

ST. PETER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 29TH, 2020



**Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life ;
Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”**

John 11:25

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ADORATION CHAPEL
(USE YOUR KEY FOB)

CHAPEL IS CLOSED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY
8:00AM - 4:00PM
FRIDAY
8:00AM - 12:00 NOON

	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	
Sunday March 29	5th Sunday of Lent	Ezra 37:12-14 Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45	7:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 6:00 PM	+ Sharon Hernandez + Eileen Comiskey + Lydia Rose Naranjo + Donald Bloomfield For the People of St. Peter
Monday March 30		Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 John 8:1-11	12:10 PM	Dick and Mary Ellen Budd
Tuesday March 31		Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 John 8:21-30	12:10 PM	+ Herb Friedl
Wednesday April 1		Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 John 8:31-42	12:10 PM	+ Javier Esquibel
Thursday April 2	St. Francis of Paola, Hermit	Genesis 17:3-9 Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 John 8:51-59	12:10 PM	+ Richard Hazen
Friday April 3		Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 John 10:31-42	12:10 PM	Louise and Craig Kessler
Saturday April 4	St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Ezra 37:21-28 Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 John 11:45-56	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	Jane and John Davis For the People of St. Peter
Sunday April 5	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54		

LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

STEWARDSHIP WAY OF THE CROSS

The Twelfth Station

Jesus dies on the cross. Jesus gives us the gift of his death. We are to imitate him. That means that our own death may be offered as a gift to others when we offer it up to God. We only receive one death and in return we may offer it for the reparation of sin. Do we encourage others to find hope in dying? Have we refused to find meaning in death? Have we prepared for our own death?

The Thirteenth Station

The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross. Jesus' cross stands empty as an invitation to pick up the cross and follow him. The cross is a gift to us. We are to pick it up and to receive it as a gift. Adversity can be the best teacher. Do we learn from our crosses? Have we thanked God for the lessons that we have learned through suffering?

The Fourteenth Station

Jesus is laid in the tomb. Corporal works of mercy are an obligation of a good steward. Joseph of Arimathea's giving of his tomb for Christ symbolizes the charity we are to show to others. Gifts given to the grieving are signs of our love for the living and the dead. Are we charitable to the sorrowing?

Conclusion

The Resurrection of Jesus. The revelation of the Resurrection is a gift. Do we cherish the Resurrection as the gift that it is? Gratitude for this victory is shown in how we live our lives. We cannot just say we are thankful; we have to show that we are thankful in deed. Do we give back to God a portion of what we receive in thanksgiving for what God has given us?



Spiritual Adoption

Conception:

At the moment of conception, a unique human person was created--me! Remarkably, even though just a single cell, I already have the entire blueprint that will define my eye and hair color, adult height, and aptitude for math, art, and sports. All that is required now is nourishment, a safe home in which to live and grow, and a loving family.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."

Jeremiah 1:5

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy Allen, Kathleen Alvarado, Kay Anderson, +Jonathan Appel, +Sue Asche, Asche family, Luke Barden, Staci Behne, Lisa Biem, Claudean Boatman, Kathryn Bonar, Diane Brown, Dick Budd, Ray Burns, Corrina Cantrell, Frani Castaneda, Roman Castaneda, Lydia Castillo, John Casynn, Lea Ciothe, Betty Clark, Mallory Cranwell, Jeremy Cruz, Chad Dunfee, Karen Eicher, Jackie J. and Family, Priscilla French, Heidi Gaiser, Merle Gaspers, Jeanette Gau-Moore, Rodriguez Gonzalez, Victor Gonzalez, Kelly Graybill, Aaron Greber, Gimena Gunderson, Denise Gustafson, Bryce Hares, Jean Hawkins, Margaret Hernandez, Elliot Hitchcock, Marcella Holguin, Frank Holland, Judy Houston, Karen Johns, Louise Kessler, N. J. King, Geni Koenig, Rodney Kontz, Estson and Karen and Sherlene Kontz, Randy Koski, Carolyn Lafferty, Gavin Landwehr, Larue Lara, Laronda Leigh, Carla Martinez, Kevin McKenzie, Chrissy Moore, Barbara Morales, John Muniz, Rose Pargas, Carol Murphy, Nestia Nuanez, Luci and Salem O'Leary, Donna Olson, Carlos Pena, +Michael Prieto, Deloris Potterfield, Zachary Quick, Tony Quigley, Joel Redman, Virginia Rodriguez, Andrea Romero, Jackie Rowe, Cheryl Rubino, Kendall Scheiderer, Tyson Schaffer, Fred Sieber, Debie Simonton, Mildred Skonksner, Henry Smith, Eleanor Sneddon, Neva Spencer, Wilmena Stahla, Jon Stoson, Judy Stryker, Sonny Subia, Mabel Tapia, Joe Trujillo, Pauline Trujillo, Sonny Unrein, Mary Frances Villarreal, Patricia Marie Villarreal, Justine Wahlert, Terry Walsh, Majorie Whittington, Tamara Wilkinson, Joe Yates, Bonnie Youngman

Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and give them
Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them
Your Spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and give them
Your comforting heart.

Wrap your arms around our world
and hold us in your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Spiritual Adoption is an initiative based on an idea by Archbishop Fulton Sheen in which participants pray for a specific, but unknown, unborn child for nine months and learn about fetal development during the pregnancy. Traditionally the prayer begins on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, March 25th, and lasts until Christmas, to celebrate 9 months of Blessed Mother's pregnancy.

