

2020 Collections

Regular & Holy Days Collection

03/22/20 \$2,123.00

2020 Total Regular Collection
\$50,282.00

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Parish Projects

2020 Total Parish Project Collection
\$4,434.00

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In the beginning
was the word...



Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy Committee

**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS**



-AND-
**LADIES
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#8740



Our Lady
of Lourdes
Parish Hall

Tuesday
at 6PM



DAUGHTERS OF MARY
WOMEN RENEWING FAITH AND FAMILY

When Life Seems Impossible Pray for the Intercession of Mary, Undoer of Knots



Do you have knots in your life that seem impossible to untie? Turn to Mary, Undoer of Knots!

The devotion to Mary, Undoer of Knots is about 300 years old, but became more widely known as Pope Francis spoke about and promoted it throughout his papacy, and while he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Pope Francis said:

Through Mary, "All the knots of our heart, every knot of our conscience can be undone."

Unlike many other Marian devotions, the devotion to Mary, Undoer of Knots did not come about through an apparition, but through her intercession!

The Story:

German Nobleman Wolfgang Langenmantel and his wife, Sophie, had marital problems and were on the brink of a divorce. Wolfgang was very distraught, and went to Jesuit priest Fr. Jakob Rem for counseling.

The two prayed together to the Blessed Virgin Mary for Wolfgang's marriage each time they met.

While meeting for the last time on Sept. 28th, 1615, Wolfgang provided Fr. Rem with his wedding ribbon, which was used during his wedding ceremony to tie the couple together as a symbol of unity.

Fr. Rem then took the ribbon, lifted it up next to an image of Our Lady of the Snows, and asked Mary if she would "untie the knots" of Wolfgang's marriage. The ribbon then loosened, completely untied, and became extremely white.

Even though precise details were not given, Wolfgang and Sophie reconciled after this happened.

(This is the primary story behind the painting, but referring to Mary as an untier of knots goes back to St. Irenaeus, in the second century.

St. Irenaeus said, "The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by the obedience of Mary; what the virgin Eve bound by her unbelief, the Virgin Mary loosened by her faith.")

The Prayer

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me. ... Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of His children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the evil one himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish

MARCH 29
2020
5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
YEAR A
CYCLE II

MASS SCHEDULE

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MOBILE ALL MASSES, GATHERINGS AND MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED THROUGH AND INCLUDING PALM SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2020

SATURDAY
VIGIL MASS
4:00PM

SUNDAY
MASS
8:30AM & 11:00AM

LATIN MASS
6:00 PM

MONDAY
COMMUNION SERVICE
8:00AM

TUESDAY
MASS
5:30PM

WEDNESDAY
MASS
8:00AM

THURSDAY
MASS
8:00AM

FRIDAY
MASS
8:00AM

MONTHLY

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
8:30AM TO NOON

FIRST SATURDAY
MASS
8AM

SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY
3:15PM-3:45PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT



Forgiveness
Acceptance
Self-Control
Truth
Integrity
Nourishment
Grace



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Pope Francis: on facing challenges of the coronavirus pandemic



By Vatican News

"I asked the Lord to stop the epidemic: 'Lord, stop it with your hand'. That is what I prayed for". Pope Francis revealed the content of his prayer in an interview with Italian journalist, Paolo Rodari, published in Wednesday's edition of "La Repubblica" newspaper. Pope Francis made this prayer when he visited the Roman churches of Saints Mary Major and Marcello on the Via del Corso last Sunday.

In the interview, Pope Francis offers advice about how to face the daily challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic: "We need to rediscover the concreteness of small things, the small acts of kindness shown to those who are close to us, family, friends. We need to realize that our treasure lies in small things. There are tiny gestures that sometimes get lost in the routine of everyday life, gestures of tenderness, affection, compassion, that are nevertheless decisive, important", he says. The Pope gives the examples of sharing "a hot plate of food, a caress, a hug, a phone call... These are familiar, attentive gestures regarding everyday details that make life meaningful, and create communion and communication amongst us".

Pope Francis observes that many time communication is only "virtual". "Instead we should discover a new closeness", he says. "Real relationships made of attentiveness and patience". The Pope describes how some families eat together at home in silence – not because they are listening to one another, but because "the parents are watching television while they eat, and their children are on their mobile phones". Pope Francis describes this kind of family as "monks isolated from one another". There is no communication here, he says. "Instead, listening to one another is important because we understand one another's needs, struggles, desires". "There is a language made of concrete gestures that must be safeguarded", continues the Pope. The suffering people are enduring at this time should make us open to this language.

In the interview, Pope Francis expresses his appreciation for healthcare personnel and volunteers. He thanks those who dedicate themselves to helping others in this way, and describes them as "an example" of the concreteness of small acts of kindness. The Pope invites "everyone to be close to those who have lost loved ones, to try to accompany them in every way possible". We must all be dedicated to consoling others, he adds. Pope Francis mentions that he was particularly struck by an article he read recently. In it, the author indicates how "our behaviour always affects others' lives". The example cited was that of how not paying our taxes, leads to lack of healthcare services.

