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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday                      . 5:00 pm
Sunday                        . 8:00 am, 11:00 am,
                             1:00 pm (Misa en Español)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday     . 8:00 am
Wednesday                     . 9:00 am, 6:00 pm
Friday                        . 8:00 am at Old St Paul
First Saturday                . 8:00 am
Holy Days of Obligation per announcements

PASTORAL STAFF
Father Thomas Tully, Pastor

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Deacon Mike Mahoney,
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Deacon David Kierski,
School Principal

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 29, 2020

Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”
John 11:43

We are still OPEN
(but mostly online).
LENT is still ON.
Easter is still COMING!
Thanks be to God!

Dear Friends at Saint Paul:

Please see inside this bulletin for many spiritual aids to help meet our
needs as a church and as Catholic disciples. The Lord Jesus is Lord of
all and we have a fountain of HOPE for ourselves and others within us
in the Holy Spirit.

Now is the time to PRACTICE your Faith. Usually by “practice” we
mean the sacraments and attendance at Mass but for today we mean
place trust in God and in God’s goodness. He is unchanged in
compassion, power, or plan! May God be praised, both now and
forever! Peace,

Faithfully,

[Signature]
SAINT PAUL SCHOOL GOES VIRTUAL

The Saint Paul Catholic School building is closed to students in response to the spread of the coronavirus and related social-distancing policies in our State and Diocese. However, thanks to the innovation and hard work of our Principal, Deacon David Kierski, and the school staff, school opened virtually promptly at 7:50 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18th.

On March 13th, students had taken home books and materials as a precaution, and home offices, bedrooms and kitchen tables were turned into virtual classrooms.

Using Zoom, a videoconferencing platform, students are able to see and talk with their teachers and classmates via their computers. The day begins with a virtual morning assembly and prayer followed by students logging into their individual classrooms where teachers are waiting. After a few minutes of saying hello and making sure everyone is fully connected, teaching and learning begins.

In addition to the important academic work that is able to continue, Virtual Saint Paul also allows students to check in with their classmates, and enjoy a bit of the daily camaraderie they had at school. The familiar routine is been a source of security and comfort for our children during uncertain times.

Lenten Service Project Suspended

The school has suspended our Lenten Service Project until we are back in our classrooms. The beneficiary of the Lenten service project this year is The Filling Station in Pollocksville. Since many people are unable to work because of closings, local food banks are more in need of donations than ever. Please donate to The Filling Station, RCS or other charities as you are able.

2020 Reach for the Stars Gala, New Date

The 2020 Reach for the Stars Gala, which was scheduled for March 21st at the Flame Banquet Center has been rescheduled for Friday, May 8th, at the Flame. The on-line auction will start sometime prior to the Gala. Details will be announced as we get closer to the date.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

It’s incredible but seemingly true - there is a Saint Corona and she is one of the patrons of pandemics. (The Coronavirus sweeping the globe is also named for “crown”.) Little is known about St. Corona, but most agree that she and the man she prayed for, St. Victor, were put to death in the year 170 A.D.

The legend tells the tale of a Roman soldier named Victor. The Romans discovered that Victor was a Christian. He was bound to a pillar and summarily whipped until his skin was hanging from his body. Through it all, Victor never denied Christ.

Nearby, was a 16-year-old girl named Corona. As Victor was being brutalized, Corona decided she needed to help the slowly dying man. She chose to announce her Christianity to all present, and hurried over to where they were torturing Victor. She knelt and began to pray for him, letting him know she was there for him.

St. Corona was arrested and tied by her feet to the tops of two palm trees, which were bent to the ground. When the palms were let loose, she was torn apart. St. Corona’s mortal remains are housed in the city of Anzu, in Northern Italy, the epicenter of the recent outbreak of Coronavirus in Europe. Her feast day, along with St. Victor’s, is May 14th.

Aleteia.org/2020/ and Dioceseofflansing.org/news/
In Ezekiel’s time, God’s people did not believe in an afterlife. His prophecy would have given some people hope in a future beyond the grave, but others would have struggled to believe. At the time of Jesus, even those who had come to believe in the resurrection of the dead thought God would raise the just all at once as part of completing His reign. By raising Lazarus, Jesus reveals God’s life-saving presence had already become active in a new, though unexpected way. The spirit of God flowed outward from Jesus to free people from sin and death. The gift of God’s spirit begins now. We participate in the life-giving power of God whenever we work to free those who are trapped, bound, entombed; victims of domestic violence, refugees, the chronically ill, the homebound, the unborn. By standing for life, we reveal the continuing action of the Spirit of God in our world.

UNBIND US

Father of life, Lord of the living, just as Your Son called Lazarus forth from the tomb, so He commands us to step away from all that binds us.

Revive our sense of evil so that we will confess the ways we are wrapped up in sin.

Liberate us from ignorance and apathy, and enliven our desire for justice, healing and peace.

Send us forth to proclaim Your saving power to all who are entombed.

