



# SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline  
Member of St. Juan Diego Deanery

**All publically celebrated Masses and other liturgies in the Diocese of Toledo have been temporarily suspended.**

**All the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this time in accord with the Code of Canon Law.**

### Tuesday

Mass Intention: For All Who Are Suffering as a Result of the Coronavirus/COVID 19

### Wednesday

Mass Intention: For All School Staff and Students Dealing With Closures

### Thursday

**5:30 pm Confession at St. Joseph**  
Mass Intention: Natasha Early

### Friday

Mass Intention: Eileen Cochran

### Saturday

**3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ**  
Mass Intention: Jeanne Gosser; Mary Alice Biglin; Ron Finnegan

### Sunday

#### St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Charles & Mary DeGreve

#### Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Marie & Joe Biglin

#### St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Florence Reinhard; John Smarto; Janet Wirick

## These Are Difficult Times

I remember saying to all of you last Sunday- "What a difference a week can make." Well, now it is what a difference a day can make. Basically, everything I told you has changed and not for the better. It makes me feel like I'm part of a "Twilight Zone" episode because everything we have gone through is so surreal. Basic things we often take for granted has been taken away from us such as going to Sunday Mass, eating out at a restaurant, kids going to school, going to see a movie, etc. etc.

We know these measures are for our safety, but it does not make it less difficult to be without these activities in our lives that bring us joy. I used to think that only a blizzard would cancel Sunday Mass. I was wrong. One positive thing we can take from these difficult times is how much we need and depend on God. All the people and things we value and hold dear in our lives can be taken away from us, but God's love can never be taken away from us. His love is unconditional and always present in every situation.

I'm quite certain that none of us thought we would have to give up so much during Lent! Take more time to pray and ask God to help us carry the cross we have to bear at this time. It is times like this when we realize that we are not in control of our what happens to us. Therefore, we go to our Creator and ask him to help us bear the burden of this uncertain and difficult time.

It pains me to not celebrate Mass with all of you. Please know that I feel your pain as well. This is truly a test of our faith and faith can be perfected through difficult times. I hope to be streaming at least the Sunday Masses for you so you can see Mass at our parishes. This is in the beginning stages so check the parish websites for Masses that will be streamed. Since you cannot come to Mass, we want to bring the Mass to you.

A lot of events have been cancelled because of not wanting large crowds together, but I do want to let you know **I will continue to hear individual confessions at the standard times for each parish. This will be 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Joseph Parish and 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday at Sacred Heart Parish. Also, I will still have a Day of Grace on April 8 of Holy Week when I am in both parish confessionals for most of the day. I will be in the Sacred Heart confessional from 9:30 a.m. until Noon. I will be in the St. Joseph confessional from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. The Penance Service scheduled for Palm Sunday has been cancelled.**

Perhaps you've heard the saying- "Tough times don't last, but tough people do." Let us ask the Lord to make us tough with His grace, love and mercy and we will achieve victory!

**Thanks, and God Bless!!!**

**Fr. Chris**

## COLLECTION:

March 15th, 2020

**\$3,991.00**

Offertory  
**\$3,941.00**

World Missions  
**\$ 50.00**

*Thank  
You!*

## Collection Envelopes

The Sunday Collection envelopes are very important to both parishes as they help to pay the bills and pay salaries. Please help us out by mailing us your collection envelopes to the parishes or stopping by the offices. **Sacred Heart has a mail slot in the office door so you can drop of your envelopes anytime of the day.** St. Joseph church envelopes need to be dropped off during office hours (8 a.m. - 1 p.m.). You don't have to enter the office. You can just drop your church envelope in the container at the corner of the lobby area under the faith- hope-and love sign. Your help with this matter will be greatly appreciated.

**Thanks, and God Bless!!!**

## Mass Intentions

Rest assured to all of you who have requested Mass intentions for your loved ones that they are still being honored. Although I am having private daily Masses, I have a list of all the daily Mass intentions by me when I offer each Mass. I hope this brings you some comfort in this challenging time.

