

St. Mary's Our Lady of the Lake

*Christ Centered + Biblically Grounded + Sacramentally Nourished +
Serving Our Neighbors in Christian Love*

March 29, 2020 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent

ALL MASSES IN THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
FAITHFUL URGED TO TAKE TIME TO PRAY AT HOME

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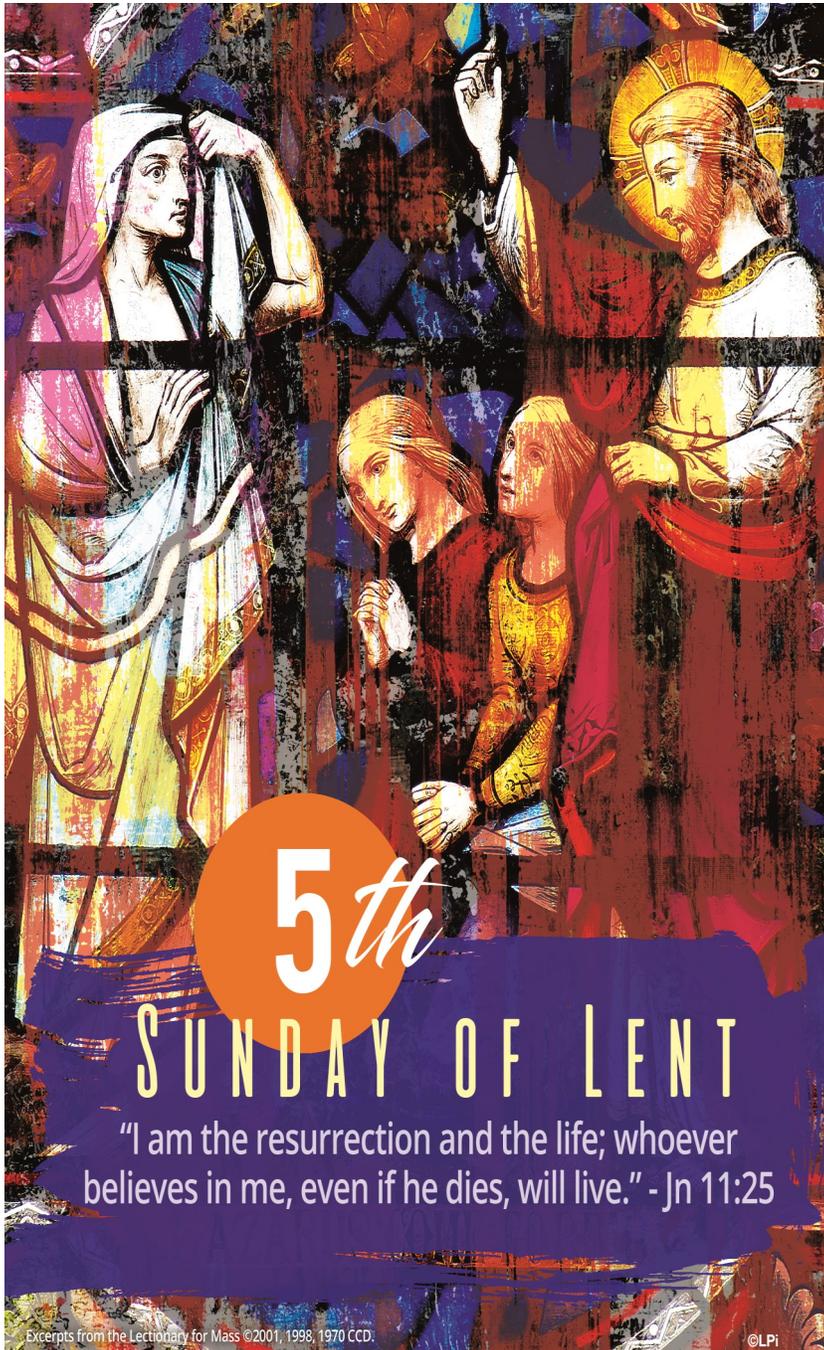
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A HUGE Thank You to Mr. Bill Coleman who has crafted a beautiful cherry wood box similar to a loaf of bread to receive any monetary donations for the local Food Pantry. Please find it to the left of the main entrance under the Madonna painting.

