



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 28TH & 29TH, 2020

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***Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:30 a.m. to Noon**

****Due to coronavirus concerns, office hours will be reduced indefinitely***

MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE:

*There will be no Masses available to the public indefinitely.
However, even though no one will be in attendance,
Fr. Ron will still hold Masses daily (including Weekends)
at 1 pm, so scheduled Mass intentions will still be said.*

PASTORAL STAFF:

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Please call the office 539-4495 to schedule an appointment

FOR OTHER SACRAMENTS:

Please call the Parish Office

6 months in advance for Marriage

3 months in advance for Baptism

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 28TH & 29TH, 2020

.....from your *Pastor's Desk*

Spring Cleaning

March 19th was the first day of spring, although with all the rain and cold weather, and being 'confined to quarters' you may not have noticed. Traditionally, spring is a time to throw open the windows and clean out all we have stored and accumulated over these many cold and wet months.

We easily amass so much more than we need. It bursts from our closets, overflows our shelves and clutters our lives to the point we even rent storage areas. Perhaps we all need to do a little Spring Cleaning. These final weeks of Lent might be a wonderful time to deliberately release ourselves from the many "things" we own by cleaning out our closets and simplifying our lives in a prayerful and intentional way. Plus, by now we are all looking for things to do to occupy our time.

On one level, this is ridding ourselves of things we don't need, or things that we hated to part with except that they are so "out of style." Certainly, many of us have many things that are "extra" or "unnecessary" for us, but could be wonderful for those who can't afford to buy clothes at a store.

Another level of this journey into personal freedom is to ask ourselves how much do I really need? How many sweaters do I want to choose to have? How many jackets, sport shirts, dresses, shoes? How much jewelry? How much sporting equipment? How much electronic equipment? How many sets of silverware or dishes? How much of so many things we have in our lives?

We can get as serious and go as deeply into this as we desire to bear the good fruit of simplicity and generosity. This is not "should I get rid of what I don't need?" This is different, more faith-filled and takes us into giving up 'good' stuff -- perhaps stuff we are attached to -- because we want to experience the exercise of freedom. It is often the case that the more possessions a person has -- the more their possessions possess them! And, in these days, we have all seen how little we really need to survive.

And let us not forget the need for some 'spiritual' Spring Cleaning as well. The two are directly correlated. Perhaps there are ideas, philosophies, concepts or preconceived notions that need to be let go. Maybe useful or important to us once -- they now too - have become outdated as we grow spiritually in the practice of our faith. Let them go! In doing so we make room in our being for the good God wants to give us at Easter.

We do this because we sense that we are not free in some areas that are tremendously important for us, important for our salvation. Growing in freedom before the things in our lives can be a great grace. This freedom, too, will place us in greater harmony with those who find such great happiness and joy in trusting in God, while having so much less than we imagine we could survive on. In that we will find happiness.

This is just the beginning. What else might we do that fits with our circumstances and the needs around us and in the world?

The journey continues. God bless you!

Fr. Ron

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS: The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain, Steve Straessler, Tristan Humble, Karen D' Ambrogi, Nina Cantacessi, Pat LaRussa, Ken Hicks, Jane Young, Becky Crozier Stephens, Kathy Castro, Helen Hubbard, Leslie Lindberg, Joanne Maniscalco, Phyllis Smith, Lorri Pimentel, May Pierce-Betsill, Jeanne Anderson, Marlene Knivila, Jenny Lemp, Christine Bobrowski, Liz Mullins, Fr. David Shaw, Carol Ricci, Jennifer Shanahan, Mike Murray, Nora Ward, Doug Harman, Lorena Perez, Victoria Rodriguez, Jean Sharp and all those affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

FOR THE SOULS OF: Clarence Conrad, Nicoletta Panizzon, Barbara Torrence, Eric Dohner, Rene Purugganan, Vivian Brown, Bob Dudley, Gary Larson, Roger Cooney, Connie Barreto-Fraga, Erin Gilbert, Gerry Rose, Frank Outcalt, William Brucker, Diane Lowell, Warren Bowers, Jesusa Purugganan, James Fitzpatrick, Martin Bowman, Sandi Eitelgeorge, Carole Posehn and Barbara Mattingly.

Mass Schedule March 28th-April 5th

03/28	Sat	1:00pm	Rest of the soul †Steve Lankford
03/29	Sun	1:00pm	†Steve Lankford
03/30	Mon	1:00pm	†Leocadia Serban
03/31	Tues	1:00pm	†Jennie Murphey*
04/01	Wed	1:00pm	†Patrick Pasquale Riggio
04/02	Thurs	1:00pm	†Covel-DeBruin family
04/03	Fri	1:00pm	†Roger Cooney
04/04	Sat	1:00pm	†Daniel Sullivan
04/05	Sun	1:00pm	†Khader Husary*

***some Masses have been moved, because only one mass will be held each day.**