



**No Classes
until further notice.**

Cancellations and postponements:

- * Church office will take phone calls but not visitors. If you have an emergency please call Fr. Ron. 850-8593.
- * Classes are postponed until further notice.
- * Birthright office closed. Call hotline 1-800-550-4900, or Facebook, Messenger.
- * Pastoral Ministry Days has been cancelled.
- * Chrism Mass will be livestreamed without the public.
- * CSS Palm Sunday Brunch is cancelled.

Posted on the diocesan website

(www.RapidCityDiocese.org) a number of prayers and resources that are available online, We are making all of these available, and there are a lot here, so we hope to highlight different resources on various days on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/FaithFormationRCSD>).

You can find them at this direct link:
<https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/televised-mass/>
and there find links to:

- * *Online Masses*
 - * *A Spiritual Communion Prayer*
- Resources for personal or family prayer and study (found at the bottom). In the Resource section, you will find:
- * *Prayers* – many prayers that can be prayed at any time, the audio rosary with Bishop Gruss, the Divine Mercy chaplet – in print and video links, live prayer events at Terra Sancta, and many other prayers
 - * *Novenas for Time of Plague* – novena prayers to Our Lady, St. Joseph, Protector of the Church, St. Rocco, patron saint against plagues, and more.
 - * *Stations of the Cross* – print and video versions
 - * *Saints* – saints for times of plague, and many others, along with some saint videos
 - * *Learning Opportunities* – free online courses, resources, videos, reflections, lectures, podcasts, etc.!
 - * *Children & Teens* – daily podcast for kids, family resources, videos, activities, reflections, a weekly LIVE Youth night for teens, etc.
 - * *Liturgy of the Hours* – links to pray this prayer online, through an app, or listen to an audio version

**USCCB President's Reflection and Prayer
During Coronavirus - March 13, 2020**

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of

God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Our Sacred Vision: Like Jesus, Saint John's Church is a welcoming, serving, vibrant community, forming saintly disciples.



**Prayer
Stewardship
Solidarity
Mercy
Charity
Family**



They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. JN 9:34-38

Let Us Fast

While fasting with the body, brothers and sisters, let us also fast in spirit. Let us lose every bond of iniquity; let us undo the knots of every contact made by violence; let us tear up all unjust agreements... that we may receive mercy from Christ our God. Amen
—Byzantine Vespers



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**Love God - Serve God
Love Others - Serve Others
Make Disciples**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22nd, 2020**

Confessions: Saturday 4:00pm or appointment
Mass Times: Saint John's
Saturday - 5:30pm
Sunday - 7:30am, 10:00am
Weekday Mass *** check weekly bulletin schedule
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 7:00am
Tuesday - 5:30pm
First Saturday of month - 8am
Sacramental Preparation:
Marriage - 6 months notification and preparation.
Baptism - Call Father Ron for information
Anointing - If a hospital or surgical procedure is scheduled, call to schedule the celebration of the Sacrament.

St. John's Weekly Schedule

Sundays: No Classes until further notice. All masses suspended until National Emergency concludes.

Church is open sunrise to sunset

Come in to adore the Lord but not as a group-let us do our part in containing this virus and stay 10' apart....

I will be hear **confession each day in St. John Church, 5-7pm**, (for those who are healthy-if you are ill please do not come and infect others).

Again, sit 10' apart.

Parish Confessions: daily 5pm-7pm (for those that are healthy. If you are ill please do not come and infect your fellow parishioners).

A confessional is set up in front of the Divine Mercy Icon to help social distancing.

No stations of the cross

No Communal Penance Service

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,

I have sinned against You whom

I should love above all things.

I firmly intend with Your help, to do my penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen

Weekly Readings:

Sunday, March 22nd:

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

Monday, March 23rd:

Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 24th:

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 25th:

Isaiah 7:10-14,; 8:10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26th:

Exodus 32:7-14 John 5:31-47

Friday, March 27th:

Wisdom 2:1, 12-22 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 28th:

Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-53

Sunday, March 29th:

Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45

Please kneel down after Mass and say three hail Mary's for the next person from our parish to pass away.



Merciful Father, throughout the ages you have blessed your people and preserved them in times of difficulty. We thank you for your great love. We plead before you now to protect us from illness, from sin, from fear and despair. Nurture us with your love and care. Guide us to respond to the challenges we face with your mercy and wisdom. May we, the Church, experience anew your Spirit of love and find hope and joy in our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we make this prayer. Amen. St. Joseph, our guide and protector, pray for us. Holy Mary, our mother and our hope, pray for us. (Rapid City Diocesan Administrator Fr. Michel Mulloy).