Also, Bill has installed the long-awaited drop box to the right of the office door so anyone needing to drop off things to the Parish Office can do so in this bank-like deposit box.



An ED nurse at Bassett has asked me if the sewers we know could help the hospital out with surgical masks. To be clear, the masks we can stitch will not prevent the spread of coronavirus because cotton and twill fabrics won't keep out the virus. But they can help in other scenarios, and allow the hospital to save their supply of virus-proof masks for where they are needed most.

There's a simple pattern here: <https://www.owensborohealth.org/news-events/news-media/2020/fabric-surgical-masks-information/>

There's a video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FB--BOyTiU>

I know the fabric stores are closed, but online shopping can still happen. Or you may have enough in your storage closet. Some grocery stores have minimal sewing supplies, including narrow elastic.

It's one more positive thing we can do in this time... If you can do this, please email Karen at pastor@stmaryscoop.org. We have verified that Bassett will accept home-made masks.

COVID19 update from the Diocese of Albany

The Chancellor has put out daily updates for us regarding liturgy, sacraments, employees, safe practices, etc. Today was a letter regarding our Easter-duty. (see insert) We are trying to provide accurate information as we obtain it, however in this unprecedented pandemic we are all learning to live, work and pray a new way. Many of us have access to computers and attended at least one mass this weekend via live-streaming. Search for Diocese of Albany on Facebook or go to www.rcda.org to find parishes live-streaming masses. I don't know about you, but when I heard a familiar song, I was singing at the top of my lungs, luckily my husband is hard of hearing. It was such a relief to be able to pray out loud through song. I hope each of you find a way or ways to pray together, on-line, on the phone, as a family, even a family of one. We are all members of God's family and we will persevere. Peace and love, Karen

How St. Mary's is working through the Coronavirus:

Stations of the Cross are cancelled however the church is open for private prayer.

We are also working on some alternatives for prayer and worship for the end of Lent and Holy Week.

Please keep checking the web page, watch for the bulletins to be on-line and mailed and the phones are working fine so call if you have a question.

Call family and neighbors to check on them and to keep their spirits and your own up.

Cards and mail are accepted at the hospitals and nursing homes even if visitors are not. Have your children draw pictures, write little notes.

And take this time with your children to not only work on school work but to teach them life skills and never forget prayer.

Current information on the coronavirus is available through the CDC:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html>



Pray for the sick and homebound
of our parish:

Fr. Peter Pagonos ~ Ivy Bischof ~ Maureen Brennan ~
David Butler ~ Vin Cronin ~ Mary Devenpeck ~
Robert Davenport ~ Richie Davy ~ Julia Fassett ~
Stephen Markuson ~ Senator Jim Seward ~
Bradley Smith ~ Sarah Tarr

Pray for members of the military from our families
Liam Dolan-USMC ~ Ryan Barrow
Please call the Parish Office to add any names.

As Lent is half over, we turn our hearts toward Easter. A good way to prepare at home is to get 12 of those plastic Easter eggs you probably have in the attic. Use these 12 words, or find pictures to represent these images, and put one in each egg. Telling the Easter Story as you proceed. Place the eggs in an empty egg carton, in order, then each take turns opening an egg and retelling the story. Great way to spend a few minutes each day, preparing for our greatest celebration. 1) palm 2) donkey, 3) silver coins, 4) whip, 5) crown of thorns, 6) cross, 7) Veronica's veil, 8) hammer & nails, 9) dice, 10) spear, 11) white cloth, 12) (leave empty for empty tomb)

Perseverance Prayer – *Memorare*

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who
fled to your protection,
implored your help or sought your
intercession, was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins,
My Mother;
to you do I come, before you I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/ Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Observances for the week of March 29, 2020

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Wednesday: April Fools' Day

Thursday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Saturday: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Resources for Prayer and Engagement during
Coronavirus

<https://catholiccurrent.org/covid19/>

Many people are understandably experiencing uncertainty and anxiety due to the spread of COVID-19.

The severity of the situation has forced our leaders to make significant changes in our daily lives including suspending publicly celebrated Masses. Recognizing these changes likely leave us even more in need of God's grace, The USCCB and other Catholic partners have generously made their resources available to support prayer during these difficult days.

We must encourage each other, take care of each other, pray for each other and stay connected to our faith during this time of social distancing.

