



Unlike other weeks, many of you reading this will do so online. Our country and our world have changed much in recent weeks. However, Our Lord is with us and our Catholic witness is as important as ever.

Due to the spread of COVID-19 the following are suspended until further notice per directives from Bishop Rhoades—public weekday and Sunday Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, RCIA classes, stations of the cross, and other parish events. Weddings, funerals, and baptisms are limited to the immediate family and necessary ministers. Penance services and scheduled confession times are cancelled, but those who need of the Sacrament of Reconciliation can call the office so we can set up a time. The church will remain open throughout the day from 9am until 7pm for those who wish to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

We will be live streaming our Sunday Masses at 9am and most/all of our weekday Masses at 8:15am. They will be accessible on Facebook and recorded and available on our parish website. These Masses will be offered with those intentions listed in the bulletin. Please remember, though we cannot physically receive our Lord in the Eucharist at this time, we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion. Although there are many prayers, there is one provided on the next page.

While Masses are not celebrated publicly and the school is closed for several weeks, the parish continues to operate and incur expenses. Our teachers have been planning lessons for our students, this past week some of our staff served meals in our cafeteria to students and families in need in our community, and the church office remains open in case of emergency and to meet urgent sacramental needs. The Sunday offerings help to fund salaries, utilities, and all our other expenses. Please continue to help us cover these costs during this period. Now may be a time to prayerfully consider (at least temporarily) online giving. You can access this online at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1612> or go to our parish website (stthomaselkhart.com), click the explore tab at the top of the page, and then click "Giving".

During this time remember to take care of yourselves physically. Remember to get outside, get some exercise, and eat healthy. Spiritual care is also necessary. God can use this time if we let Him, to help us better appreciate our families and the many blessings we take for granted in our day-to-day lives. Being Lent, there is not a better time for us to slow down and spend more time in prayer. Start praying the rosary as a family. Take advantage of the movies and programs on FORMED and watch them together as a family. Do an equal trade-off that your child watches a religious movie for the same amount of time spent watching other movies, TV, computer time, and video games. Don't forget to reach out and call family that may feel especially isolated if they live alone. We can still serve and make a difference in others' lives, even if our physical contact needs to be done more carefully. As people of hope, we know this sickness will pass eventually. When it does, it would be a shame if we looked back on this time with regrets because we did not spend it well with our loved ones.

Fr. Jason

Prayer from Saint Alphonsus Liguori to make a "spiritual communion"

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE ANNUNCIATION

Sometimes spiritual writers are accused of putting Mary on a pedestal and thereby, discouraging ordinary humans from imitating her. Perhaps such an observation is misguided. God did put Mary on a pedestal and has put all human beings on a pedestal. We have scarcely begun to realize the magnificence of divine grace, the wonder of God's freely given love. The marvel of Mary—even in the midst of her very ordinary life—is God's shout to us to wake up to the marvelous creatures that we all are by divine design.

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro M. Faldoni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.
O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.
Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.
Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

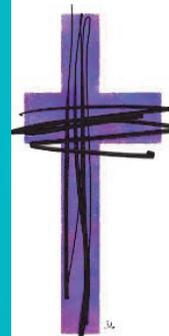
Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS

The Annunciation of the Lord March 25



"Dear Mary, when the angel gave you a message that God wanted you to conceive Jesus, the savior, you said yes to Him without questioning your well-being. You were engaged to Joseph, you knew you could be stoned to death, you knew people would not like you, but you trusted God fully because you knew He knew better and had your best interest at heart no matter what happened. Even if you would suffer. Pray for me, too, that I may be humble like you and accept God's Will in my life, no matter what that is. Also, pray for me that I may have the discernment to know His Will, and to live as a reflection of His commandments, especially the greatest of all that Jesus left us, Love God above, and my neighbor as I love myself!"



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 22nd, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00a.m. Terence Michael Healy by Bob & Stevie Giel
 10:30a.m. In recognition of the sanctity of human life from
 conception until natural death
 6:00p.m. The Parish

Monday, March 23rd, Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

7:00a.m. Samuel Paolillo

Tuesday, March 24th, Lenten Weekday

5:30p.m. John Simmons by Byron & Marie Simmons

Wednesday, March 25th, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

8:15a.m. Bob Summers by James & Margaret Summers

Thursday, March 26th, Lenten Weekday

7:00a.m. Special Intentions for Irv & Bonnie Kloska by
 Tom & Carol Pawlak

Friday, March 27th, Lenten Weekday

8:15a.m. Leonard Antonelli

Saturday, March 28th, Lenten Weekday

8:00a.m. John Heeg by Elaine

Saturday, March 28th, Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30p.m. Patty Duggan by the Folk Group

Sunday, March 28th, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00a.m. The Parish
 10:30a.m. Nick & Lisa Marino by Jeff & Amy Kloska
 6:00p.m. Michael Terlep Sr. by Rosemarie

Readings for the Week of March 22nd, 2020

Sunday 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a,
 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17,
 34-38
 Monday Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b;
 Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;
 Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23;
 Jn 5:31-47
 Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23;
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12;
 Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
 Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17,
 20-27, 33b-45

Contributions from March 15th, 2020

	RECEIVED	BUDGETED
ADULT (119)	6,690.50	16,264.20
ONLINE GIVING (73)	4,631.25	
CHILDREN	33.00	20.00
OTHER	634.00	849.06
	11,988.75	17,133.26