**God Bless!!!- Fr. Chris**

## Bible Readings for the Week of March 23rd, 2020

<b>Monday</b>	Is 65:17-21, Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b, Jn 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12, Ps 4+6:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, Jn 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 7:10-14, 8:10, Ps 40:7-11, Heb 10:4-40, Lk 1:26-38
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 32:7-14, Ps 106:19-23, Jn 5:31-47
<b>Friday</b>	Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Ps 34:17-21, 23, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>Saturday</b>	Jer 11:18-20, Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12, Jn 7:40-53
<b>Sunday</b>	Ez 37:12-14, Ps 130:1-8, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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## **Televised Sunday Catholic Mass:**

The Sunday Mass broadcast nationally on EWTN at 8 a.m. and noon. Buckeye Cable Channels 179 and 592. Spectrum Channel 50.

Sunday Mass is broadcast at 6 a.m. on Cleveland's WJW-TV and can be seen in Crawford, Erie, Huron, Richland, Seneca and Sandusky counties.

Sunday Mass is broadcast at 7:30 a.m. on Columbus' WWHO-TV and can be seen in Crawford County.

The radio broadcast of the Sunday Mass is aired at 8:00 a.m. on WNOC 89.7 FM Annunciation Radio. Including - 88.1 WHRQ Sandusky, 89.9 WRRO Bryan, 89.5 WFOT Mansfield, 90.9 WSHB Willard

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### **Sacred Heart School:**

We are still here for our students and families! During this uncharted time we need God more than ever in our lives. Please be assured that we are still here for our students.

Parents and students can contact their child's teacher Monday-Thursday from 7:45am-3:30pm. They can be contacted through email, ClassDojo or by calling the school at 419-342-2797 or 419-683-1697.

Mrs. Myers will be at Sacred Heart School Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm.

I invite all of you to join us in praying a decade of the rosary every night during this health crisis.

In Christ, Lisa Myers Principal



### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**March 24th: Finance Council**

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**C.A.M.P. is taking monetary donations for approximately 75 Easter dinners that will be distributed on April 8th.** They ask for our generosity and support once more to ensure this ministry extends as far as possible for our neighbors who are in need. ***New: they are also offering "kid friendly" lunches.*** Residents can contact Page Hensley at the C.A.M.P. office with any canned food donations or call 419-689-2708 with any questions. **You are also invited to volunteer Tuesday, April 7th @ 6 pm to help pack up Easter boxes for each family.** Please send monetary donations to:

**Crestline Assistance and Ministries Program  
P.O. Box 426  
Crestline, Ohio 44827.**

### **After Easter**

I know some of you may be wondering about events after Easter. Divine Mercy Devotion, First Communion Masses, May Crowning, and Graduations. This is uncharted territory for all of us so all I can say is we will have to wait and see what the status of the state and the Church is at the time. Let us pray it works out for all of us.

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**Most area events have been cancelled. K of C Fish Fries, Lenten Parish Retreat, SHJ Women's Retreat, St. Joseph Silent Auction, Catholic Women's Club Luncheon, Mid Week Lenten Lunches and Free Community Meals to name just a few!**

**Please check our web site for additional information or call ahead.**



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# Dear God-

Thank You that You are our good, good, Father.  
You are seated on the throne of Your glorious power,  
never to be moved by the forces of evil, all of whom  
You defeated through the Passion, Death,  
and Resurrection of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

We praise You for who You are, our holy  
and most worthy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Today as we face together this virus, help us remember  
the words Jesus spoke to us the night before He died:

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.*

*I do not give to you as the world gives.*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid!"*

(John 14:27)

O Lord, we receive Your peace, a peace that is not  
dependent on the world nor its circumstances.

We receive the deep peace of the Prince of Peace.

May this peace guard not only our hearts, but also the hearts  
of all the world, especially those affected by this virus.

We pray You will draw all people to find rest in You,  
dear God, for You alone cause us to dwell in tranquility.

Please bless our civil and religious leaders, and guide  
them to make the right decisions for the good of all.

We ask You to remove this scourge from us, and  
through it to bring us all closer to You, our beloved Lord.

In Jesus' name we pray.

*Amen*

**Office  
Hours**

We will try to keep "normal office hours as  
much as possible: Mom-Thurs 9:00-3:00

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