

MARCH 29, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Pray
for
all those
affected
by the
Coronavirus**

Peace
I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I
give it to you. Do not let your
hearts be troubled or afraid.

— John 14:27

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A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Hello St. Symphorosa Parish family,

I pray that you and your loved ones are healthy and have the resources you need amidst the current restrictions. We know these measures are designed to protect our wellbeing and that of our broader community and world.

For many of us, particularly when we're now told to stay home for weeks at a time, our initial reaction is to gather all we can and hunker down to weather the storm. As a Christian family of faith, this is also a time – perhaps the most important time – to consider our need for spiritual unity and the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Praying Together

Though our family of families at St. Symphorosa may be physically separated from one another right now, we are blessed with several ways we can unite in prayer and devotion. I encourage you to consider any number of the following to join as a St. Symphorosa family:

Livestream Masses are available for Weekend Masses from Holy Name Cathedral, Daily Masses from St. James Chapel.

Giving Together

Cancellation of Mass is leading to significant losses in our offertory income, which is placing all our ministries and operations at significant risk. Many people in our parish and community depend upon your regular, weekly offertory contributions and, during this current challenge, they are needed more than ever.

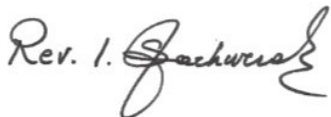
Please consider giving online at <https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/stsymphorosa> where you can make a weekly offertory contribution to our St. Symphorosa family and keep the vital ministries and services we provide going. We ask you to prayerfully consider maintaining your regular weekly donation level or even increasing it during these times.

The fact that this pandemic is occurring during our Lenten journey offers each of us important reminders about the role of faith, hope and charity in our daily lives and in whom we place our trust. I believe we are being called by Jesus Christ to a renewed sense of solidarity. This is a time for unity in prayer, not for isolation; it is a time for hope, not despair; it is a time for generosity, not self-focus. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35).

May God grant you peace during this difficult time and may He manifest His love and presence to you in abundant ways. If you have any concerns, please contact the Parish Office at 773.767.1523 or by email at symphorosa@comcast.net.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Symphorosa.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rev. Idzi Stacherczak, Pastor



Listen in to Relevant Radio for
Daily Rosary at 7pm,
Daily Mass at 7:30pm and
Sunday Morning Mass celebrated at 9am.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 am—7:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am—12:00 pm

Schedule of Masses

Sunday
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Saturday Evening Mass
5:00 pm

Weekdays: 8:00 am
Monday through Saturday

Holy Days:
7:30am, 9:30 am and
7:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance

Monday - Saturday
after the 8am Mass

Parish Office

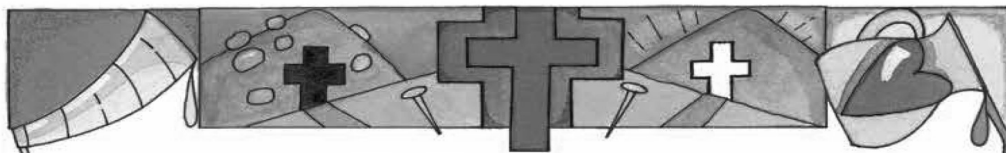
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God's Word for Children



Fifth Sunday of Lent

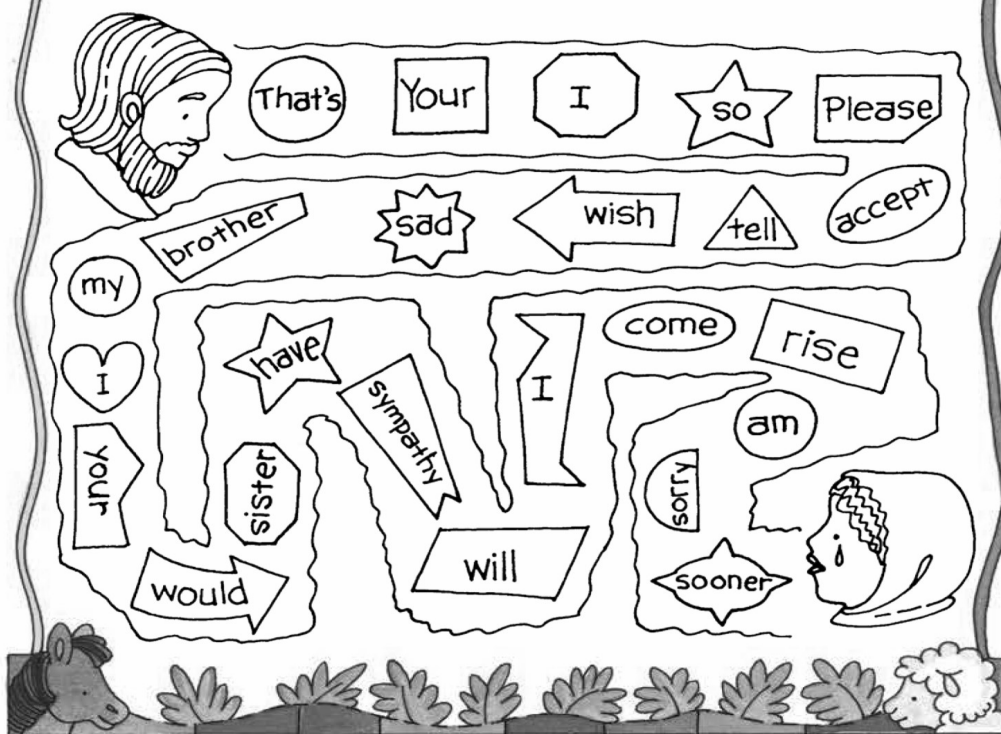
Two sisters, Martha and Mary, sent word to Jesus that their brother, Lazarus, was sick. After a few days, Jesus and the disciples began to travel to Bethany, the village where the family lived.

