

APRIL 5, 2020 • PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

ST. MARY'S VISITATION

Catholic Parish  Elm Grove, WI

OUR PARISH

MASSSES

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil..... 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00am

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 6:30am
Tuesday & Friday 8:00am
(school days only)
Saturday 8:00am

RECONCILIATION

Friday 2:00pm-5:00pm
Saturday 8:30am
Please check the weekly bulletin for changes to this schedule. Seasonal Tri-Parish Reconciliation Services are listed in the bulletin.

HOLY DAYS

Mary Mother of God..... Jan. 1
Assumption Aug. 15
All Saints Nov. 1
Immaculate Conception..... Dec. 8
Christmas Dec. 25
Mass schedules for Holy Days are announced in the bulletin.

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Monday-Thursday .. 8:30am-4:00pm
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"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of believers who strive to be faithful and to teach the truth of the Roman Catholic Church. We see beauty in the sacramental life of the Church, especially in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and in adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We promote goodness in this world, following the example of our Blessed Mother, our Lady of the Visitation, by serving the needs of others.

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POSTINGS FROM FATHER PETER

Today finds us at the beginning of the month of April — an April we never would have expected would have looked like this when March began! Certainly we find ourselves in a very unique situation for all of us — I was reminded of that when the Archbishop recently wrote in one of his letters to priests that none of us has ever found ourselves in a situation like this before. It is very true. I have been a priest for fifteen years now and have never found myself in a situation like this, and, of course, that is true for everyone who is reading this note right now. So, we find ourselves all working to do the best we can in an unexpected situation — in a situation none of us is familiar with and that most, if not all of us, were never trained for.

I wish I could write and say, ‘we’re almost through this, just a few more days!’ but, as it is, I can’t. In fact, at the risk of sounding particularly discouraging, I do not believe that this will be over in a matter of a few days and probably not even for a few weeks — this is what reality is going to look like for the foreseeable future and so I want to propose three particularly important things we need to keep in mind as we go through this together. So how can we make it through this situation, and not only make it through it, but come out stronger on the other side? I want to propose three “P’s” that can guide us and that should direct us over these coming weeks:

- **Perseverance** — The root of the word “perseverance” comes from the idea of getting through something that is difficult. No one can deny that we are facing something difficult — and perseverance is a virtue which we would do well to cultivate. It can be dangerous to think all the time, “well, if only this were to happen...” or “if only this would change...” or “when will this be over?” When we think like that we find ourselves becoming overwhelmed with anxiety — we try to live in a world that is not the one we currently live in, and the result is frustration and all that flows from it. There is that old saying, “one day at a time.” That’s the disposition of one who is working to persevere, they see in the reality they face, the hand of God Himself at work, and so, rather than rejecting it, wishing it to be different, or just trying to get it over with, they accept it and with His strength don’t just “get through it” but actually grow stronger through it. We need to persevere.
- **Patience** — We become impatient when things or people or situations do not go as we would like them to go or when a situation is outside of our control. The impatient person will also be the person who finds themselves becoming miserable internally and showering that misery on other people through impatient actions, words or criticisms. The patient person is able to recognize that life isn’t always the way they want it to be and to accept that. There is a level of acceptance of things that the patient person has which helps them to endure

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MASS INTENTIONS

For those who have scheduled intentions for loved ones during this time, know that these Masses are being offered by Fr. Peter Berger, Fr. John Gibson and Fr. David Filut, so that the graces of these Masses can continue to help the souls of the faithful departed.

Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30am † Noy Pittman
9:00am † Bernice and George Rhode
11:00am Parishioners

Monday, April 6, Monday of Holy Week

6:30am † Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 7, Tuesday of Holy Week

6:30am † John Gehringer
8:00am † Pat Parks

Wednesday, April 8, Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30am † Terese Powers

Thursday, April 9, Holy Thursday

7:00pm Parishioners

Friday, April 10, Good Friday

12:30pm Parishioners

Saturday, April 11, Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 12, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30am Parishioners
9:00am Parishioners
11:00am Parishioners

READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 5, 2020

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrim Mass*: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22

