

Mass Intention

Saturday	April 4, 2020
8:00 A.M.	+ Sandra Belsky
5:00 P.M.	+ John Carey
Sunday	April 5, 2020
8:00A.M.	+ Leonila De La Rosa
9:30 A.M.	For the Victims of the Virus
11:00 A.M.	Maria del Socorro Gueva
11:30A.M.	+ Rose and Ed Neral
Monday	April 6, 2020
8:00 A.M.	+ Martha E. Hoffman
Tuesday	April 7, 2020
8:00A.M.	Erin Garcia – 21st Birthday Blessings
Wednesday	April 8, 2020
8:00 A.M.	MSA de Pala Parishioners
Thursday	April 9, 2020
8:00 AM	For All who suffer from the Virus
Friday	April 10, 2020
8:00 AM	End to Abortion

Purgatory is a Person

Purgatory is the absence of God till we are clean enough to enter His presence. I've seen purgatory depicted as another, milder hell, as in Medieval art, with its grotesquely deformed faces of those suffering in purgatory. I've heard purgatory likened to waiting at the train station for someone you deeply love and miss to arrive. But each of these descriptions necessarily falls tragically short of a deeply Personal truth.

Purgatory is not a milder hell, a less joyful heaven, or a third place or sort of waiting room in between. We use place and time language to help us understand, but in fact, purgatory is not a place nor amount of time at all. The train station metaphor is incomplete because it makes God and the "waiting" or "purifying" seem like two separate things when they are actually one thing, the same One.

Places are of time and matter, both creations of God. God transcends both time and matter as pure Spirit. There is nothing physical of God to see, hear, or sense at all unless He makes Himself felt or sensed. Nor is He stationary in places; "He does not dwell in temples made with hands" (Acts 7:48). No created time, thing, or place can contain Him.

The Bible speaks of God, throughout, as a fire—a spiritual fire, but fire, nonetheless. In the Abrahamic Covenant, He is depicted as a torch and burning oven (Genesis 15:1-17). He appears to Moses in a burning bush that is not consumed (Exodus 3:1-8). The Passover lamb is roasted in fire (12:8-10). He leads His people through the wilderness in a pillar of fire (Exodus 13:17-21). He thunders in fire on Mt. Sinai at the giving of the Decalogue (Exodus 19:18-19). He falls from heaven in fire when accepting sacrifices of the altar (Leviticus 9:23-24). Throughout Scripture, God revealed his all-consuming love for his people through fire, "for our God *is* a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29, emphasis added). What a thrilling thought. "Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, jealousy is cruel as the grave. Its flashes

are flashes of fire, a most vehement flame" (Song of Solomon 8:6). Love, in the end, is all that matters, because God is love. That is why "[a]t the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love" (St. John of the Cross). The "fiery trials" and sufferings we experience in our lives and in prayer are ultimately the presence of God accepting our many daily offerings of love throughout the primary offering of our whole life: heart, soul, mind, and strength. This fiery presence purifies us with the strength of His love, and so He is the fire of purgatory. God, Himself, is the fire that purifies and saves us (see 1 Corinthians 3:12-15).

From the Office of the Bishop

From the letter to Priests:

- **The Sacramental Life - The sacramental life of the Catholic church is San Diego and Imperial Counties as we know it has effectively ended as a communal, personal experience. Mass cannot be celebrated publicly in any form or place.**
- **The Great ritual moments of our liturgical life cannot be celebrated communally in coming weeks. The Easter sacraments usually given to those participating in the RCIA will be Postponed to Pentecost. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated by the Bishops and the oils delivered to the deans' parish offices. Confirmation and First Communions will have to be rescheduled when the reality of this current crisis becomes clearer.**
- **The diocese will live streaming Sunday and daily Mass celebrated in our pastoral center chapel, which will be available any time of the day. This can be accessed at sdcatholic.org.**
- **The diocese will provide streaming and recording of Holy Thursday Mass, the Good Friday liturgy, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday Mass.**

Most Reverend Robert W. McElroy
Bishop of San Diego

Desde la Oficina del Obispo

- **La vida sacramental - La vida sacramental de la iglesia católica en San Diego y los condados imperiales tal como la conocemos ha terminado efectivamente como una experiencia comunal y personal. La misa no puede celebrarse públicamente en ninguna forma o lugar.**
 - **Los grandes momentos rituales de nuestra vida litúrgica no pueden celebrarse comunalmente en las próximas semanas. Los sacramentos de Pascua que generalmente se dan a los participantes en la RCIA serán pospuestos a Pentecostés. La Misa Crisma será celebrada por los obispos y los óleos entregados a las oficinas parroquiales del decanato. La confirmación y las primeras comuniones tendrán que ser reprogramadas cuando la realidad de esta crisis actual se vuelva más clara.**
 - **La diócesis vivirá la misa dominical y diaria que se celebra en nuestra capilla del centro pastoral, que estará disponible a cualquier hora del día. Se puede acceder a ella en sdcatholic.org.**
 - **La diócesis ofrecerá streaming y registro de la Misa del Jueves Santo, la liturgia del Viernes Santo, la Vigilia Pascual y la Misa del Domingo de Resurrección.**
- Reverendo Robert W. McElroy**

