

Holy Week in their shoes

Palm Sunday For each of these days, we learn virtue from those close to Jesus and see the weakness and sin of others.

We pray with Jesus' beatitudes, and our resolution. Complete the prayer in your words: Eternal God, in Jesus we see what you mean to be **poor in spirit**. Help us imitate Him by ...



Monday Woman anoints Jesus

Mt 26:7,13 a woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, poured it on his head while he was reclining at table. In pouring this perfumed oil upon my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be spoken of, in memory of her."

Malchus Lk 22:50-51 His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked, "Lord, shall we strike with a sword?" And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply, "Stop, no more of this!" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him.

Merciful God, ever close to us, You inspired this woman to show love for Jesus, **meek and lowly** like a servant. We show our love for you by ...



Tuesday John Jn 19:25 Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, Mary of Magdala, & John. Rev 7:14,17 "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb...For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple...For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will

wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Pilate Mt 27: 22-25 Pilate took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves." And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children."

O God, who gave your only Son to save us, and sent a miracle of protection to the Elder John to drive out the snake of poison as he was being **persecuted for sake of holiness**; we pray for courage to tell the good news...

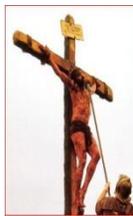


Wednesday Mary Magdalene Lk 8:2 With Jesus were some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out. Mt 27:55 There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Soldiers Mt 27:33-36 And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of the Skull), they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there.

O God who frees us from slavery to sin, we thank you as did Mary Magdalene, who was **single hearted in serving Jesus, the Savior**. We show our gratefulness by

Holy Thursday Peter Jn 18:1-11 Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. ...Then Simon Peter, who had a sword,



drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?"



Jn 21:17 After rising from the dead, Jesus said, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my sheep."

O God, who show mercy and patience, we learn from Peter the apostle that repentance and reform leads to a change of heart, how Peter was forgiven on Easter so he could **hunger and thirst for holiness**. We learn to have sorrow for sin, to change, and to resolve to do good. I promise...



Good Friday Simon of Cyrene Lk 23: 26 As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus.

Soldier spearing Jesus' heart Jn 19:33-34

When the soldiers came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

To You Lord, who hears the cry of the poor, we learn by **showing mercy to those in need**. With Simon we help the poor. We promise to help those in need by



Holy Saturday

Joseph of Arimathea Mt 27:57-59 A rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it [in] clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed.

Guards at tomb Mt 27:64-66 Pilate said to them, "The guard is yours; go secure it as best you can." So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone.

Eternal God, you inspired Joseph to **mourn** for Jesus crucified. We offer our prayers for the deceased and their family, especially by

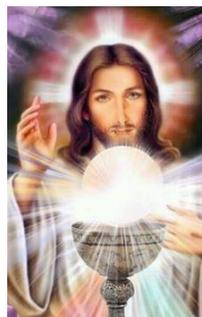


Easter Sunday

Mary Lk 2:33-35 The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon said to Mary, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Caiaphas Jn 11:49-52 Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing, nor do you consider that it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish." He ... prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not only for the nation, but also to gather into one the dispersed children of God.

God, You chose Mary to be the mother of Messiah and mother of the church. She was **glad and rejoiced receiving the peace of Jesus**. We long for Eucharist, and we share in the joy of The Risen Lord & Mary by ...

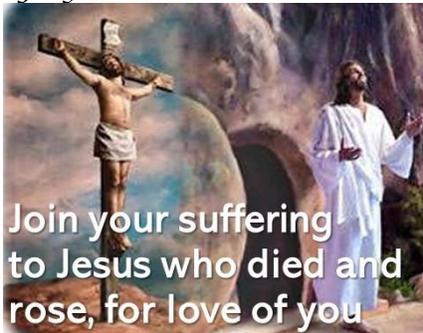


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Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020

Church is open sunrise to sunset. Come to pray, keep 10 feet distance. No public mass until emergency ends. Keep distance to avoid spread of the unseen virus.

Blessed Palms are available Sunday 10am – noon (come to Padre Hall door and we'll walk to your car), and during Holy Week 5-7pm in church. Two palms per family.



On Good Friday, I will be praying the Church's venerable tradition, and adding this intention: Let us pray, dearly beloved, for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father will heal the sick, strengthen those who care for them, and help us all to preserve in faith. Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us, and in your fatherly providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care of them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge.

Private mass. Per diocesan directives to avoid gathering a crowd, I'm saying a private Mass each day. We aren't distributing Holy Communion except as Viaticum, so as not to start a rumor of favoritism by inviting some and not others. 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.

In church I offer Jesus' sacrament of Reconciliation. **Each day 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).

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

"Catholic parents must learn to form their family as a "domestic church," a church in the home as it were, where God is honored, his law is respected, prayer is a normal event, virtue is transmitted by word and example, and everyone shares the hopes, the problems and sufferings of everyone else. All this is not to advocate a return to some outdated style of living: It is to return to the roots of human development and human happiness!" – Pope John Paul II



From Rob Coverdale: Parents: keep a routine; closely monitor cell phone usage and social media!!! Avoid letting them get into the habit of staying up late and then sleeping in until noon.

Knights of Columbus encourage families to hang the image of **Divine Mercy on the home front door**

#SealTheDoorpost Print a picture off an internet search. Contact parish office if you need one.

Fr. Michel Mulloy, Rapid City Diocesan 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, 10 AM CT. Watch other recordings of Mass and devotion. This is a time to pray as a family. **Keep the Lord's Day holy.**



The devotional on the other side of this page is meant as a prayer together, for each day of Holy Week. In crucial times, your focus on the saving love of Jesus will ground you in hope and strengthen your charity. Look for ways to help your neighbors.

Rapid City Blessed Sacrament Church will be live streaming the Triduum liturgies. Go to blessedsacramentchurch.org

Spiritual Communion prayer:

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.

There is nothing wrong in hungering for the Lord.

Rapid City Catholic Social Services has capacity for counseling through your computer or phone connection. Call 605 348 6086. CSS is also establishing a Disaster response fund. Go to website cssrapidcity.com

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.