[5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

REGISTRATION & SACRAMENTS

PARISH REGISTRATION

St. Mary's Visitation is always happy to welcome new members! If you are interested in joining the parish, please call the Parish Office, 262-782-4575 or email Nora Mihm, nmihm@stmaryeg.org to make an appointment.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Children ages 6 and under: Those seeking to have children baptized should be registered, active members of St. Mary's Visitation Parish. Parents who request baptism for a child are expected to complete a preparation class. It is offered bi-monthly. The scheduled classes for 2020 include:

Saturday, July 11th from 10:30-11:30am in church

It is generally easier if the preparation is done before the birth of the child. If you have attended a session within the last five years, it is not necessary to retake the class. To schedule a baptism, please view the baptism dates on the parish website, www.stmaryeg.org/baptism. Please contact Jenny Dascoli at 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org for more information or to register for the baptism class.

Children ages 6-12: Please contact Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org.

Adults ages 12 and up: Adults who wish to join the Catholic Church and were not baptized can participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Please contact Josh Dieterich, Director of Catholic Formation, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Catholic Church takes preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously. Generally at least 6 months should be allowed for this preparation. Engaged couples themselves should call the parish office to schedule an appointment to discuss their plans. Contact Kandice Klapperich for more information, 262-782-4575 or klklapperich@stmaryeg.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is available every Monday after the 6:30am Mass. Please stop by the sacristy prior to Mass to let the priest know. Members of the parish facing surgery or other medical procedures or tests are invited to receive this Sacrament prior to their appointment. If you know of someone who is in the hospital or who would like a visit from a Parish staff member, please call the Parish Office.

and to do it with grace and dignity. In that sense, patience and perseverance are tied closely together. Perseverance helps one to get through difficulties and patience helps them to do it calmly. Patience is a gift of the Holy Spirit and so we need to ask Him to give us that patience right now — patience with the way things are, patience with each other, and patience with ourselves.

- **Prayer** — Being able to persevere and to do so patiently requires prayer. I believe, firmly — from the depths of my heart — that God is asking us to pray more. We are at a fork in the road here — will this situation move us closer to God or not? We will have to decide. I encourage you to add more prayer to your life and to your family life. Begin and end each day with a prayer, make a visit to church at the times it is open, go to confession, pray the rosary, pick out a family penance that you do weekly (such as no electronics outside of school one day a week, or meatless Fridays even after Lent, etc.) Pray for one another, pray for our leaders, pray for our health care professionals, pray for those who are suffering or dying, pray for the forgiveness of our sins, pray that God may take up His rightful place in our lives, pray that we don't complain, pray that we never take things for granted again, pray that we become better and more faithful people through this, pray for the virtues we need right now. Prayer digs a deep well in our heart, from which we can draw up the life-giving waters of grace that can sustain us in difficult and trying circumstances. God is asking us to dig our wells deeper.

So, perhaps these three "P's" are the things we can keep in front of us right now to help us not only get through this, but to grow through them and come out on the other side of it stronger — stronger in our family ties, stronger in our love for others, stronger in our fidelity to God — Perseverance, Patience and Prayer. I am praying for all of you regularly, please know that in your hearts and may God, in His mercy, sustain and protect us.

Father Peter Berger
Pastor

MASS SUSPENSION CONTINUES

Per the direction of the Archbishop, the suspension of Mass with a congregation present now extends through May 3rd. The dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass is now extended through May 31st. Please visit our website for links to Mass times celebrated by the Archbishop at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Please also note that through the direction of the Archbishop, no Palms will be distributed this weekend.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is still currently in the Atrium. Due to the current circumstances ONLY scheduled adorers, during their designated hour, will be allowed in the Adoration Chapel at this time. If you would like to have a scheduled hour, please call Mary at 414-771-8738. Please note that we will need to close the Chapel if this rule is not followed.



Lent has given us the chance to think about the great sacrifices Christ has made for us and how He helps us in our journey through life, which this year has become more and more difficult. It is only in being united with Him that we can get through this life and attain eternal happiness. ***"If I have everything but Christ I have nothing; if I have nothing but Christ I have everything."*** (words of St. Bonaventure)

Today is the beginning of the holiest week of the year. What are you going to do to make it a truly "holy week" for you and your family? It will be more of a challenge than in past years, but you CAN make it holy. Say the family rosary. Pray the stations in your own home. Check the internet and television listings to find out where you can watch and "participate" in the services for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. There will be numerous options. Take advantage of them. Meditate on and discuss the sufferings, death and resurrection of Christ. Be sure to thank Him for giving His life for you, and intercede with Him to help all of us in the present crisis, which has impacted so many in so many different ways. Pray especially for those who have died and for all the healthcare workers who are risking their lives to help others. God bless everyone!

