

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Saint Pius X**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL "To renew all things in Christ"  
More Than 50 Years of Faith!

Dear Friends,

Never in my life and ministry as a priest could I have imagined that we would find ourselves in a predicament like the one we find ourselves in this weekend. Like all of you, I could not have fathomed that we would ever be in a situation where the parishes across the nation and our world would have to cancel Sunday Masses, let alone weekday Masses. Never could I have ever conceived that the faithful people of God would ever be without access to the Eucharist. All of this is due to the COVID - 19 pandemic that has surged across the world. As many religious and world leaders have stated, this is certainly an unprecedented time.

It genuinely pains me that we priests must celebrate the Eucharist without our flock. Though the Eucharist is never a solitary event, since the Angels and Saints are always participants in the Sacred Liturgy, it is unsettling to know that the earthly participants cannot be present. I have personally seen the profound affect this has had on those of you who count upon that daily food, the Bread of Life, for your spiritual sustenance. We don't usually fully appreciate what we have until it is no longer available to us. Obviously, the coronavirus threat is serious enough to warrant such extreme measures.

These are difficult decisions for our civic leaders and our spiritual leaders, the bishops. They have to consult experts and weigh the many considerations before coming to a decision. They don't take this task lightly. From my own perspective, it is difficult to know what is the right thing to do. On one hand, we do not want to deprive anyone of the Sacraments. The Mass is the pinnacle of our life here on earth. On the other hand, we have to be responsible and care for the safety of the flock. It would be devastating if groups of people became ill and died resulting from close contact with other faithful who might be contagious. I read about a situation in South Korea where an individual who tested positive with the coronavirus infected a large swath of individuals at a church gathering. This all seems like a doomsday scenario.

Interestingly, this past Wednesday evening, I skeptically walked into the Sprouts store to see if they had any eggs. I was informed by my mother that she had purchased some there earlier in the day. Even though I had my doubts, I thought there would be no harm in investigating. As I was entering the store, a man saw me wearing my clerical collar and turned to me to ask quite seriously, "Is this the end times?" It didn't surprise me that he asked such a question. In fact, there is a certain urgency about everything that is going on and one could easily wonder if there is something more sinister going on in the world. I responded, "I really don't think so. It seems like it, doesn't it?" Indeed, there is a lot of uncertainty and anxiety these days. I proceeded to enter the store and sure enough, my skepticism turned out to be well-founded because the shelves were bare and there were no eggs to be found.

What is God saying to us in all of this? How do we make sense of everything that is happening? The answer remains to be seen. But perhaps some other questions could be considered in all of this. Have we been blind to the more important things in life? Have we allowed selfishness to obstruct our vision of God and our need for him? Could this be a way in which God is trying to break through our blindness to shine his light into the darkness of our hearts?



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Though God does not cause bad things to happen, he definitely brings good about from every event that occurs. All things fall under his providence. What is certain is that there are some very positive things happening. While there are many people selfishly hoarding items for a potential quarantine, there are many people who are unselfishly looking after the most vulnerable. There are those who are tending to the needs of their vulnerable neighbors and family members. There are groups reaching out to feed those who have no food. There are also people who are focusing on more serious affairs.

At a time like this, there are also people who are exhibiting tremendous faith. If anything, people are craving God even more. There is a recognition that we can lose many things in life, but there is one thing that stands at the very heart of our lives that we cannot lose, and that is faith. I've been amazed at the resourcefulness of many parishes who are looking for ways to reach out to the faithful and provide for their spiritual needs in spite of the challenges that face us. Here at St. Pius X, we are live-streaming (or as someone coined it, "love-streaming") the daily and weekend Masses. We will certainly have our 8:15 am daily Masses and Sunday 10:00 am Masses "love-streamed" on our Facebook page. We will inform you of any other methods we will use to reach out during the duration of this difficult time. Be sure to check our Facebook page or our website at [spxcc.org](http://spxcc.org) to get the latest news.

No doubt, God is trying to use this situation to draw us closer to him. When it appears that evil is gaining ground, the power of God always prevails. It is up to us not to

be afraid. Over and over again, through the words of scripture, Jesus tells us not to be afraid. As we reflect on the story of the healing of the blind man during this 4th Sunday of Lent, let us ask ourselves where we have been blind to God's action in our lives. Let us ask him for healing from those times when we have taken him for granted. Let us encourage one another in faith as we pray for an end to the threat of the coronavirus. Jesus will sustain us. Remember . . . by his death, He was victorious over evil. May Jesus reign!

† **May He Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Guadalupe Lara, Jr. whose funeral Mass was held here this past week. Please keep his family in your prayers.



**CRS Rice Bowls  
- Meet Maria Ana**

Meet Maria Ana Maria Ana and her brothers receive one meal a day at school, so that they can focus on achieving their dreams. How was education important for your future? How can you we ensure that all young people have a chance to be educated? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

## Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*

*First Saturday: 8:15AM*

*Saturday: Vigil at 5:30PM.*

*Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM*

*Vietnamese Mass: 7:30PM*

*(Babysitting at 10AM and 12 noon Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)*

*Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,*

*Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM*

*Holy Days: 6:30AM, 8:15AM, 12PM & 6:00PM(Vigil 5:30PM)*

*Confessions: Thursdays 7-8PM, Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM*

*Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.*

*Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register on website or through the office.*

*Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays*

## ***Mass Intentions Will Be Offered***

Even though Masses have been cancelled, Fr. Paul will continue to offer the intentions at the private Masses he celebrates during this time. If there are any uncelebrated intentions, we will attempt to reschedule them.

## ***Sunday Contributions***

This is a very difficult time for everyone financially, but if you can possibly continue your parish giving, it helps us to maintain our operating expenses. Please visit [www.spxcc.org](http://www.spxcc.org) and click on the "Online Giving" tab to give online. Otherwise, feel free to mail in your contributions or drop them in the black locked mailbox on the porch of the parish office.

## ***Sunday Mass Babysitting CANCELLED***

With the cancellation of Sunday Masses, babysitting is also cancelled until further notice.

## ***Men's Club BBQ Chicken CANCELLED***

The Men's Club has cancelled their chicken BBQ for this weekend. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

## ***Lenten Parish Mission CANCELLED***

This parish mission has been cancelled.

## ***Easter Flower Offering***

Please donate for Easter Flowers! For those who receive contribution envelopes monthly, you will find an envelope for Easter Flower offerings in your packets. Those who don't receive envelopes in the mail can find flower offering envelopes for your convenience at the doors of the church. If you would like to make a contribution, please return the donation to the church by Sunday, April 5th, so that donor's names can be included in our Easter Bulletin.

## ***Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Holy Week***

Sadly, most of our Lenten gatherings have been cancelled, including our Lenten Parish Mission. However, we CAN still gather in small groups of 10 or less (maintaining proper social distancing, of course) and study God's Word. So, YES, we are still planning on viewing the two hour Bible Study from Dr. Brant Pitre called Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Holy Week. In order to stay within the 10 person limit, we have added additional viewing opportunities. Each session will be the same, so sign up for the time that best suits you. All sessions will be held in the Youth Center:

Monday, March 30th at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 31st at 2:00 pm

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Tuesday, April 7th at 2:00 pm

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Please contact the Parish Office and let us know which session you would like to attend.

## ***Prayer against Coronavirus (Inspired by Psalm 91):***

Gracious and Loving Father in heaven, our refuge, our stronghold, and fortress, our God in whom we trust. We come to you imploring your loving intervention at the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus and its crippling effects on our lives. We sincerely trust that you will rescue us from the fowler's snare, and from this destructive plague, and that your faithfulness will be our protecting shield. You have assured us that we shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon. You invite us to cling to you and to call upon your name in times of distress. Command your angels to guard us in our ways, lest we become targets of this debilitating virus. Please do not be mindful of our failures and shortcomings, but in your merciful love protect, heal and deliver us from this present predicament. We ask this through our Lord Jesus who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (Fr. John Britto Antony C.S.C.)

Mass Intentions



**Saturday, March 21st**

8:15AM John C. Kelly's well-being by James Kelly  
5:30PM † Catherine Kelly by Ken & Liz Morgan

**Sunday, March 22nd**

8:00AM For the Parishioners  
10:00AM † Sarah Gough Bordenet by Sondra Cazalas  
12:00PM † Dwayne Ellis & KarMen King's Ints. by Rick McCabe  
5:30PM † Pat Booth by Ken & Liz Morgan

**Monday, March 23rd**

6:30AM † James W. Kelly, Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly  
8:15AM † Behn Hubbard by Jim & Carolyn Buehrig

**Tuesday, March 24th**

6:30AM † Celia G. Perez by Emma Cuellar  
8:15AM † Ethel Batte by the Reumuth family

**Wednesday, March 25th**

6:30AM † Albert T. & Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly  
8:15AM Julian Liam Galloway's health by his Grampa  
† Deceased members of the Darilek family  
† Roberto Peña by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora  
Sara Villarreal's Ints. by St. Pius X School  
Dennis & Karen Farias' Ints. by St. Pius X School  
5:30PM † Mary, John & James Patrick Kelly by K.K.H.  
† Frank Kollaja by Gladys Lippincott  
Liliane Van Hoof's well-being by James Kelly  
James W. Kelly 3rd well-being by James Kelly  
John C. Kelly's well-being by James Kelly  
John David Broadstreet's Ints.  
In Thanksgiving

**Thursday, March 26th**

6:30AM † John Boyd by Lucy Boyd  
8:15AM † Ashley Glorfield by Mary Glorfield

**Friday, March 27th**

6:30AM † Anna Van Dyck by James & John Kelly  
8:15AM † Charlotte Groner by T. Groner, Jr.  
5:30PM † Theresie Krnavek by Ken, Paula, Andrea, Kenny & Elizabeth Harrison

**Saturday, March 28th**

8:15AM † Henry Muenster  
5:30PM † Sterling Achee by Anna Vrazel

**Sunday, March 29th**

8:00AM For the Parishioners  
10:00AM † Norman & Luisa Arevalo by their family  
12:00PM † Annie Krnavek Annv. by her family  
5:30PM † Frank Kollaja by Alhambra

**Financial Report for Sunday 3/15/2020**

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection..... \$10,395.01  
Sunday Online ..... \$2,985.00  
Other Income ..... \$120.00  
Easter Flowers..... \$602.00  
Total Operating Revenue... \$14,102.01

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity ..... \$1,984.88  
Janosek Scholarship ..... \$100.00  
Ash Wednesday ..... \$300.00  
Total Other Contributions..... \$2,384.88

Total Contributions..... \$16,486.89

Diocesan Loan – Parking Lot, A/C, Roof Repairs (1/6/2017)

Amount borrowed ..... \$389,469.05  
Principal pd (2/29/20) ..... \$129,018.19  
Ending balance..... \$260,450.86

**Please Pray for the Sick & Shut-ins:**

Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Kirk Anderson, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Tamra Bacon, Allan Balderas, Elida Benavides, Bernice Berry, Isabel Black, Judy Bowman, Jimmy Buehrig, Michael Campos, Lisa Caperton, Allison Cash, Eddie Castro, Sylvia Chatelain, Dora Church, Sabrina Cisneros, Gino Colmenero, Melanie Conner, Carole Cotter, Shirley Currie, Delgado, Sandy DeGregorio, Florinda DeLaGarza, Didra DeLosSantos, Pud'n Dellinger, Albert Diemert, Ethel Dulak, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Balde Espinoza, Elijah Ethridge, Bobby Floyd, Julian Galloway, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Esperanza Garcia, Minerva Garcia, Dora Garza, Raquel Garza, Terry Garza, Leigh & Jackson Gavarkovs, Deborah Giese, Beatriz Gonzalez, Juan Gonzalez, Jared Groner, Linda Habeeb, Monte Hall, Rose Marie Hand, Doyle Harris, Owen Harris, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Anna Hernandez, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Elizabeth Johnson, Steve Jones, Frank Kolda, Dennis Kramer, Arlene Leep, Diana Lopez, Mario Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Christopher Manka, Dottie Margrave, Gilbert Martinez, Jack McCord, Pat McLemore, Katie Mechlar, Barbara Mikulik, Fred Mitchell, Melynda Moore, Arlene Morgan, John Morgan, Liz Morgan, Sterling Murphy, Doug Nicol, Trent O'Connell, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Ozzie & Mary Osborne, Valerie Pompa, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Aaron & Mercedes Presas, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Leo M. Robles, Stella Rollins, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Myron Rose, Hedy Rosenast, Lorena Roy, David Russell, Hidalgo Salas, Americo Salazar, Luis Salazar, Robert Sanchez, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Brandee Saylor, David N. Scherzer, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Clara Skelton, Maxine Sommers, Dean Smith, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Donna Tindall, Andrew Trevino, Bessie Vasquez, Leah Villalobos, Santana Villarreal, Judy West, Cynthia Williams, Helen Witzsche and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

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