In South Dakota, Catholics are dispensed from Sunday Mass obligation during this public health emergency. This is a call to beseech Mary, Mother of the Church, and Joseph, Protector of the Church, who nurtured and guided young Jesus. We, the Church, the Body of Christ on earth, are in need of protection, nurturing and guidance these days. **Pray the rosary daily**, especially the Joyful Mysteries. **At the end of the rosary invite add: St. Joseph, Protector of the Church, pray for us.**

Saints often made an act of spiritual communion when they couldn't receive the Eucharist at Mass. For various reasons we may be prevented from receiving the Eucharist at Mass. We may have broken the one hour fast, be in a state of mortal sin, be homebound by illness or caring for another, and unable to attend Mass. In these cases the Church encourages us to make an **act of spiritual communion**, to express to God our desire, when we are unable to complete that union receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus. The ultimate goal of our lives is communion with God; an act of spiritual communion draws one closer to that goal.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. (A Prayer Amid an Epidemic, by Karry Weber, Executive Editor, America)

From Father Ron:

20 March 2020. Reorientation.

There is shock these pandemic days and needed adjustment. I don't call this the new normal, it is emergency protocol. The most concise description of faith I've seen: All will be well, weird but well. A new daily schedule is upon us all. Yesterday, I took the 30 steps from my house to the church and found a parish council member kneeling in prayer before the St. Joseph window: such a virtuous response on a Wednesday late afternoon.

Private mass.

Per diocesan directives, I'm saying a private Mass at an undisclosed time, to avoid gathering a crowd. We need to keep distance, to avoid spreading the unseen dangerous virus. Jesus' all powerful grace is blessing our area, as Fr. Joe and I daily renew the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist. My intention each day is for you all.

So, to continue Jesus' sacraments on an individual basis, I will be each day in St. John Church, 5-7pm, ready to hear Confessions. The usual room is too small; it's an air borne virus transmitter. I set up station in front of left pews, near the Divine Mercy Icon. I'll play music while we speak.

St Joseph be my guide.

I'm grateful for your prayer support, as I joined many West River priests and seminarians who made the consecration to St Joseph yesterday. We are being formed by the grace of Jesus, imitating the virtue of the saints. My daily prayer gives me direction: kneeling in front of the Blessed Sacrament, with statues of Mother Mary and Good St. Joseph holding baby Jesus : "Jesus, I adore you. Mary, your heart, Joseph, your deeds."

I recommend a song by Danielle Rose. (In Youtube, search for "Holy Family Rose")

Call me if there's need. We won't administer Home Communion. If there's serious need for Anointing of the Sick, I will come to your house (or hospital), put on a mask, apply the oil with a swab, and beg the Lord's healing grace.

During this difficult time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. To help them sanctify their day and to keep walking in the liturgical rhythm of the Church, we are honored to make our **online version of MAGNIFICAT** temporarily available to **everyone for free**. You will find the daily and Sunday mass readings. Please help us spread this message and share this email and link: www.magnificat.com/free with as many people as you can.

In addition to its online edition, MAGNIFICAT is now offering **complimentary access to its iOS and Android Apps** throughout May. To register for **free access in English**, visit www.magnificat.com/free. For **free access in Spanish**, visit and register at www.magnificat.com/gratis

Prayer Intentions: Together we pray for:

Leo Nemeec, Sylvia Ballew, Ray and Saylor Herren, Pam Steece, Jess Dravland, Brett Hanson, Susan Colleran, Janice Dokter, Connie Pohlman, Lori Gibson, Pauline Witte, David Gross, Jim Hoffman, Brian Conzem, Colleen Wiess, David Wilber, Jean Rounds, Jim Soyer, James Hicks, Jonathan Perez, JR Chambliss, Chris Maxwell, Mary Mathews, Kayden Neiman, Mary Joan Arbach, Marilyn Schreurs, Cody Olson, Curtis Egan, Ted Schlechter, Peggy Hoffman, Lou and Walter Abbott, Eugene Nagel, Chris Boxley, Joe Pitlick, Shirley Gross, Tom LeGrun, Connie Waldner, Lynette Singleton, Jerry Sylva, Trent Giddings, Evonne Flax, Ciindy Hanson, Darlene LeClaire, David DeJean, Madlyn Fischer, Bob Manning, Susan Kary, Ruth Carey, Brad Maskovich, Ken Stewart, Cory Baier, Shirley Weiseler, Tom Garrity, David Lowenstein, Carl Mathews, Frank Fransen, Delmer Fawcett, Evie Graber, Milton Tiper, Denny Weaver, Misty Brown, Mike Kelly, Steve Zaiko, Ashlynn Fitts, Brian Dumas, Freda Lawhon, William Anderson, John Manning, Richard Brown, Pam Patton, Keri Hendrickson, Yvonne Ehlers, Eva Fischer, Cassie Miller, Mona Lierly, Kathy Fenwick, Lynae Benham, Theresa Severyn, Kaylee Jo Gallagher and all who ask for our special prayers.

To add/amend prayer list call Irma LeFaive-280-9055.
If you would like a prayer shawl please call church office.



Knights of Columbus news: Little Flower Council #6117
KC meetings suspended until further notice as are breakfasts.

Knights of Columbus always welcome new members. Please consider joining our local council to further your Catholic journey and contribute to our Faith in Action programs like Family, Faith, Community, and Life. Your journey will take you through our 4 principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Call Tom LeFaive: 280-7865.

Fasting and Abstinence: observed Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.

The law of fasting requires Catholics from 18th birthday - 59th birthday (*not yet reached* 60th year) to reduce food eaten from normal - one meal a day and two smaller meals which, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, **all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday**.

Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday-one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige - the sick or those with some other medical reason, the frail, and pregnant or nursing women. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

Angel of God

*My guardian dear
to whom God's love
commits me here.*

*Ever this night be at
my side to light
and guard, to rule
and guide.*

Amen

