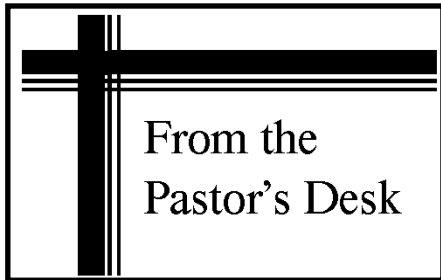




*The Fifth Sunday of Lent
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Dear Parish Family,

“Lazarus, Come Out!” “Unbind him and let him go.”

As we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Lent, these are the words we hear Jesus say to Lazarus when he called on him to come out of the grave where he had been buried, isolated and quarantined for four days. Our current situation might not be any different from that of Lazarus. Perhaps the only difference is that we are in isolation, not in a grave, but in our homes for the long haul. Lazarus’ situation gives us hope and valuable lessons at this time.

Live your life with hope and expectation. Lazarus was a man full of hope. He was always a friend of the Lord in life, and the Lord called him back and gave him a second opportunity to live again, to love again, and to share again. Faith and hope never left him while he endured the loneliness of the grave. Even in the grave, the Lord was ever by his side. The grave for him was a resting place where he would go and spend a quiet and reflective time with the Lord.

Our Individual Situations: Right now, we too are experiencing the pain of our own ‘graves,’ isolation in our homes. It might be uncomfortable to feel isolated from others, from those whom we love. We might feel a certain amount of loneliness, anxiety and fear; but the Lord assures us like he did with Lazarus: *“I am here with you.”* And if we truly believe that the Lord is here with us during this crisis, we can live with hope and expectation as did Lazarus, to come out of it. This, then, must be a moment of deep personal reflection, and we must ask ourselves some real probing questions: *“Can I hear the Lord when he calls on me from my own grave? What is the Lord saying to me as I hear the call of his voice? How should I respond to his calling from my own home?”*

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Situations Around Us: While we have trust and hope that we will get through this crisis, it impacts all of us in many different ways; some in more ways than others. For some, their livelihood and source of income is seriously affected and shattered. They have had either hours reduced or even lost their jobs completely. They may be in challenging 'graves.' It is a time to remember them and ask the Lord to be with them and help them.

The Current Parish Situation: Did you know that even here at the Parish we had to take stringent measures and either temporarily cut hours or suspend the clock for some of our employees totally, just to make it through this crisis? Through it all we know that the Church depends on its employees to keep the wheels and tools of our evangelization running. As ministers, they don't do what they do for money per se, but for the love of God. At this time it is true that as we get deeper and deeper into this situation, you will not see an offertory basket passing, but please remember that to keep our beautiful campus running, bills and salaries will still have to be paid. Please continue to give. If you give online, keep giving online, and if you give by envelope, you can drop it or mail it to the parish.

Reach Out! I would like to end by encouraging each one of us to reach out to family, friends and neighbors. Help those in need.

And pray for those who may be deep into the 'grave' of sickness or has the ministry of caregiver. Pray also for an end to this storm, and ask the Lord to call us out of the 'grave' of COVID-19 into his wonderful light.

Stay safe and remain blessed,
In Christ,
Fr. Peter

Know Your Catholic Faith Corner *Apologetics without apology!*

Saints Who Help People in Dangerous Professions/Situations - Their job is to protect you while you do yours.

In the dangerous world we live in, most people pray to be protected from harm and illness. Some people are more vulnerable to being hurt because of various situations. Some live in impoverished areas, and some live in areas where violence or a natural disaster happens more frequently. Many people face danger on a regular basis because their jobs require it of them. So, when people work in dangerous professions, what should they do to try to stay safe? In addition to taking necessary precautions like maintaining a healthy diet and fitness routine, and getting a decent amount of sleep and relaxation; they can ask God for help and protection in their daily prayers. And they can do something else as well. They can ask the patron saints of their professions for their intercession.

Pope Francis encourages all Christians to turn to saints for help. "We can compare them to the church windows which allow light to enter in different shades of color," he says. "The saints are our brothers and sisters who have welcomed the light of God in their heart and have passed it on to the world, each according to his or her own hue."