Free us from the death-dealing power of sin so that we may bear witness to Your Spirit dwelling within us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 30, 2020—Both the reading from Daniel and the gospel make the women involved seem like pawns to be used against Jesus rather than someone deserving of deadly punishment. Both passages warn against making hasty judgments. The next time you disagree with someone, ask questions that help you understand that person’s point of view. Daniel 13:1-62; Psalm 23:1-6; John 8:1-11.

Tuesday, March 31, 2020—God subverts sin and death. When the Israelites repent of their ingratitude, God turns their punishment into an instrument of healing. Centuries later, Jesus turns the cross into the means of salvation and freedom. Most of all, by dying, Jesus turns death into life. Spend some time today reverencing the cross. Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102: 2-21; John 8:21-30.

Wednesday, April 1, 2020—When the three men are thrown into the fire, they know that their allegiance is to the God of Israel and no one else. By embracing that truth, the men are saved from a fiery death. Because Jesus is the Son of God, those who believe in Him will be saved from death forever. Pray a hymn of praise to God for His everlasting love and care of us. Daniel 2:14-20; Daniel 3: 52-56; John 8:31-42.

Thursday, April 2, 2020—in both of the readings, we are presented with how astounding God’s actions in our behalf are. We are both challenged and in awe. How has God astounded or challenged you this Lenten season? How have you responded? Talk to Him. Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-9; John 8:51-59.

Friday, April 3, 2020—Jesus’ opponents charged Him with blasphemy; He claimed a relationship with God that surpassed all others. Jesus asks His opponents to examine His ministry to see if His works conform to the will of God. What do your works say about you and doing God’s will. Jeremiah 20:1013; Psalm 18:2-7; John 10:31-42.

Saturday, April 4, 2020—in the first and second reading, God comes to His people when they are divided. He often comes to us when we are unprepared, but perhaps that is the very reason God arrives. Without God’s guidance, we would never be ready for God to dwell with us. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, confess the ways you are unprepared for God. Ask to be made whole by the power of His Grace! Ezekiel 37:21-18; Jeremiah 31:10-13; John 11:45-46.

TODAY’S READINGS: Ezekiel 37: 12-14; Psalm 130: 1-8; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45
Vatican issues decree for Holy Week liturgies with pandemic restrictions

Cindy Wooden - Catholic News Service - March 20, 2020

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- While conferences and meetings can be postponed for months because of the coronavirus pandemic, the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter cannot, with the exception of the chrism Mass, said the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments.

"By the mandate of the supreme pontiff for the year 2020 only," the congregation issued guidelines March 20 for celebrating the Triduum and Easter liturgies without the presence of the faithful.

"Easter is at the heart of the entire liturgical year and is not simply one feast among others. The Easter triduum is celebrated over the arc of three days, which is preceded by Lent and crowned by Pentecost and, therefore, cannot be transferred to another time," said the "Decree in the Time of COVID-19." The decree was signed by Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the congregation, and by Archbishop Arthur Roche, secretary.

Where public Masses have been canceled, the decree said, the bishops, in agreement with their bishops' conference, should ensure that the Holy Week liturgies are celebrated in the cathedral and in parish churches.

The faithful should be advised of the times for the celebrations, so that they can pray at home at the same time. "Live -- not recorded -- televisual or internet broadcasts are helpful," the decree said.

On Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper should be celebrated in the cathedral and in parish churches even without the faithful present, it said. "The faculty to celebrate this Mass in a suitable place, without the people, is granted in an exceptional manner to all priests" this year. "The washing of feet, which is already optional, is to be omitted" when there are no faithful present, it said. The traditional procession with the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the Mass also is omitted, and the Eucharist is placed directly in the tabernacle.

If there is any way to do so, the decree said, the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion should be celebrated and, among the formal prayers of petition, there should be "a special intention for the sick, the dead, for those who feel lost or dismayed."

For the celebration of the Easter Vigil without the faithful present, it said, the preparation and lighting of the fire is omitted, but the Easter candle is still lit and the "Exsultet" Easter proclamation is sung or recited.

Processions and other expressions of popular piety that are traditional around the world during Holy Week may be transferred to another date, the decree said. It suggested, for example, Sept. 14-15 in connection with the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

We will endeavor to advertise widely the streaming online DIOCESAN liturgies at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral when these plans are announced by the Bishop’s Office in Raleigh.

The Bishop urges that we “unite our hearts in prayerful solidarity with one another” at these times. Faithfilled Catholics have great trust in God and the power of prayer. Amen!
From the Diocese of Raleigh: Here are 19 ideas from around the diocese to be active in your faith and a light for others.

