

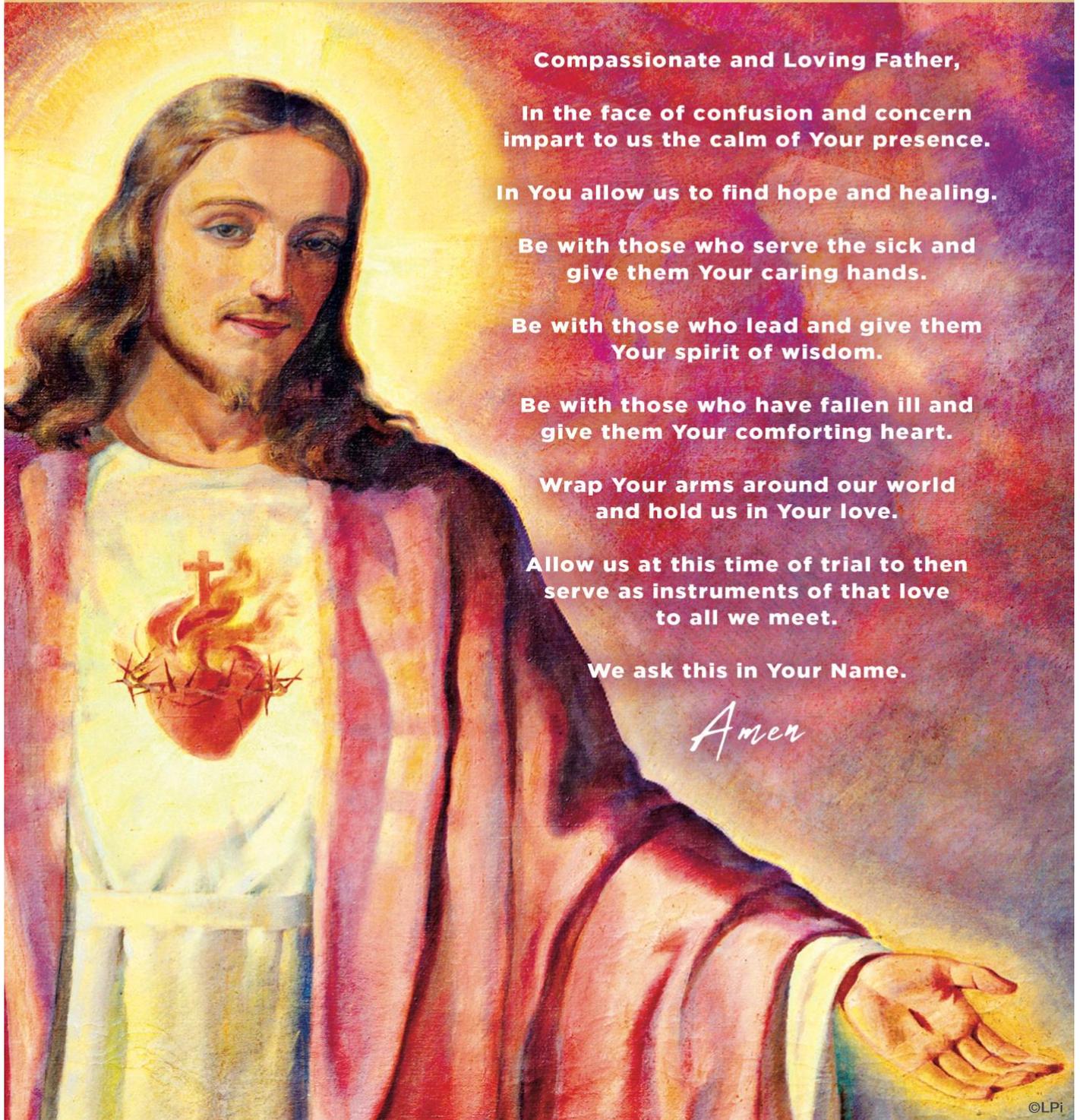
Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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# Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and  
give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them  
Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and  
give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world  
and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love  
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

*Amen*

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Coronavirus Pandemic has caused concern around the globe, and here at Holy Rosary we pray that our parish family is well cared for in the midst of closings and quarantines. Bishop Brennan has directed that all churches be locked and masses be cancelled until further notice. Information changes by the day, and we will use our Sunday bulletin, parish emails and Facebook page to keep you informed. Our bulletins will be emailed to parishioners who signed up for email, and every week the bulletins are posted on our parish webpage: [www.holyrosarywv.org](http://www.holyrosarywv.org). We will continue to send the bulletins to our homebound parishioners by "snail mail." We will also help you with resources, readings and reflections as you continue your Lenten journey at home. Please call the rectory if you need help during this time.

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### A Message from Father Joe

Based on continuing new and updated directives by local health officials, the CDC and the government, all of Bishop Mark Brennan's decisions are rooted in a sense of care and concern for our people. Many of our people fall into the high-risk category for this virus. Please read the directives below:

- **ALL PUBLIC DAILY AND WEEK-END MASSES ARE SUSPENDED** Bishop Brennan has officially dispensed all those in our diocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Father Joe celebrates Mass privately with Brother Roy and the intentions of the scheduled Masses are said. These intentions will be placed in the bulletin. At this time there is no projected date when the Masses will resume.
- **ALL FUNERAL MASSES ARE SUSPENDED.** Graveside services may be conducted. We can schedule with the family a future memorial Mass when the suspension has been lifted.
- **NO ACTIVITIES MAY TAKE PLACE IN THE CHURCH BUILDINGS.**
- **THE BUILDINGS ARE LOCKED.** If you need to enter the Church/ Hall contact Fr. Joe or Br. Roy
- **COMMUNICATION:** Brother Roy and Father Joe are available at 304-472-3414. Our Parish Web Site is: [holyrosarywv.org](http://holyrosarywv.org) If you know of someone who would like to receive our email notices, please call the parish. Bulletin will be on the web site and sent out on emails.
- **CONFESSIONS** Father Joe is available for by appointment (304-472-3414)
- **ANOINTING OF THE SICK** Father Joe is available if there is grave illness. He will come to your home or go to the hospital. (We must also follow the hospital guidelines for visitors.)
- **VISITS AND COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND** *except in an emergency I am not permitted to visit. I would encourage family members to contact me. I am permitted to commission you to bring Holy Communion to sick members of your family.*
- **ENVELOPES AND COLLECTIONS** *If you are able, we ask you to continue your church contributions. You can send them by mail, deliver by hand or send through the bank. You can wait till the church reopens and bring all the weeks together. Thank you sincerely*
- **EASTER FLOWERS** *We have already collected money for our Easter flowers, and we will use this money for our spring décor when Masses resume.*
- **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER** *The diocese has not yet made a decision on these feasts. It is possible that we will find a positive answer a few days before or that they will not be publicly celebrated. Stay tuned.*

**Please remember that we are united in God's love and power. Together with our God we will weather the storm and come out stronger in our faith. May Jesus bless you, Father Joe**

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## This Week's Readings

We encourage you to pray over the Sunday readings each week. Use your Bible, or access the many available sites online for readings and reflections. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB.org) has an easy to use calendar of daily readings and psalms.

### First Reading:

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” (1 Sm 16:7b)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

### Second Reading:

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” (Eph 5:14b)

### Gospel: John 9:1

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.

## 4th Sunday of Lent Can we see the goodness around us?

Today we have the story of a man born blind. In Jesus' time, blindness was viewed as a punishment for sin. Lent is all about looking inward and rooting out sinful desires and actions. So this story of a blind man and Jesus restoring his sight is a story about the forgiveness of sin.

How often do we hold on to sinful ways or thoughts? Do we need Jesus to give us something in our lives to see again? Or do we need to concentrate on something we do well so that our "sight" may be improved? This week, let us look through eyes of faith and attempt to see goodness around us. Also, let us help each other to remove sin so that we might see God more clearly.

### Readings for the week of March 22, 2020

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/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 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



## Please remember in your prayers

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Jack Call, Joe Morton, Matthew Linger, David Vincent, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Hugh Hensil, Charity Manspeaker, Barbara Elmore, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Mike Cerullo, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Lorene Hardman, Freda Cawthon, Vicki Dibble, Gerogetta Sears, Rue Thompson, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Linda Hicks, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, Bill Baxa, P.T. Garton, John Egress, Jalen Welcome, Ron Byrd, Helena Bessinger.

***Please pray for all men and women serving in the military.***

### **Please pray for our homebound**

Gene & Mary Stump, Denna Bayless, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Gerald Hackney, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Bob Jeran, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, Rosie Ketterman, Shirley Helmick, William McLean, Lorene Hardman, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Gerry Stankus

### **Lenten Almsgiving Project**

During Lent, our Christian Concerns Committee is collecting items for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace," a non-profit organization that makes twin beds for children and teens who have no place to sleep. In your generosity this Lenten season, please think of the children who can benefit from your donations. Beds are made for children and teens ( no cribs for babies). We need:

- New twin sized sheets, blankets, and comforters for kids and teens
- New pillows and pillow cases for kids and teens
- Tools
- Wood and other construction materials
- Donations for mattresses and other expenses

You may drop your donations in Marist Hall any time before Easter. Please see Brother Roy or members of the Christian Concerns Committee with your questions.

*(Since this is not an "Easter Project," we will continue to collect for this project as planned.)*

### **Mass Intentions**

**Father Joe has privately celebrated the Mass for these intentions:**

#### **Last Week:**

Gregory F. Harris, Charles Sandreth, Carol Jones & Family, Thomas O'Shea, James E. Hornbeck, Marty, Karen & Jim Merek, The Pallottines, Our Holy Rosary Parishioners.

#### **This Week:**

Jim and Delores Luft, Fr. Raphial, Chris Fallon, Poor Souls Living, Howalt & Atwood Families, Molly Abromabage, Our Holy Rosary Parishioners.

### **Parishioner News**

Our Sympathies are extended to David and Mariann Jack on the death of David's mother, Betty Jack. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for the soul of Carolyn D. Hager, former parishioner and friend who died recently in Orlando, Florida. Carolyn and her husband, Joe, lived in Buckhannon for 40 years. If you would like to send condolences to the family, you may reach them at: 2363 Fenton Ave / Clermont, Fl 34711

Congratulations to Samuel Walker whose sculptural ceramic cup was selected for the West Virginia Art Education "Youth Art Month" in Parkersburg. Sam's piece won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 3-D category.

Congratulations to our own Makenzi Lewellyn, a senior at BUHS who was selected for the West Virginia All-State Orchestra!

### **Can You Help?**

Many parishioners are asking: How can we help during this crisis? Ideas might include: shopping or delivering groceries or pharmacy aids or donating money or gift cards for those who are in need because of lost income or extra burdens at home. If you would like to offer your services, please call Brother Roy at the rectory, 472-3414.

### **Mass Broadcasted**

We are still investigating the holy Mass on television. We know that WBOY broadcasts the Mass on Sundays at 11 a.m. If you go to the diocesan website (dwc.org) you can view the Sunday Mass on your computer. Previous homilies are also available on the diocesan website.

### **Prayer for Healthcare Workers**

Loving God, we place into your care all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers. Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body. Keep them safe from harm. May they know our deep gratitude for all they are doing to heal and help those affected by the coronavirus. God of all consolation may they know your protection and peace. Bless them in these challenging days and bless their families. Amen