Here are some holy saints that workers who face danger every day may want to call upon. They are the patron saints of people who work in some of the most dangerous occupations. Workers can call upon them each day, if they would like, or they can do so when they are faced with a particularly dangerous situation. The patron saint for all branches of the military and police is *Saint Michael the Archangel*. The patron saint of firefighters is *Saint Florian*. The patron saint for construction workers is *Saint Thomas the Apostle*. And the patron saint of plagues is *St. Roch*. We each have a patron saint. Find out who your patron saint is.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory: For the foreseeable future, we are not having Sunday Masses. Without a doubt, this will affect our donations to support our Parish.

Our weekly budget is \$11,732. March 21 & 22 our collection totaled \$3,138. As you can see, our collection dropped drastically. The Parish still appreciates your continued support.

Please continue to give. If you give online, keep giving online, and if you give by envelope, you can drop it or mail it to the Parish.

Remember to Pray for the Sick

Don Vickery
Tom Geis



Let us know of others to pray for

Are you in need? Call the Office so we can let everyone know how they could help!

School News by Earl Walker

The Diocese has extended the closure of all schools to April 10, 2020.

Classes at all schools are to resume on Tuesday, April 14. However, closure may be extended beyond that date if the coronavirus continues to spread and threaten our safety. If so, our plan to educate our students at home will go into effect and continue until such time our school can reopen.

Our faculty will continue to offer students the best education possible by teaching from their homes.

Parents will be able to share information with their child's teacher providing they have an online platform to use.

Thankfully, our state is taking extreme measures to protect us from this dreadful virus. May they insure our health and safety during these unsettling times.

Let us all pray that this pandemic will end soon so that all our lives can return to normalcy.



Lord, where are you?

As we enter into this new 'normal' without communal daily or Sunday Masses for the foreseeable future during this Coronavirus pandemic, it can be a scary new place we are getting into. And yet the Lord says to us: "*do not be afraid, I am already there to be with you.*" So, with the Lord already there for us, what can we all do? People over 60 or who have some medical fragility are the most at risk for being devastated by the Coronavirus. These folks and everyone else is encouraged to stay home. Who among your family, your friends, your neighbors fit that category? Make a list. Determine to call them every day or so to see if they are all right. Is there an errand you can run for them? If so, without hesitation, just do it! As Christians in this new normal, let us pledge that we will be the hands and feet of Christ especially to the most vulnerable.

Who is my neighbor? During this time of isolation, it could be a good opportunity to know who our neighbors are as well. The people who live close to us, do we know them? Just reach out to them and find out how they are doing. Let our light shine!

Where can you attend Mass? We, at the Parish have not yet started a live streaming of the Mass. In the meantime, you can go to the Diocesan Website and attend Mass with Bishop Larry Silva on Sunday.

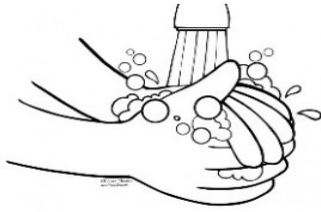
Other places offer daily basis as well



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EWTN, Relevant Radio or other avenues that the internet provide. We hope to live stream our Masses at St. John Vianney soon. Stay tuned.

Washing of hands



One Catholic wrote on her page: It has taken several days for me to get myself committed to thorough washing—of hands, of items touched by others in public places, of surfaces within my own home.

But I read that coronavirus can live on plastic 3 days. I have loved (and implemented) what I have seen on Twitter. Wash hands the Catholic way: say an “Our Father” for those who are sick as you do it. I’ve found out I do not typically wash my hands long enough. And saying an Our Father helps me regularly keep the needs of others in the forefront of my mind. Such a simple act of thorough washing can be salvific.

It is said that during the epidemics of bubonic plague in Europe, people noticed that Jews did not get the plague as much as Christians did. Scholars today say the reason was that God took care of them by putting rules in the Law about washing hands and utensils. Let us keep that practical law (now given by health officials). Know and follow other common sense health directives.

How and by which means are we going to stay in touch during this time of the pandemic?

Through the bulletin? Yes, but it won’t be possible for the foreseeable future to pick it up at Church the way we have always done because there is no Mass and the church is closed. However, it is available on the Parish Website sjvkailua.org. The fastest and probably the easiest way the Parish can reach out to you is through *myParishapp*

Download it today!

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When you have downloaded it, you will find on it:

Daily Mass readings, the Parish Sunday bulletin, special announcements and messages from Fr. Peter and others, connect with our ministries in group chats, and pray with each other.