1. Watch Mass as a family at home. The Diocese of Raleigh website has added an online spiritual resource page to help you find Masses that are being streamed online.
2. Read Scripture. In addition to your Bible, a number of Catholic resources have granted free access to their online catalogs during this time. These include Liturgical Press, Magnificat and The Word Among Us. Visit their websites to see readings, reflections and more. They also a great resource.
3. Utilize technology to keep close to loved ones. FaceTime grandparents so they can see their grandkids smiling! Send video messages to teachers who are doing a great job keeping students learning. Send photo texts to aunts and uncles and let them know you’re thinking about them. Social media is great, but using technology to check in one-on-one is important too!
4. Speaking of social media, now is a great time to see how social media has been feeding your mind and soul. What do you see on your feed? Is it filled with anger and judgment, or is it filled with love and teaching? Many of your favorite priests: Father Mike Schmitz, Bishop Robert Barron and more have active social media profiles that will help keep your faith front and center!
5. Reflect on what you miss. Did you notice how much more you wanted to go to Mass when you were told you can’t? This is a time for strength but also to cultivate our gratitude for the freedoms we have enjoyed our entire lives.
6. Reflect on what you don’t miss. On the other hand, did you almost feel a little relief when some activities and get-togethers were suspended or canceled? How much do we fill up our lives with things that just keep us busy? When this time ends, can we be more mindful of how we spend our time?
7. Listen. Turn off the screens and turn on the radio. There are many Catholic radio stations throughout the diocese with programs, information and prayer broadcasting 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
8. Create with others in mind! Retirement communities and nursing homes have been hit tremendously hard. Visitors aren’t allowed and group activities have shut down. In light of this, many are asking for volunteers to send cards and pictures to brighten the day of some of our most vulnerable. Create a card of love and joy and send it to someone who may need a smile.
9. Practice gratitude daily. If you are reading this, you have access to technology. What an incredible advantage we have over every other period of history! Instead of focusing on what we’ve lost, be thankful for what we have.
10. Smile, wave and say hello when you’re out for a walk or getting the mail. You never know who may be in desperate need of a smile, and the CDC has not banned that yet!
11. Contact Catholic Charities, Catholic Parish Outreach and your parish office to determine if there are any needs you can fill. Many of our volunteers are those in more vulnerable categories. Are there shifts that you can fill, deliverries that you can make, or money you can give to ensure that the most vulnerable are still cared for in this time?
12. Donate your goods. No time like now to realize how many things you don’t need. If you’re stuck in your home for weeks, and you still don’t touch those board games or DVDs, you will never.
13. Continue to pay your bills and pledges as you are able to do so. If you are not facing financial hardship, consider continuing to support the services you normally use. Look into online giving for your parish. Offer to pay, partially pay, or give gift cards to piano teachers, hair stylists, tutors, etc., who didn’t have enough time to plan for their services and income being canceled.
14. Be responsible. If Masses and school are canceled, now is not the time to let your children have a sleepover or to organize a block party. As tempting as it may be, and as much as our children may beg, we all need to do our part to flatten the curve.
15. Go outside! How blessed are we that the weather (though filled with pollen) is beautiful? There is nothing prohibiting us from walks or having picnics on our lawn!
16. But stay home! If you exhibit symptoms, please don’t assume that it’s allergies or ‘nothing.’ If you need something from the store, many people have volunteered to go to the store for those who have symptoms can stay home. It may seem like an odd thing to say that the best way you can practice your faith is sitting home, but that is how you protect those most at risk.
17. If your parish has an adoration chapel, consider contacting the hourly coordinator to offer being a sub. Not only will it prove to be incredible balm for your soul, but many regular adorers may be in a higher risk category.
18. Check on your elderly neighbors. If you have their phone numbers, give them a call, see if they need groceries or medicine and offer to leave it on their porch for them. If you don’t have their numbers, leave a note in their mailbox with your phone number.
19. Pray. This will be a powerful moment of solidarity for our Christian community, but we must also remember that in prayer, we are never alone; we are joined by the Communion of Saints. So, in moments of gratitude, joy, uncertainty, despair and loneliness, pray, and know you are not alone.
PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT SCHEDULE
Reconciliation: Thursdays 10:45-11:45am,
Saturday 3:30-4:30pm or by appointment.
Baptism: First time parents must attend Baptismal
Preparation Classes. Email Baptisms@sbcnb.org
First Communion/Confirmation: Contact the church office.
Marriages: Contact church office - 6 month advance notice is required.
Anointing of the Sick: Contact the church office or rectory.
Funerals: Call 638-4436 or e-mail funeral@spccnb.org

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APRIL’S SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:
Easter Flower Offering (any Sunday)
April 5th: Saint Paul Mortgage Reduction
April 10th: Good Friday Holy Land Shrines
April 12th: Easter Offering
April 12th: Priest’s Welfare & Retirement
April 19th: Saint Paul Catholic School Investment Fund
April 26th: Catholic Home Mission Appeal

GIVING HAS GOTTEN EASIER!
Online Envelope Giving is available for parishioners
through Our Sunday Visitor, our envelope
company. You can give automatically weekly, monthly,
etc. Simply register via the church website at www.spccnb.org and click on
“online envelope”. You can manage your account and make changes at any
time. Any questions, contact Donna Simon in the church office.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most
Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into
my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as
You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say
the word and my soul shall be healed.