you will be able to join us for the Sunday liturgy at the following times:

- The Diocese of Cleveland Mass for the Homebound will be broadcast at its regular time 10:30 AM Sunday AND at 4 PM Saturday.
- The Mass from EWTN will be broadcast at 8 AM Sunday AND again at 5 PM Sunday.
- And, don’t forget that weekday Masses are aired each weekday at 10 AM.

Please visit our website at am1260therock.com for our full schedule.

While we may be separated physically, we can be united in prayer for our world, for our Church, and for all those affected.

Pray With Us!
In addition to the Holy Mass, AM 1260 The Rock offers numerous opportunities for prayer throughout the day.

- Holy Rosary: 5:30 AM and 9:30 PM
- Divine Mercy Chaplet: 5 AM Monday through Friday; 3 PM Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
- Stations of the Cross for Priests: Fridays during Lent at 3 PM
- Devotion to the Holy Face: Tuesdays during Lent at 3 PM.
Simplify Your Life with Automated Giving!
Are you looking for an easy way to simplify your life? With our Automated Giving Program, the parish receives your donation automatically! Money is transferred from the account of your choice directly into Divine Word’s account. No more mad rush to find your weekly envelopes or a pen to write a check. Automated Giving makes your financial stewardship simple! Call Dee Germano in the parish finance office at 440-256-1412 to set up your Automated Giving Program.

Kirtland C.A.R.E.S.
Kirtland cares and is here to help! Due to an outpouring of support and concern from residents and community organizations, The City of Kirtland has formed Kirtland C.A.R.E.S. Response Team in an effort to help those most directly affected by the coronavirus, should an emergent need arise.
Kirtland C.A.R.E.S. Community : Action : Resources : Education : Support
Reach out to City personnel at KirtlandCares@KirtlandOhio.com or if you can help with any of the following:

◊ Identifying people in need, especially the elderly.
◊ Donations of non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, basic first aid items.
◊ Provide hands-on assistance delivering necessary items and connecting with shut-ins.

Thank you!

Wedding Banns
I Hannah Timperio & Kyle Smith

Divine Protection
The best defense is a good offense. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water. And observe the 20-second wash rule. Praying while you wash is a good practice.
The Prayer of Prayers takes only 20 seconds.

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father who art in Heaven
hallowed by thy name.
The kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen
God Bless You for Your Generosity

**Stewardship Report**

**Weekend of 03/21 & 03/22/2020**

Weekly Collection (61 envelopes): $4,529.00  
Weekly Collection Goal: $10,130.00  
Weekly Collection surplus/deficit: (-) $5,601.00

YTD Collection: $540,579.85  
YTD Goal: $540,983.00  
YTD Collection surplus/deficit: (-) $403.15

**St. Vincent de Paul**

The Gospel today challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives - joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

*Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.*

**IMPORTANT Food Collection News!**

Due to the suspension of Masses/liturgies in our state, the Easter Food Collection and distribution of the baskets is also suspended. Thank you to all who have supported this collection.

At this time, the donated items that we have will be delivered to Kirtland C.A.R.E.S. Response Team, which is a new program set up by the city to help those directly affected by the coronavirus. Once the COVID-19 pandemic is over, our monthly food collections will resume. Again, thank your for your continued support to our food collection program.

**Opportunity to Dream**

Young people must be provided good nutrition to be able to pursue their dreams. Did you have the opportunity to dream? What can you do to give young people the opportunity to dream? Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for more.

**Remember Our Sick & Suffering!**


Please take a moment to lift these individuals up in prayer this week. Please notify the parish office when a name needs to be removed.

**Four Seasons Book Club**

The Spring season will soon be upon us so let’s check out another good read. *On Heaven and Earth* presents a series of conversations from the man who became Pope Francis, Jorge Mario Bergoglio and Rabbi Abraham Skorka. They share their thoughts on faith, family, prayer, guilt, death and many other topics. Both men sought to build bridges among Catholicism, Judaism, and the world at large. Hope you can join us **Tuesday, May 12th** at 7 PM in the Gathering Area to share your opinions, questions, likes and dislikes regarding the book. Please acquire it on your own.

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**Komic Korner**

* Remember God’s Love Visits the Poor, You Me Back Home?  
* A Work in the Woods? With A Cub ScoutProof.
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