Begin at Jesus and follow the road to meet Martha.

Along the way, circle only shapes with four sides.

They will tell you what Jesus said upon hearing that Lazarus had died.

You can read this story in your Bible at John 11:1-45.



Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of March is offered for the following intentions:

For repose of the soul of Stanley Novak
given by the Hess & Novak Family

For the repose of the souls of Mary Szlembarski &
Tony Bojarski
given by Barbara Rendak

For the repose of the souls of Richard Merda &
Philip Scaletta
given by Arlene Scaletta

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.



Due to the recent suspension of all public Masses stewardship and split the pot information will not be available.

We ask all parishioners, if they desire, to please mail in their weekly contribution, bring them by the office, or consider making a one time donation on our e-giving site. Our parish office is open Monday - Friday from 8-4pm.

We thank you all for your continued support and pray that we all stay healthy and strong during this time.



Monday, March 30, 2020

Waiting on Mercy

Readings: Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; John 8:1-11

Scripture: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (John 8:7b)

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Lift High the Cross

Readings: Num 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

Scripture: Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent. . .and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at [it], he lived. (Num 21:9)

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Blessed Is the Lord

Readings: Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42

Scripture: "Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven, praiseworthy and glorious forever." (Dan 3:56)

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Unbound by Time

Readings: Gen 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

Scripture: He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations. (Ps 105:8)

Friday, April 3, 2020

Stones before the Lord

Readings: Jer 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

Scripture: "I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of these are you trying to stone me?" (John 10:32b) "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" (Luke 19:40b)

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Walking Wounded

Readings: Ezek 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

Scripture: Shouting, they shall mount the heights of Zion, they shall come streaming to the Lord's blessings. (Jer 31:12a)

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Eclipsed

Readings: Matt 21:1-11; Isa 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Matt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Scripture: The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened. (Matt 27:51b)



Join us for Sunday Mass from Holy Name Cathedral

Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois, will be livestreaming every Sunday for the many faithful to join in and participate in the Mass. Masses are available to watch anytime beginning at 4pm on Saturday's at the provided links. The livestream is also available on the Holy Name Cathedral facebook page.

<https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses>

[YouTube.com/catholicchicago](https://www.youtube.com/catholicchicago)

COVID-19 Parish News

During this time, we would like to inform all parishioners within our parish of a few important things.

As per a Cardinal Decree, all public Masses are suspended until further notice. During this timeframe, our priests are still offering daily Masses in the intention of all those affected by the current state of affairs. During these private Masses they are also continuing to pray for those intentions which had been requested each day.

With the "Stay-at-Home" order given by Governor Pritzker, our church and parish office are now closed. Calls have been forwarded and will be answered by our secretary, Mrs. Maggie Barry, during this time. May everyone stay safe and healthy during this time. God Bless!



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Did you know e-giving is compatible with any computer, smartphone or tablet? You can create an online account and give a single donation or even schedule a series of donations, based on your budget, directly from your checking account or by using your debit or credit card.

Our online E-Giving URL address is:

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/stsymphorosa>

Visit the above website or you can visit our Parish Website at "stsymphorosa.org" and click on the "Donate" tab. Please follow the directions online. It's simple! If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at **773.767.1523** and we will be glad assist you.



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March 20, 2020

Dear Brothers,

Today, I asked our Communications Office to issue a press release announcing my call for common prayer and the ringing of church bells five times a day. My hope is that people will have the experience of being united in prayer, especially at a time when we are isolated. By pausing and lifting up in prayer all those affected by the pandemic, we can offer those in need our support and let them know that they are not alone. The prayer times will begin this Saturday, March 21, at 9:00 a.m. and continue every three hours each day, with the last bells rung at 9:00 p.m. Each of the five prayer times will be dedicated to a specific group particularly impacted by the pandemic, as listed below.

Because some churches do not have bells, we could invite parishioners to set their alarms so that they can stop for a moment to join in this common prayer. We will provide short prayer intentions on our website and social media pages in three languages – English, Spanish and Polish. The special intention for each hour will be announced on the archdiocesan website and on our Twitter accounts.

Beginning Saturday, March 21, the prayers and intentions for each hour of prayer are below:

9:00 a.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

12:00 p.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

3:00 p.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

6:00 p.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

9:00 p.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

Again, I am motivated to offer this additional means of uniting our people in prayer aware of the feeling of isolation they feel in not being together in the Eucharist and out of concern for their suffering. You surely are free to encourage additional prayers for your parishioners at these various times, such as the Angelus at noon and 6:00 pm or the rosary during the day. I am sure that our people will welcome any assistance we give them and any effort that lets them know we have not forgotten them.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 28, 2020

5:00pm Health and all the Lord's blessings for Patrick Carmody
(Kathleen)

†Richard Merda, Philip Scaletta & Helen Merda
(Arlene Scaletta)

†Carol Golab (Linda Ciucci)

†Rosa Munoz (Giron Family)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)

Sunday, March 29, 2020

7:30am †Mary Nevills (Arlene Scaletta)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)

†Mary Gleason (Bob & Barb Mikulecky)

†Roberto Rodriguez (Ines Rodriguez)

9:30am †Salvatore Miglieri (Nancy & Quinn Markham)

†Richard Siepka (Lorraine Siepka)

11:30am For all Parishioners, Living & Deceased (17)

Monday, March 30, 2020

8:00am †Frank Krzan (Soltis Family)

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

8:00am For all Parishioners, Living & Deceased (18)

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

8:00am For all Parishioners, Living & Deceased (19)

Thursday, April 2, 2020

St. Francis of Paola

8:00am For all Parishioners, Living & Deceased (20)

Friday, April 3, 2020

8:00am For all Parishioners, Living & Deceased (21)

Saturday, April 4, 2020

St. Isidore, Bishop

8:00am For all Parishioners, Living & Deceased (22)

5:00pm Health and all the Lord's blessings for Maria Lopez
& Raymond Lopez (Lorraine DeLauriea)

†Beatrice Lucio (Family)

†Robert Johnson (Family)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30am †George Simon (Ed & Joanne McGriff)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)

9:30am †Rosa Cicchino (Rosa Rodriguez)

†Lucille Mackey (St. Symphorosa Super Club)

†Lucille Mackey (St. Symphorosa Altar & Rosary Society)

11:30am †Ellen, Jack, John O'Leary & Lillian Byrne
(Mike & Bea Byrne)



*There are in the end three things that last:
Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of
these is LOVE.*

Ignatius Battiato
Jeff Beginski
Mary Bieser
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Lydia Brown
Pat Carmody
Michael Clifford
Norma De Stefano
Chris Doherty
Juan Figueroa
Carol Gress
Suzann Gunter
Kathy Haars
Catherine Hier
Megan High
Heather Hradek
Denise M. Jandura
Rich S. Jandura
Joan Juris
Lee Karpinski
Dennis Kline
Walter Kokoszka, Sr.
Claudia Kwilosz
Norman Kwilosz
James Lapsansky
Donna Lauritzen

Domenico Lepore
Debbie Lipien
Maria & Martinez Family
John Martini
Thomas Minnich
Christine Mosqueda
Genevieve Nagle
Florence Panzarella
Baby Alexander J Pentz
Gi Gi Picciolini
Marilyn Polit
Marie Pratt
Ann Robertson
Edward Robertson
Fr. John Rudnik
Joseph Rudnik
Coltyn Schmidt
Kristyn Schmidt
Joseph Serpico
Elliana Sterk
Brian Styka
Terry Styka
Mary Thorpe
George Trendle
Barb Ziegler
Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family.
Please let us know when to remove a name.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Sgt. Jaime A. Acosta, USMC
Sgt. Ted Bartelme
CS-1 Joel Battung
1st Sgt. Chas. Berglund, USMC
Sgt. Naveen Bobba, USMC
Sgt. Arthur A. Boruch, National Guard
Hospitalman Blythe A. Cisneros, USN
Airman Carlos Cisneros, USAF
Sgt. Frank Cisneros, USMC
Corpsman Nicholas J. Cundari-USN
Captain Kevin Dobbyn, US Army
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Staff Sgt. Andrew Gaca, USAF

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Trevor Lutz, US Army
Corporal Zachary Maderak, USMC
Private Joseph M. Mikutis, USMC
Pvt 1st Class Daniel Morales, US Army
SPC Alex Ramos
Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC
WO-1 Richard Sabeske, US Army
Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher
1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG



The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.
This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families within our community in need of food and/or help with utility, rental bill and the like. Thank You!

St. Vincent de Paul phone number: (773) 682-3342



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in? The intention for the month of March is for Catholics in China.

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



Lord Jesus, you healed those who were sick and cared for any who were suffering. Be with us now as we pray for all those who may be affected by the Coronavirus.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our Parish! We are so happy to have you join us.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls: Please contact our Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Baptism: Second & Fourth Sunday at 1:00pm in Church. Parent Preparation Session: First Thursday of every other Month at 6:00pm. Please contact Maggie in our Parish Office for assistance.

Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of your wedding. Please contact Maggie in our Parish Office for assistance.