It is a lesson we all need—to let alone the things that do not concern us. He has other ways for others to follow Him; all do not go by the same path. It is for each of us to learn the path by which He requires us to follow Him, and to follow Him in that path. — St. Katharine Drexel

Palm Sunday

Juanentina Ocegueda, Javier Martinez Jimenez, Carol Hutton,



LeeAnn Hayes, Cynithia Smith, Josue Dorantes, Ben Magante, Jr., Gina Parada, Judy Barnes, Randy De La Garza, Robin and Phillip Kolb, , Patrick Turner, Brandie De La Garza, Anna Rodriguez, Patty Duro, Chris Murillo, Florencio Magallanes, Laura Martinez, Violet Inglett, Rafael Angel, Victor Manuel, Campoy Ochoa,

Elena Enriquez, Dorothy Blacktooth, Andrew Colquaoun, Aurora Gonzalez, Marilyn Yarger, Elana Reed, , Barbara Neral, Deacon Gene Neral, Jason Colquaoun, Sul'a Rico, Jesus Ayala, John David Admire, Emily Mazzetti, and. **Also, please remember those who have died:** Lee Finger, **Rene Magallanes Deanna Kolb, Peggy Harding, Robert Harding, Doris Magante, Debbie Maza, Ed Reed,**

Envelope Intentions: *Ed Reed, Victor Aguilar, Laura, Gabby, Jennifer Ellison, +Joseph Ellison, Arviso and Ellison Families, +Alfred and Connie Arviso. Holy Souls in Purgatory, Stop Abortions. The Downs Family, Tillie King Josie Hord Helen Fabian and Children of the World.*

Update on Communion during COVID-19 Pandemic

Bishop McElroy wishes to remind you emphatically that Eucharis Communion is not to be shared except in the case of viaticum 0 when liturgical ministers (musician, lector, and altar server) are assisting at live-streamed Masses only. As previously stated, public Masses, Communion Services, or general distribution of communion is suspended.

Rez 91.3 Radio Broadcast Mass/Celebration

Holy Thursday - 7:00PM

Good Friday - 3:00PM

Easter Vigil - 5:00PM

Easter Sunday - 8:00AM

During the Crisis

This is a difficult time for all but please know that all of our parishioners are in our prayers. Our mission church is open for prayer and visits, Monday through Friday: 7:30AM -3:00PM, it closes for 1 hour and reopens 4:00PM-6:00PM

Saturday: Confessions from 3:30PM in the Mission Church;; Adoration: 3:30PM - 6:00PM

Sunday: Adoration 8:00AM until no one is present

We ask that ALL participants sanitize their hands before entering the church and upon leaving. We also ask that NOTHING is touched inside the church.

Please take a copy of the Spiritual Communion with you as you leave! It is important that we connect spiritually, as Catholics. Masses are being livestreamed at EWTN.com or from the diocese at: sd catholic.org.

Confession

If you can't go to confession, take your sorrow directly to God. Pope Francis says: "People who cannot get to confession because of the coronavirus lockdown or another serious reason can go to God directly, be specific about their sins, request pardon and experience God's loving forgiveness"

"This is the right time, the opportune moment. An act of contrition done well, and our souls will become white like the snow." The Pope says: "Do what the Catechism (of the Catholic Church) says. It is very clear: If you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly with God, your father, and tell him the truth. Say,

'Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart."

Make an act of contrition and promise God, "'I will go to confession afterward, but forgive me now.'

And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God." "As the catechism teaches, you can draw near to God's forgiveness without having a priest at hand. Think about it. This is the moment."

Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on granting of special indulgences to the faithful in the Current Pandemic 20.03.2020

The gift of special Indulgences is granted to the faithful suffering from COVID-19 disease, commonly known as Coronavirus, as well as to health care workers, family members and all those who in any capacity, including through prayer, care for them.

This Apostolic Penitentiary also willingly grant a Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions on the occasion of the current world epidemic, also to those faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Eucharistic adoration, or reading the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or the recitation of the Holy Rosary, or the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, or the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic , relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the lord has called to Himself.

The Church prays for those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and of the Viaticum, entrusting each and every one to divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of Saints and granting the faithful a Plenary Indulgence on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence to use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended.

Given in Rome, 19 March 2020

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html>

If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion. — St. Maximilian Kolbe