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	30.00
SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE	40.00
SCHOOL COLLECTION ENV.	255.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	95.00



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 donation automatically given to your parish.
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Remember in your prayers those parishioners or their family or
 friends who are sick, in the hospital, nursing home, homebound or
 in need of prayers especially:

Norma Royer	Stephen & Steve	Father Jacob Gall
Sandy Richardson	Spretnjak	Brian Lochmandy
Linda Hunt	Amanda Jasin-Foens	
Shelley Eppers	Muff Klose	Please call the
Cathy Lytell	Noreen Jankowski	rectory to update:
Philip Wiskotoni	Murray & Martha	262-1505
Lois Dusthimer	McKay	
Jim Weitz	Bev Johnson	If you are home-
Charlie Sonneborn	Phyllis Flamion	bound temporarily or
Gezo Shapo	Andy Pringle	long term, you may
Monica Worthington	Karen Feltz	call the rectory to
Rosa Santos	John Schultz	arrange for Holy
Katherine Pluas	Mark Campbell	Communion to be
Elizabeth Rose	Jay Arthur	brought to you.
Jerry Lockwood	Jackie Schafer	
Peg Covert	Sharon Long	
Lucille Izak	Matthew Marks	
Rick Newman	Sharon Edsall	
Mary Pulley	Dorothy Feichtner	
Rocky Freehart	John Sadowey, Sr.	
Matt Snyder	Camdon Pomson	
Ann Brigant	Mary Ellen Shamory	
Max Rockrohr	Dana VanPaemel	
Teresa Schultz	Elizabeth Lopez	
Pauline Williams	John DiPiro	
Nancy Peterman	Carla Mikel	
Nancy Kay	Sharon Van Paemel	
Charlotte Ronske	Therese Sailor	
Rick Reige	Leslie Hicks	



Please remember in your prayers the soul of
 Anne Treckelo.
 May her soul and all the souls of the faithful de-
 parted rest in peace.



March 22: Gina Duehmig, Kyran Fletcher, Lorena Gonzales, Millie Shaw
March 23: Anna Broderick, Omar Gomez, Leslie Grimm, Brandon Stein
March 24: Madison Mickels, Ibeth Munoz, Jari Zurek
March 25: Nancy Aurand, Kariya Byer, Francis Lima, Jane Lochmandy,
 Charlotte Ronske, Nicholas Szabo
March 26: Margaret Farrell, Luca Lambdin, Adrian Lim, Floralee Stone
March 27: William Broderick, Maluiza Lopez, Luke Fehrenbacher,
 Jessica Mahoney, Cristina Peek, Sheila Terlep
March 28: Antonio Balzano, Maria Lacopo



St. Turibio de Mogrovejo - Feast day, Monday, March 23rd

Together with Rose of Lima, Turibio is the first known saint of the New World, serving the Lord in Peru, South America, for twenty-six years. Born in Spain and educated for the law, he became so brilliant a scholar that he was made professor of law at the University of Salamanca and eventually became chief judge of the Inquisition at Granada. When the archbishopric of Lima in Spain's Peruvian colony became vacant, it was decided that Turibio was the man needed to fill the post: He was the one person with the strength of character and holiness of spirit to heal the scandals that had infected that area. He cited all the canons that forbade giving laymen ecclesiastical dignities, but he was overruled. He was ordained priest and bishop and sent to Peru, where he found colonialism at its worst. The Spanish conquerors were guilty of every sort of oppression of the native population. Abuses among the clergy were flagrant, and he devoted his

energies (and suffering) to this area first. He began the long and arduous visitation of an immense archdiocese, studying the language, staying two or three days in each place, often with neither bed nor food. He confessed every morning to his chaplain, and celebrated Mass with intense fervor. Among those to whom he gave the Sacrament of Confirmation was Saint Rose of Lima, and possibly Saint Martin de Porres. After 1590 he had the help of another great missionary, Saint Francis Solanus. His people, though very poor, were sensitive, dreading to accept public charity from others. Turibio solved the problem by helping them anonymously. When Turibio undertook the reform of the clergy as well as unjust officials, he naturally suffered opposition. Some tried, in human fashion, to "explain" God's law in such a way as to sanction their accustomed way of life. He answered them in the words of Tertullian, "Christ said, 'I am the truth'; he did not say, 'I am the custom.'"

Patron: Peru, Latin American Bishops, Native Rights, (Also, Lawyers may seek his intercession because he was a Lawyer in Spain).

Source: Catholicculture.org

Again Lent's austerity is interrupted as we solemnly keep a feast in honor of the Annunciation. The Annunciation is a mystery that belongs to the temporal rather than to the sanctoral cycle in the Church's calendar. For the feast commemorates the most sublime moment in the history of time, the moment when the Second Divine Person of the most Holy Trinity assumed human nature in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Thus it is a feast of our Lord, even as it is of Mary, although the liturgy centers wholly around the Mother of God. —

Source: The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch.

The Annunciation, a tradition which has come down from the apostolic ages, tells us that the great mystery of the Incarnation was achieved on the twenty-fifth day of March. It was at the hour of midnight, when the most holy Virgin was alone and absorbed in prayer, that the Archangel Gabriel appeared before her, and asked her, in the name of the blessed Trinity, to consent to become the Mother of God. Let us assist, in spirit, at this wonderful interview between the angel and the Virgin.

Source: Catholicculture.org