We Need Coverage:

Sundays:	7-8am, Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153. 9-10am, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays, Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153. 2-3pm, Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.
Tuesdays	11am-12pm, Call Nancy Frazer, 262-786-0617.
Fridays:	7-8am, Call Rita Dragani, 262-796-1162. 11am-12pm, 2nd and 4th weeks, Call Rita Dragani, 262-796-1162.
Saturdays:	8-9am, Call Nancy Frazer, 262-786-0617.

You may also sign up online on our website, stmaryeg.org/perpetual-adoration.html.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open for private prayer every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9am-noon. This is in addition to it being open during the time of confessions. We ask that no more than ten people be in church at the same time and that people not come if they have a fever, cough or any symptoms of illness and to maintain space from one another in the church itself.

UPDATED CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Reconciliation is offered Saturdays at 9am and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

SMV depends on your donations to serve the faithful. With Masses suspended, we are unable to make our weekly collections through the basket at Masses. While we have taken many steps to conserve funds, we have certain ongoing expenses to continue the work of the parish and maintain our wonderful facilities. If you usually contribute in the basket through the weekly envelopes, we'd ask that you mail your envelope to the office. Alternatively, we suggest that you take advantage of one of our easy electronic methods by contributing through electronic bank transfer, PayPal or credit card. Please visit our website, <http://www.stmaryeg.org/donate.html> for more information. We appreciate that these are challenging and uncertain times and your continued support of our parish is so very appreciated.

PRAY THE ROSARY AT NOON ON FRIDAYS

On Fridays at noon, all parishioners are encouraged to be united in prayer even if we are separated by distance, by praying the Rosary together from home. Please note there is no Family Rosary scheduled for Easter Sunday at 5pm.

PARISH OFFICES REMAIN CLOSED

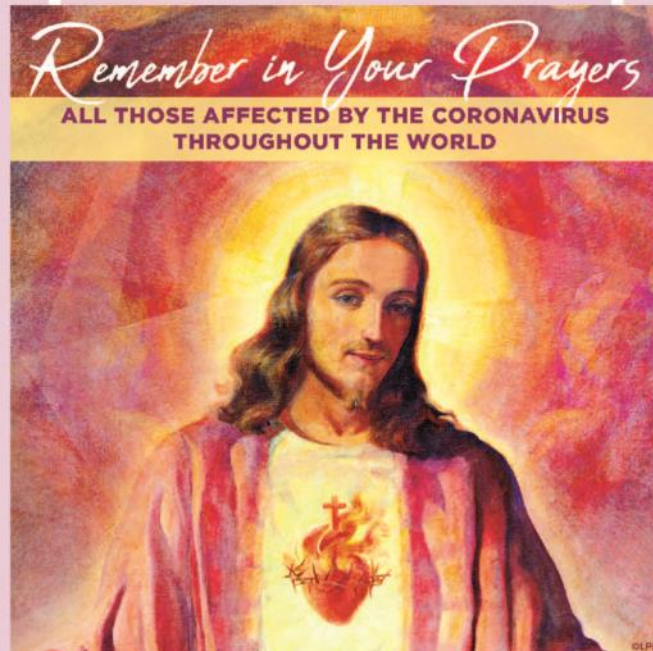
The St. Mary's Visitation Parish Offices remain closed. The parish staff will check voicemail messages from home and will also be available via e-mail. Thank you for your understanding.

CATHOLIC HERALD OFFERS FREE E-EDITION

Information about the Coronavirus pandemic is changing rapidly, and resources, best practices and stories from a multitude of perspectives are being offered on various outlets – but, nothing hits closer to home for Catholics in southeastern Wisconsin than the *Catholic Herald*. Because of the need for Catholic connection, the Catholic Herald is offering its digital e-edition free of charge during this time of crisis. Please send your name and email address to catholicherald@archmil.org to receive instructions on how to activate your free account.

*Please continue to visit our website
for the latest parish information
related to the Coronavirus:*

www.stmaryeg.org/coronavirus-update.html



*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*