The logo of Spiritual Adoption replaces the stork that everyone knows safely delivers babies, with a dove - the symbol of the Holy Spirit, which represents the love and prayers of participants that peacefully deliver both unborn children and their parents.

What are the requirements of Spiritual Adoption?

Participants in the Spiritual Adoption pledge to pray for nine months for an unborn baby. Since the child is adopted spiritually, it is not necessary to identify an actual unborn child. At the end of the nine months of prayer, together with the celebration of Christmas, all who prayed give God thanks for His great gift of Life.

The Spiritual Adoption Program has three goals:

- Encourage prayer for parents who are expecting a child, that they will respond to God's grace and welcome their child into life.
- Educate adults and children about the development of the unborn child.
- Provide mothers in need and to celebrate Life and its Giver at the conclusion of the program.

How can you participate in the Spiritual Adoption?

To help accomplish the goal of Spiritual Adoption, everyone who pledges their spiritual support pray the following daily prayer for a period of nine months, and offer their additional personal daily commitment, i.e. the decade of the Rosary for the intention of the unborn child and their parents. Throughout the nine months period we will be publishing in our bulletin a regular update on the development of the unborn child, to help us understand the process through which God forms every human life in a mother's womb.

***“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”
- Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen***

Below you will find a pledge card to be completed with your name. Please prayerfully consider joining us in this 9 months of prayer for the unborn. Your prayers CAN make a difference between whether a baby will be born... or aborted. Our prayers can also be a form of spiritual support for both of the parents. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord of all life and join in spiritually adopting a baby.

Spiritual Adoption

On March 25th, on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, I,

Your Name

Promise to Spiritually Adopt an unborn child and to pray daily for the child and for their parents with the prayer inspired by Archbishop Fulton Sheen accompanied by my personal daily commitment.

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of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”***

Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

In the times of sickness, when some are considered “contagious” and may be spreading The Virus, there are people who spread the good around them. We call them: friends. Jesus Christ is such a person. He was a friend of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. In fact, He is a friend of each one of us. He has the power over any sickness, and even death. Only He can say, *Lazarus, come out!!* Jesus' human reaction to human pain and suffering is very touching. Probably even the “toughest guy” would not be able to hide his emotion witnessing such a moment. This is the power of love.

It is love that changes the face of man, the face of the world. Love that forgives, wipes away unnecessary tears, holds shaky hands, soothes a restless heart. Love can see the image and likeness of God. A chaplain in one of the hospitals shared his encounter with a person suffering from AIDS. When he arrived in one of the rooms where the sick man lay, he offered him a confession. And the sick was outraged by this suggestion and began to cry out that God must be dead, and that's why he is suffering so badly. The chaplain sat down by his bed and instinctively grabbed his hand. After some time, the sick person with a completely different look said: “There must be something to it, because you are the first man who has grabbed my hand without a glove for several months.” And he asked for confession. This seemingly small gesture made such a great difference, opened the rebellious heart of the sick man.

Love changes the face of the world. How different would our families and neighborhoods look if instead of sad, weary and tired appearances, there were only people with cheerful, smiling faces. Only love can change our hearts. Love cannot be bought neither can it be found on the street, it can only be given to someone and reciprocated as a gift. Pure, just and wise love is the greatest gift that we can share in an encounter with another. It is a gift that does not come from human needs, but is creating and forming those needs. I do not love another because I need them, but I need them, because I love them.

This truth was perfectly understood by many Saints in the history. One of them, especially dear to my heart, was Brother Albert Chmielowski. Originally an engineer, forester, talented painter – finally found his calling in the service of the poorest. He hurried to the rescue of beggars he met in the street, seeing in them the face of suffering Christ. Brother Albert gave his soul to those to whom no one wanted to give anything. His painting “Ecce Homo”, presenting suffering Jesus brought by Pilate out of the praetorium, encourages us to do the same. For Jesus. *Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me...*

Can we serve others? We need to first see them next to us. Let's look in our block, on our street, in our neighborhood. Let's find the vulnerable, lonely or elderly people, may they not be forgotten. Let's get our hands dirty by devoting our time to these people, without waiting for them to ask. Let's take care of them, especially in this time. Even if we cannot do it physically, let's do it at least by a kind word and also letting others know, letting the priest know. Let this be our Lenten sacrifice for Jesus, let's be “contagious” with love.



JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

O BLOOD AND WATER, WHICH GUSHED FORTH FROM THE HEART OF JESUS
AS A FOUNT OF MERCY FOR US, I TRUST IN YOU! (3x)

ON THE ROSARY BEADS, BEGIN:

OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY, THE CREED.

ON THE OUR FATHER BEADS, PRAY:

ETERNAL FATHER, I OFFER YOU THE BODY AND BLOOD,
SOUL AND DIVINITY OF YOUR DEARLY BELOVED SON, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
FOR THE ATONEMENT OF OUR SINS AND THOSE OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

ON THE HAIL MARY BEADS, PRAY:

FOR THE SAKE OF HIS SORROWFUL PASSION, HAVE MERCY ON US
AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD.

IN CONCLUSION, PRAY 3 TIMES:

HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY ONE, HOLY IMMORTAL ONE,
HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD.