

Pope Francis at the Vatican prayed on Friday a special blessing for the city and the world. In his homily following the gospel story of Jesus calming the storm, and Peter's conversion and ministry: "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith"? Dear brothers and sisters, from this place that tells of Peter's rock-solid faith, I would like this evening to entrust all of you to the Lord, through the intercession of Mary, Health of the People and Star of the stormy Sea. From this colonnade that embraces Rome and the whole world, may God's blessing come down upon you as a consoling embrace. Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies and comfort our hearts. You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith is weak, and we are fearful. But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm. Tell us again: "Do not be afraid" (Mt 28:5). And we say, together with Peter, "cast all our anxieties onto you, for you care about us" (cf. 1 Pet 5:7)



Wash your hands, to the length of praying
an Our Father and a Hail Mary.

Prayer Intentions: Together we pray for:

Leo Nemec, 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 Liery, 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.



Fr. Michel Mulloy, Rapid City Diocese Administrator
We need to respect civil authorities as they seek to protect us. **You have no obligation to attend Sunday mass**, until the emergency protocols are changed.

Pray at home. Spiritual and faith formation resources are available on the diocese of Rapid City website: rapidcitydiocese.org Watch Sunday mass KELO TV, 10am CT. Watch other recordings of Mass and devotion. This is a time to pray as a family. **Keep the Lord's Day holy**, even if not in a church.

Rapid City Catholic Social Services has capacity for counseling through your computer or phone connection. Call 605 348 6086. CSS is establishing a Disaster response fund. Details will be posted on the Diocesan website.

Most loving God, Creator of all of life and love, We turn to you to care for all your people, and especially the most vulnerable. We thank you for your presence among us and the peace you offer us in this present moment. Send us your Spirit to fill us with courage and hope and a peace that surpasses all understanding, so that we might be your instruments of love and life-giving assistance for others. Through this transition, may we come together as people of faith, as people of faith in a transition so often do by your grace. May we move through this transition more united and more determined to care for one another, especially those most vulnerable.
In your Holy name we pray, Amen.

Josie Huck, Brian Serpan, and Fr. Ron were preparing a **Holy Week in Their Shoes** focused activity, before the pandemic hit us. We will have a bag containing a blessed Palm, and a poster with a prayer and activity each day of Holy Week. You may pick it up on Palm Sunday April 5, at Padre Hall, 8am to noon. If you are not already on the faith formation family list, contact Josie: 280 9428 josie.stjohns@midconetwork.com

Cancellations due to the pandemic quarantine:

- * Church office will take phone calls but not visitors.
- * Birthright office closed. Call hotline 1-800-550-4900, or contact by Facebook, Messenger.
- * Diocesan Pastoral Ministry Days has been cancelled.
- * CSS Palm Sunday Brunch is cancelled.
- * Chrism Mass will be livestreamed on Diocesan website.
- * Unless there's a miracle of pandemic ending, Easter Mass throughout the dioceses of Sioux Falls and Rapid City will not be open for public.
- * SD Knights of Columbus convention the last weekend of April. Delegates will connect for fraternal decisions online. State Deputy Gerry Dvorak: The Knights before us dealt with challenges in their time, and we can persevere through them as well. We call upon the Holy Spirit to help us to put our Catholic Faith into action.

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**



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29th, 2020**

(After Lazarus died, they came to a cave) "and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him. John 11:33-45

From Fr. Ron: Reorient, during this time of quarantine in the Cov-19 pandemic

There is shock these days and need for **adjustment**. The most concise description I've seen: All will be well, weird but well. A new daily schedule is upon us all. Last week, 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 .

Private mass. Per diocesan directives to avoid gathering a crowd, I'm saying a private Mass each day, without revealing the time, so as to not start a rumor of favoritism by inviting some and not others. 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.

The church building is open each day, sunrise to sunset. Come to adore Jesus. Keep 10 feet distance between you (and family)and others.

I can offer Jesus' sacrament of Reconciliation. Each day in St. John Church, from 5-7pm, I am ready to hear Confessions. The usual room is too small. I set up station in front of left pews, near the Divine Mercy Icon, and will play music while we speak.

At the parish website stjohnsfortpierre.org there is a line near the top: "click to listen..." I have posted sound files, with daily reflections. iPhone users need to install 'Google Docs' app, and give access (in Files app> enable GoogleDrive).

Call me on the phone 223 2176, or by cell 605 850 8593., for info or help.

We are planning to assist families in need. Donate to parish by mail (206WMain) for our usual expenses or for this charitable Angel Fund. Write a memo on your check.

Thanks for your prayerful support of me and brother priests. St Joseph, be our guide.

Intercede throughout the day

9a.m. - Prayer for those infected with the virus and all who are ill Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

12p.m. - Prayer for health care workers and those attending to the sick Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

3p.m. - Prayer for first responders and essential workers Lord, we pray for those who run to danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

6p.m. - Prayer for people of every nation and their leaders Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray for people of every nation and their leaders, asking that they be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

9p.m. - Prayer for those who have died today Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