Finally, Pope Francis invites everyone to hope — even those who do not believe. "We are all children of God, and He watches over us", says the Pope. "Even those who have not yet met God, those who do not have the gift of faith, can find their way through the good things that they believe in. They can find strength in their love for their children, their family, their brothers and sisters. Someone might say: 'I cannot pray because I do not believe'. But at the same time", concludes Pope Francis, "we can believe in the love of the people we have around us, and there we can find hope".

Prayer List

Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Clement Boney, Eddie Booth Sr., Logan Bowers, Boatie Campbell, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, John Dumas, Teresa Dumas, Shelby Fletcher, Ellyn Fowler, Louise Frontz, Tim Frontz, Tony Golemon, J S Johnson, Bill Johnston, Billy Kenny, MaryAnn Keith, Liz Kilborn, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Tiffany Neese, Joanne Orleans, Darlene O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Genna Pose, Glenda Pouyadou, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Larry Snow, Mary Spikes, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Thomas Thigpen, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Ida Vrazel, Sallie Washington, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Agnes Worley, Bobby Zarate.

Active Military

Dominic French *Army*, Jordan Guidry *Marines*, Austin M. Goodin *Marines*,
Fr. Paul A. Halladay *Army*,
Matthew Ladnier *Coast Guard* Kenneth L. McAlman *Army*,
Alex Milesenko *Army*, Corie Demetri Mitchell *Army*,
Kevin O'Rourke *Coast Guard*, Sam Schoolfield Jr. *Marine Reserves*,
Sam Schoolfield Sr. *Marines*, Jerrick Thompson *Army Reserves*

A Prayer for All Who Care for the Sick

O merciful Father, who have wonderfully fashioned man in your own image, and have made his body to be a temple of the Holy Spirit, sanctify, we pray you, our doctors and nurses and all those whom you have called to study and practice the arts of healing the sick and the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them in body and soul, and bless their work, that they may give comfort to those for whose salvation your Son became Man, lived on this earth, healed the sick, and suffered and died on the Cross.
Amen

If you would like to send a card to Sharon Williams her information is below:

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Healing After Divorce

By Susan K. Rowland

I was divorced six years ago. There was no funeral, even though divorce is one of the cruelest deaths there is: the death of a marriage. Most members of my ex-husband's family, with whom I had been close for thirty years, disappeared from my life. Some were puzzled, embarrassed, or even angry. Fortunately, I had friends who called to see how I was doing and who gave me the hugs I so badly needed. But I wept alone, ate alone, and struggled with finances. Suddenly, I had nowhere to go for holidays. There were times when I felt like an outcast, like one of the lepers of Jesus' time.

Divorce is a death, worse than physical death in some ways. There is no outpouring of support and sympathy that physical death brings. Instead, the divorced person often feels alone and disgraced, especially in the parish community, which rightfully champions marriage. Also, the former spouse is still around. The initial pain of divorce is often aggravated by disputes over child support and visitation, adult children's marriages, holidays, and remarriage.

There are few people in the Church who will not experience divorce personally or through a family member, friend, or coworker. What do divorced Catholics need? What attitude should the



rest of us adopt? Here are some thoughts about the care of those who have experienced the "death" of a divorce.

In the Parish

Every parish should offer some sort of support program for the divorced and separated. Programs such as Beginning Experience

(beginningexperience.org) and DivorceCare (divorcecare.org) can be helpful to the newly divorced. In addition, many dioceses offer divorced/separated support. Check your diocesan website for information. Ideally, such a program should combine practical instruction about finances, child support, legalities, and Church annulments with informal time for people to share their stories and support one another.

Healing is the Goal

For the individual who has divorced and for his or her family, healing is the first priority—not judgment, blame, or explanations. Healing cannot happen completely until forgiveness happens. Since forgiveness will take time, the divorced person needs to be ready to forgive. He or she needs to say to God, "I want to forgive. I can't now, but I want to try. Please, Jesus, love him/her for me."

Forgiveness has two components: 1) letting go of the person who wronged

you, trusting that you can leave matters in God's capable hands and 2) praying for the one who has wronged you. No one can intercede for someone the way an ex-spouse can.

Decisions, Decisions

Newly divorced people must make many decisions. Some are internal: "Who am I now?" Others are external: moving, changing jobs, returning to college, volunteering. As painful as it is, divorce is an open door for people who have suffered through a bad marriage. They have agonized and struggled, hoped and pretended, lived in denial and then faced the painful truth.

The divorced need to get on with their lives. If you are a friend or family member, encourage them to do so. Let them talk about whatever they are taking on. We do this for the widowed. The divorced, too, need encouragement and support for their plans and new identity.

Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians contains what is known as the "love chapter." Usually read at weddings, it's just as appropriate when a marriage ends: "Love is patient, love is kind....It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (13:4-8). +



Lord, your life-giving spirit fills me with hope and joy. In times of trouble, help me place all my trust in you.

—From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

March 30–April 4

Monday, Lenten Weekday:
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62
or 13:41c–62 / Jn 8:1–11

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday:
Nm 21:4–9 / Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday:
Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95 / Jn 8:31–42

Thursday, Lenten Weekday:
Gn 17:3–9 / Jn 8:51–59

Friday, Lenten Weekday:
Jer 20:10–13 / Jn 10:31–42

Saturday, Lenten Weekday:
Ez 37:21–28 / Jn 11:45–56

Bringing Home
the Word 

March 29, 2020

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Bringing Home the Word

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)
March 29, 2020

Our Resurrection

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The raising of Lazarus is a decisive miracle in Christ's public ministry. It leads to increased hostility and gives the Jewish leaders both an excuse and a motivation to actively seek the death of Jesus. This Gospel episode is so important that John dedicates an entire chapter to the story.

What is the most important message of this miracle? Without faith in Jesus, there is no resurrection: a fitting message for a Pietro Annigoni painting in Europe

right after World War II. In Annigoni's *The Resurrection of Lazarus*, Mary is at the feet of Jesus while Martha is on her feet pouring out her heart. The artist evokes a landscape of death and destruction, one too often observed in postwar Europe. Colors of decay abound. Stones are piled up like rubble. The trees are burnt, scrawny, and twisted as if after an air raid. It is ugly, rugged, barren, and dry. A small group of people have gathered to weep at the tomb.

Jesus is the only source of color and life. After Martha affirms her faith in Jesus and the resurrection, he lifts up his hand and calls out. The onlookers peer inside, perhaps having heard the sounds of rustling coming from the cave.

The message of this artwork is clear to anyone struggling with the bondage of a destructive past. Jesus wants to speak words of life and raise us from the grips of death, war, and despair. Believe in Jesus and he will raise you up! +

Sunday Readings

Ezekiel 37:12–14

You shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and make you come up out of them, my people!

Romans 8:8–11

The one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you.

John 11:1–45 or John 11:3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45

Jesus told [Martha], "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

Jesus wants to speak words of life and raise us from the grips of death, war, and despair.

A Word from Pope Francis

I invite you to think for a moment, in silence, here: Where is my interior necrosis? Where is the dead part of my soul? Where is my tomb? ...And to remove the stone, to take away the stone of shame and allow the Lord to say to us, as he said to Lazarus: "Come out!"

—Homily, April 6, 2014



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How is your Lenten journey bringing you deeper in faith and closer to new life in Jesus?
- Has Jesus raised you from destruction or despair? How?

Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet as an Act of Mercy



Inspired by news that due to severe quarantine restrictions people succumbing to the coronavirus in Italy are dying separated from family and friends, a Catholic priest sent out an appeal to believers to daily “spiritually place ourselves beside one of the poor unfortunate men and women who are dying alone in hospitals all over the world because of this virus.”

The families of the dying can't say goodbye, hold their loved ones' hands, or pray with them because everyone is quarantined. And so thousands are dying alone – utterly alone and scared in their final hours.

More than 6,000 in Italy and more than 10,000 worldwide so far.

Below is a touching proposal conceived by Fr. Philip Kemmy, a priest in Ireland who suggests that we each commit to praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day with a very specific intention in mind.

Fr. Kemmy explained:

Earlier this evening I was reading a news report on the SkyNews website which, quoting a doctor in a hospital in Italy, had the headline: “Everyone Dies Alone.” It was a very sobering and tragically sad report, describing how, because they have to be isolated, those suffering and slowly dying from Covid19 meet their end without the comfort and consolation of their relatives and loved ones. The medical staff do what they can, but they are overwhelmed by the task that lies before them. When I read that headline, immediately I was stirred to begin this little project.

Inspired by a scene in the Diary of St. Faustina, where she was spiritually transported by the Lord in order to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the bedside of a dying man she did not know, I would like to suggest that we would each commit to praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day for the days ahead to spiritually place ourselves beside one of the poor unfortunate men and women who are dying alone in hospitals all over the world because of this virus, some of whom are perhaps not well prepared spiritually for their earthly end. If families were to pray it then several dying persons would be spiritually adopted with the one prayer of the Chaplet.

Praying the Chaplet for the dying, we will petition Jesus to enfold them in his Merciful Love in their final hours and grant them a strong experience of his consoling presence before they take their leave of this life. This would be a great act of mercy and love for those who are victims of this virus and who are approaching their end.

Please consider taking part in this project. There is no need to sign up to anything. It is a simple movement which, please God, will bear enormous fruit for the souls for whom we pray. I would appreciate it if you were to pass this on to others you know who might be willing to take up this spiritual work of mercy. In the final weeks of Lent it would be a good spiritual practice to incorporate into our prayer routine.

Yours in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Philip

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

