



# *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

# Lent

MARCH 22, 2020

*I was blind  
and now I see.*

*John 9:25*

## **Eucharistic Liturgies**

Sunday: 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:00am,  
12:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm  
Monday-Friday: 8:00am  
Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil

## **TV Mass**

[www.seaslv.org](http://www.seaslv.org) and on the CW  
Network every Sunday morning.  
Check your local listings.

## **Church Hours**

Sunday: 5:30am-7:30pm  
Monday-Saturday: 7:00am-5:00pm\*  
\* Closed on public holidays

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

By appointment only until further notice.

## **Morning Prayer**

Monday-Saturday: 7:10am

## **Rosary**

Monday-Saturday: 7:30am

## **Eucharistic Adoration in Mater Dei Chapel\***

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-7:00pm\*  
\*Fridays of Lent the chapel will close at  
3pm and Adoration will move to the  
church from 3pm-7pm. See page 13 for  
the Lenten schedule.

Saturday: 8:30am-3:00pm

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesdays at 8:45am

\*The Chapel is closed during Easter  
Triduum, Holy Days of Obligation and  
public holidays

## **Holy Hour for Vocations in Chapel**

Last Thursday of the Month 6:00pm

## **Parish Office Hours**

Sunday: Closed

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm\*

Saturday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Closed for Lunch: 12:00pm-1:00pm

\* Closed on public holidays

## **Kairos Gift Shop Hours**

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm\*

Closed for Lunch: 12:00pm-1:00pm

\*Closed on public holidays

Saturday: 8:30am-5:30pm

Closed for Lunch: 12:00pm-1:00pm and  
during 4:00pm Mass

Sunday: 7:00am-7:30pm

Closed: During all Masses

## Welcome!

### We Are Glad You Are Here!

In order that we may better serve you, please [register](http://www.seaslv.org) with the parish by visiting [www.seaslv.org](http://www.seaslv.org) or downloading the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton App. Registration forms are also available in the gathering space of the church.

### Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at 702-228-8311 if you need to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at home or in a hospital. For assistance after hours or on Sundays, call the answering service at 702-388-9571. A priest will be notified and will contact you directly. The Sacrament is also offered communally within the Mass. Watch the bulletin for upcoming Anointing of the Sick Masses, scheduled on a quarterly basis.

### Holy Communion for the Sick

If you are homebound, please call Tom & Patti Stava at 702-586-8093 and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will visit you. In case of hospitalization, inform the hospital staff that you are Catholic and would like to receive Communion.

### Funeral Ministry

In the event of a death of a loved one, please contact the Funeral Ministry at **702-403-8416** **BEFORE making arrangements with any of the professional services.** Pre-planning is also available.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms for infants and children up to 7 years of age are celebrated on Sundays either during Mass or at 1:45pm. Parents and Godparents should attend the baptism class on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall classrooms. Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil after completing the stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

### Sacrament of Matrimony

A 6 month minimum time period is needed to complete the preparation required for the Sacrament of Matrimony. For more information, contact Pastoral Associate Helen Silva at [hsilva@seaslv.org](mailto:hsilva@seaslv.org) (702-826-3347).

### Vocations

Vocations please consult with one of the priests.

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## A Letter from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

### IT'S A LENT LIKE NO OTHER!

As I grapple with the daily news and updates about the coronavirus, I find it very spiritually significant that we experience this world-wide pandemic during our season of Lent. It's a Lent like no other!

When I think about the penitential nature of the season of Lent and all the planning and all the discerning that went into what I'm going to "do" for Lent this year, then this coronavirus thing happened, and a new penance was imposed on all of us: we can't be together as a community of faith during these days of uncertainty.

It seems that we, as a church, are being called to "fast" from the Mass and the Eucharist. That's a hard pill to swallow. But fasting, in the church, calls us to appreciate what we have...by doing without. And so, if we're called to fast from encountering Christ in the Eucharist for this temporary period, let's pray that we'll more appreciate and reverence our encounters with Christ in the Eucharist and one another when we can gather again. As we look forward to that great day, this temporary fast from Mass and the Eucharist can have greater meaning.

Fasting from the Mass and Eucharist also has another benefit. It forces us to seek out the many ways we can recognize the presence of Christ **beyond** the Eucharist as well. Nothing can replace the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the source and summit of all we do. That's a "no-brainer." But **maybe this temporary fast from the Eucharist will help us open our eyes to other ways Christ makes his real presence known.**

This past Sunday there were so many Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound who are temporarily being kept from doing their ministry for their health and the health of those vulnerable adults they visit. At the direction of their ministry coordinators, Tom & Patti Stava, they made their phone calls to all those they would have visited. They let them know how sad they were to not be able to visit them. In those phone conversations, they were **the real presence of Christ** to all those who didn't get to receive the Eucharist. Christ was present to them

in another way. It's also a reminder for all of us to keep in contact with those we know who are most vulnerable and lonely.

I'm a member of the Priests' Personnel Board for the diocese, and at our meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Thomas sought our input in dealing with the coronavirus effects on the life of the Diocese of Las Vegas. He sought our counsel and listened attentively. My brother priests shared their concerns and spoke openly and honestly. In that time together, **the real presence of Christ** was so evident in the genuine concern of our bishop and priests.

This past week I encountered some of our volunteers in our Outreach Ministry. They had spent the day handing out food to the needy. It was St. Patrick's Day! And there they were, wearing their special green clothes and accessories, keeping their prudent "social-distance" from one another while rejoicing in the encounters they had that day, along with Patti McGuire, our Outreach Coordinator, as their fearless leader. They were all **the real presence of Christ** to me and also to each other and to everyone they served that day.

I look at the staff I've been blessed with here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and School. We've recently had some challenging meetings that left us with more questions than answers. Yet, in the midst of all the uncertainties from day to day, they remain committed to doing what they can to keep this wonderful parish and school going as much as humanly possible. In their selfless dedication to this mission, they are **the real presence of Christ** to me and each other as we try to keep it all together.

So, just think of the ways that Christ is already touching many lives during this time when Lent and the coronavirus coexist. Christ never abandons us, even when he seems to be most distant, even when hope seems to dwindle. Christ is right next to us, even when the Mass and Holy Eucharist seem far away. Remember, the passion and death of Christ were not the end. The resurrection did, indeed, happen! It's undeniable! And we're proof of it!

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### Presider's Mass Intentions

Saturday	3/21
8:00am	† Pauline Aquilina
4:00pm	SEAS Parishioners
Sunday	3/22
6:30am	† Baasan Barkch
8:00am	† Pauline Aquilina
10:00am	† Pauline Aquilina
12:00pm	† Caroline Matthews
4:00pm	† Lavinia K. Mitchell
6:00pm	Mary Ring
Monday	3/23
8:00am	† Pauline Aquilina
Tuesday	3/24
8:00am	† Pauline Aquilina
Wednesday	3/25
8:00am	† Jaime Garcia, Sr.
7:00pm	For an end to the coronavirus pandemic
Thursday	3/26
8:00am	† W. Don Sylvester
Friday	3/27
8:00am	† Novena for the Deceased
Saturday	3/28
8:00am	† Ana Lani Duldulao
4:00pm	† Pauline Aquilina
Sunday	3/29
6:30am	Joan & Ron Mittendorf
8:00am	SEAS Parishioners
10:00am	† Susan Florence Beaver
12:00pm	† Patrick Freeman
4:00pm	† Kathrine Gorney
6:00pm	† Pauline Aquilina

### Parish Chest of Prayers

You are welcome to inscribe names of loved ones, living and deceased, as well as special intentions for inclusion in Masses and prayers in our Parish Chest of Prayers, located by the baptismal font.

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Tuesday:	World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations
Wednesday:	The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday:	Abstinence



### Died in Christ

Plaridel "Larry" Deza  
Paul Donovan  
Aristeo Villasenor "Boy"

### Readings for the Week

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



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To that end, I'd like to share the following I encountered on Facebook. It comes from Catholic author Laura Kelly Fanucci. Her website is [motheringspirit.com](http://motheringspirit.com). Laura helps us to look forward to the time when the coronavirus is in our past, and how that can help us with our present.

*When this is over,  
may we never again  
take for granted  
A handshake with a stranger  
Full shelves at the store  
Conversations with neighbors  
A crowded theatre  
Friday night out  
The taste of communion  
A routine checkup  
The school rush each morning  
Coffee with a friend  
The stadium roaring  
Each deep breath  
A boring Tuesday  
Life itself.  
When this ends,  
may we find  
that we have become  
more like the people  
we wanted to be  
we were called to be  
we hoped to be  
and may we stay  
that way – better  
for each other  
because of the worst.*

*Laura Kelly Fanucci*

We travel these days of uncertainty together, but not without hope. We join our hearts in prayer. We pray for those who are sick with the coronavirus, those who have died and all their family members and friends who are affected by this disease. We pray for all those medical personnel on the front lines and those who assist in health and recovery

efforts. We pray for those who suffer alone and have no one by their side. May **the real presence of Christ** be seen in all who help.

And, until we gather together again at the altar of God's gift at Mass and in the joy of the Resurrection (just imagine how great it will be to be together again!) may we take advantage of the opportunity to have "spiritual communion" with the real presence of Christ every day. I leave you with a prayer for "spiritual communion" written in the 1700s by St. Alphonsus Liguori:

*My Jesus,  
I believe you are really present in the  
Blessed Sacrament.  
I love you more than anything in the world,  
and I hunger to receive you.*

*But since I cannot receive Communion  
at this moment,  
feed my soul at least spiritually.  
I unite myself to you now  
as I do when I actually receive you. Amen.*

Peace always,



Fr. James Michael Jankowski  
Pastor



### Keep in Touch!

If you haven't done so yet, make sure to give the church office your email address so we can keep you informed of the latest parish and diocesan news, especially at this crucial time. We also encourage you to frequently visit our website at [www.seaslv.org](http://www.seaslv.org) and our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/seaslv](https://www.facebook.com/seaslv). You can contact the parish office at 702-228-8311 or email us at [seaschurch@seaslv.org](mailto:seaschurch@seaslv.org). Thank you for your cooperation.

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### Weekly Offertory

#### March 14 - 15, 2020

#### Offering

4:00pm Vigil	\$2,183.00
6:30am	\$3,557.00
8:00am	\$3,254.50
10:00am	\$1,408.00
12:00pm	\$1,304.05
4:00pm	\$1,960.80
6:00pm	\$1,075.49
Mailed-in	\$4,874.00
Kiosk, Online & Text	\$8,804.01
Collection Total	\$28,420.85

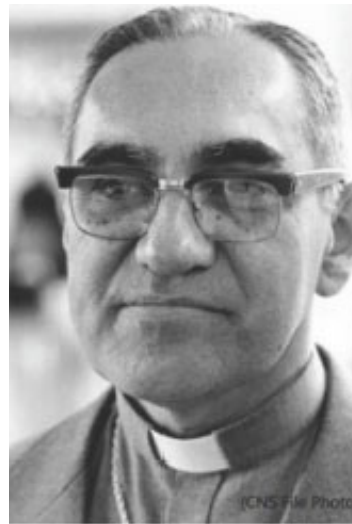
Easter Flowers	\$3,466.09
Maintenance Fund	\$240.00

Weekly 1st Collection Goal.....	\$45,000.00
Weekly 1st Collection Actual.....	\$28,420.85
Over / Under Weekly Goal.....	☹️ -\$16,579.15

Year to Date 1st Collection Goal.....	\$1,665,000.00
Year to Date 1st Collection Actual....	\$1,482,537.02
Over / Under Year to Date Goal...	☹️-\$ 182,462.98

### Upcoming Special Collections

- March 22 - Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
- April 9 - Holy Thursday for the poor
- April 10 - Good Friday for the Holy Land
- April 12 - Easter



### Saint of the Week

St. Oscar Romero

1917 - 1980

Feast Day - March 24

When Monsignor Oscar Romero was installed as Archbishop of San Salvador, El Salvador in February 1977, he was thrust into a tumultuous situation. A military coup in October 1979 led to a

gruesome, twelve year civil war. These events were precipitated by the great disparity between a small number of powerful, wealthy families—who were backed by local politicians and the military—and the rest of El Salvador's citizens. Many people suffered extreme poverty. Laborers worked for minimal pay for wealthy landowners, yet they could not hope to obtain land for themselves. The military terrorized the people in order to ensure that the families held onto land and money. The Catholic Church became a target when some clergy began to defend the poor. In response to these injustices, some Salvadorans took up arms and fought against the military.

While some Latin American clergy promoted violence as a response to injustice, Archbishop Romero advocated for a different weapon: Christian love.

Before becoming archbishop, Monsignor Romero was not aware that the government was responsible for the deaths of many civilians. Because of his quiet nature, some thought that he would be good for the position, assuming he would not meddle in controversial affairs. However, shortly after his installation, his close friend, Fr. Rutilio Grande, a priest who openly opposed the unjust practices of wealthy landowners, was assassinated by gunmen while traveling with two people to celebrate Mass. This experience awakened Archbishop Romero to the reality of the corruption in his country and prompted him to take a stand for his people's freedom.

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Archbishop Romero preached many homilies that were broadcast throughout San Salvador. He persistently defended the rights of the people, calling government leaders to conversion and challenging them to uphold God's law. He reminded the people that they were loved by God and that fighting back with Christian charity was the way to victory. His vocal response to government violence against the poor led to difficulties with other clergy members and his religious superiors as well as death threats from government accomplices. In spite of these challenges, he continued to speak out on behalf of the poor.

On March 24, 1980, Archbishop Romero was shot to death while celebrating the Eucharist in the chapel of Divina Providencia Hospital. Saint Oscar Romero was beatified in May 2015 and canonized on October 14, 2018 by Pope Francis.

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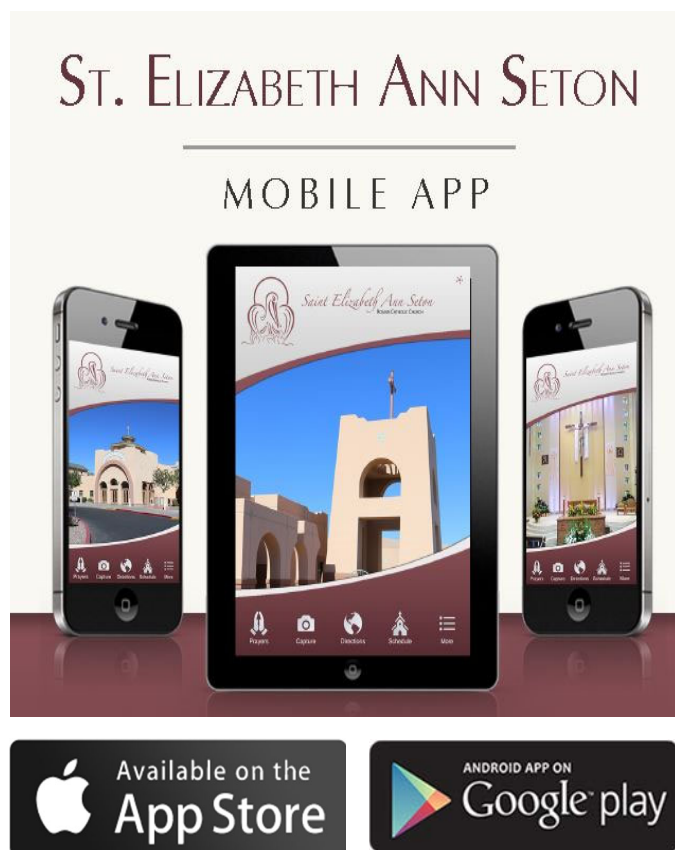
### Entire SEAS Parish Campus Now Closed

Like most businesses and operations in Nevada, out of concern of the possible transmission of the coronavirus, the entire St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish campus—church, school and chapel—are now closed until April 17, 2020, or until further notice. Although we are unable to offer public worship or keep the church open for quiet prayer at this time, our regular weekday and weekend Mass schedule as well as our Friday morning Stations of the Cross and Friday evening Scriptural Way of the Cross devotions can be viewed in real-time as we live-stream them through our church website, [www.seaslv.org](http://www.seaslv.org), at the regularly scheduled times.

### Our Live-Stream Schedule through Lent

- 8 am Mass Monday through Saturday
- Weekend Masses
  - 4 pm Saturday Vigil
  - Sunday Masses: 6:30 am, 8 am, 10 am, Noon, 4 pm and 6 pm.
- 7 pm Wednesday Mass (through April 8)
- 8:30 am Friday Stations of the Cross (through April 3)
- 7 pm Friday Scriptural Way of the Cross with Taize music (through April 3)

Learn more at [www.seaslv.org](http://www.seaslv.org).





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### THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE of LAS VEGAS

Pastoral Letter to the People  
of the Diocese of Las Vegas

March 18, 2020

My Dear Friends in Christ,

People across the entire globe have been plunged into a world of hardship and uncertainty as the coronavirus continues to take its toll in every nation.

As individuals and families, we are facing the specter of critical illness, certain economic hardship and the massive disruption of our daily lives.

The Church is no stranger to adversity, suffering or privation.

In times of difficulty, she has always raised her voice in prayer and earnest supplication, confident that God will hear our every prayer and answer all our pleas.

Down through the centuries, the Blessed Mother has played a vitally important role in times of trial, coming to us as a tender Mother, a tireless advocate, steadfast Intercessor and cherished friend. She has visited her people under the familiar titles of Virgin of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Antipolo and Our Lady of La Vang.

She is beloved in Poland as Our Lady of Czestochowa, in Ireland as Our Lady of Knock, and in Japan as Our Lady of Akita. Mary is revered by the people in Bosnia–Herzegovina as Our Lady of Medugorje, and in Spain she is treasured as Our Lady of the Pillar. Mary is known in France as Our Lady of Lourdes and in Portugal as Our Lady of Fatima.

On May 13, 1846, the Bishops of the United States unanimously chose the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Patroness of our Nation. Their decision was ratified by Pope Pius IX on February 7 of the following year.

Now is the hour to turn to our Blessed Mother for her maternal help. She is always ready and willing to carry our prayers and petitions to the heart of her Son.

Mary's own words, contained in the Gospel of St. Luke, capture the special place that she holds in salvation history as the advocate and friend of God's holy people. The Scripture says, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed."

I ask you, the people of the Diocese of Las Vegas, to turn to the Blessed Mother, who helps us keep the eyes of our hearts fixed on her Son Jesus during dark and trying days.

The words of a powerful prayer called the Memorare, and attributed to St. Bernard, assure us that when we turn to Mary in times of need we have this blessed assurance -- that never was it known that anyone who fled to her protection, implored her help or sought her intercession was left unaided.

When our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego, she posed to him a question that is intended also for you and me. Mary asked Juan Diego, "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?"

Her question is a not-so-subtle assurance that Mary is our Mother too, standing ready and willing to protect and defend us, her children, in times of trouble and uncertainty.

I ask you, the people of the Diocese of Las Vegas, to bring your troubles to Mary. Give her your burdens, your worries. Share with her your cares and concerns. Be assured that under her maternal mantle, prayers are answered and miracles still happen.

Mary will not forsake her children in their hour of need, nor will she neglect our prayers in times of difficulty and distress.

In the days ahead, I ask you to consider praying

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the Rosary as a family, and ask parents and grandparents to teach your children about the healing power of Mary's maternal care.

I ask all parishioners to pray the beautiful Memorare at the close of each day, directing your prayer toward those who are sick and suffering, those who have died, for healthcare workers and researchers, and for civic leaders who are under particular duress during these trying days.

I ask you to invite Mary our Mother into your hearts and homes and to venerate her as your loving Mother, as one who will lead you and your families closer to the heart of her Son.

Each Sunday, I ask you to consider reading the Sunday readings as a family, allowing the living Word of God to draw you into the heart of the Word made Flesh.

Finally, I commend our entire Diocese to the maternal care of Mary, entreating her to "pray for us, O Holy Mother of God," and protect our people with grace, peace and temporal relief.

I close this reflection with the consoling words of St. Francis De Sales, who had deep devotion to Our Lady, and unfailing faith in God's Provident care. He wrote, "Do not fear what will happen tomorrow. The same loving God who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day. God will either shield you from suffering or will give you the unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings."

Be certain of my daily prayers and blessings.



Bishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.  
Bishop of Las Vegas



### Fact of Faith

#### The Annunciation: The Fulfillment of God's Promises

*by Fr. Larry Rice*

In the US, New Year's Day is January first. In other parts of the world, the new year is based on the lunar calendar. But in many parts of the world, the celebration of the new year was connected to the religious calendar. In fact, until the year 1752 (when the Julian calendar was adopted), the new year was observed on "Lady Day," or March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation.

It doesn't take much calculation to realize that March 25th is precisely nine months before the celebration of Christmas. It also follows the vernal equinox, just as Christmas follows the winter solstice. So the coming of Spring, with its evidence of new life, is a natural time for the observance of a new year, and for marking the angel Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and bear the Savior.

The first authentic reference to the feast of the annunciation are in a canon of the council of Toledo (656), and another from the council of Constantinople (in 692), forbidding the celebration of all festivals in Lent, excepting the Lord's day and the Feast of the Annunciation. A synod held at Worcester, England (1240), forbade all servile work on this feast day.

For Catholics, the theological importance of the Annunciation is its marking of the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promises and preparations (CCC 484). Mary's assent to the angel's announcement was the beginning of Christ's Incarnation; God's coming into the world a fully human, born as we are born, with a grace-filled human mother. Although the feast of the Annunciation is no longer the beginning of our year, we remember each year that it was the beginning of Christ's coming for our salvation.

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### A Faith Response to the Coronavirus

The coronavirus outbreak is stirring up anxiety, confusion and major inconveniences. It is a situation in which we can easily overreact or underreact. How can our faith tradition guide and comfort us through this troubling time?

A good starting point is to remember that the most repeated phrase in the Bible is “Do not be afraid!” or “Have no fear!” God probably sends us this message so frequently because fear is such a big part of human nature. Fear can alert us to dangers in our lives to keep us safe, but fear can also lead us astray, toward selfish responses.

### Enough for Everyone

Of course, we see these same dynamics play out in Scripture, where fear leads to hoarding. The most famous story is when the Israelites are in the desert without food (Exodus 16). God rains down manna from heaven but also cautions them to take only what they need for now. They disobey but find that the food they attempt to store away goes bad immediately.

The consistent message we hear in the Bible is that we need to trust in God, who will provide enough for everyone. The problems come when people begin to take more than they need.

Fear of the coronavirus has caused some to stockpile and hoard unreasonable amounts of hand sanitizer, face masks and other supplies against the recommendations of leaders. The problem is that this wipes out supplies for those who truly need them the most—health care workers and those most vulnerable to the disease—without really making the buyers safer.

### Protect the Vulnerable

Scripture and the social teachings of the church remind us again and again that we—as individuals and a society—must protect and give priority to those who are most vulnerable and at risk. We see this from the laws in the Old Testament that looked out for the poor and the widows, to Jesus’ embrace of people on the margins of society, to the

early church’s adamant support of those who had less. The Bible urges us to put those who are most at risk first.

In the midst of the coronavirus, the vulnerable take many forms. Most obvious are those who are elderly or have other health conditions that make them most susceptible to illness. Those who are younger may not be concerned about our own health risks, but if we help pass on the virus, it can be a life-or-death situation for others.

Others are financially vulnerable and do not have the flexibility to take sick leave that many of us take for granted. That puts them in a difficult situation when they become ill and may have to choose between putting their job at risk and staying home to protect others. Likewise, many parents do not have the flexibility to stay home when school is canceled for their children.

The situation is impacting many others, such as small business owners who may already be on shaky financial ground.

### A Spirit of Sacrifice

This health crisis is challenging many of us to make sacrifices in our lives. Some are huge, such as those made by exhausted health care workers around the world, desperately trying to keep patients alive (while avoiding the illness themselves). Other sacrifices fall more in the category of inconveniences. It is inconvenient when events are canceled, schools close and travel is limited. It is inconvenient to wash our hands intentionally and regularly.

But this kind of sacrifice is at the very center of our faith. Every time we gather around the Lord’s Table, we celebrate the powerful way Christ showed us how to love others. He sacrificed everything in self-giving love for us, and he invited us to do the same. In turn, we die to ourselves—through inconveniences and more—in order to love those around us. Truly loving others will always cost us something.

Actions that may not entirely make sense to us can

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have huge effects. Scientists point to the 1918 flu when St. Louis proactively and aggressively closed its schools to prevent infections. Death rates in the city were about one third those in Pittsburgh, which was much slower to close its schools. Thousands of lives were saved.

We may grumble about or resist changing our habits, especially if it's unclear what's in it for us. But we need to remember that many of these actions are more about protecting others. Perhaps the invitation amidst this crisis is to embrace the inconveniences fully, and then move beyond them to seek out the best ways to serve those who are most in need.

### Loving Our Neighbor

Community is essential to us as Christians. We are the Body of Christ, and we know that when two or more gather in Jesus' name, he is present with us. So it may be a bit harder for us to handle the "social distancing" happening in many communities.

Our call to community is not only in the context of our church but also in our neighborhood community. How do we literally love our neighbor? How can we be witnesses on our streets?

One way is to regularly check in on your neighbors who may be vulnerable and isolated. Offer to deliver groceries or other items for them or to run other errands so they won't have to risk infection by leaving their home.

Be a positive, calming influence in any online neighborhood communities. Don't spread rumors or hysteria, but find ways to support each other through the crisis.

### Living the Virtues

Ultimately, as with life in general, we are called to live out the four cardinal virtues:

- Prudence - Carefully discern the best course of action, not just for ourselves, but for the good of all. Ask: What action does God want me to take?
- Justice - Seek fairness for everyone, especially

those who need it most. Ask: Who is not getting the help that they need?

- Temperance - Find a healthy balance between self care and care for others. Ask: Do I err toward selfishness or an unhealthy co-dependence?
- Fortitude - Persevere in times of trial and difficulty. Ask: Do I have the courage to do the right thing even when the going gets tough?

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### What You Can Do

- Stop the spread. Even if you are not particularly concerned about the risk to yourself or your own family, these tactics will protect others who may be more vulnerable. Many of us will carry the virus before having any symptoms (and may never develop any).
- Wash your hands well for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. Sing the refrain to Michael Joncas' song "On Eagle's Wings" ("And he will raise you up...") while you wash.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue.
- Follow the guidance of local officials.
- Stay home if you become ill.
- Don't take what you don't need. Hoarding worsens the situation, and can lead to more infections and more impacts for the most vulnerable.
- Leave the masks to others. Masks only make sense for health care workers and those who are infected. They are not guaranteed to prevent transmission anyway.
- Do not overbuy supplies. Retailers are being wiped out of disinfectants and other supplies, leaving some who most need them without. Be prepared, but be thoughtful and reasonable.
- Advocate for the vulnerable and targeted.
- Have compassion for those most at risk. Stand

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up for those who need the most help and make sure they are being cared for, without judgment.

- Fight racism. Discrimination against those with Asian background only hurts the situation.
- Proactively love your neighbor!
- Check in on isolated or vulnerable neighbors and offer to help with specific tasks such as shopping, child or pet care, cleaning, etc.
- If you are in a position of power, use that power for the good of all. Allow workers to work from home or take time off, limit large gatherings, follow government guidance, etc.
- Thank those on the front lines who are protecting us, such as health care workers, police, firefighters. Be gentle and kind with them.
- Pray for all those affected by the crisis:

*Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,  
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.  
We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,  
as you did at the wedding in Cana.  
Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.  
For those already afflicted,  
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.  
In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.  
We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.  
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.*



### Catechetical Corner

#### A Reflection on Lenten Fasting

by Rev. Daniel Merz

In the early Church and, to a lesser extent still today, there were two fasts. There was the "total fast" that preceded all major feasts or sacramental events. The ancient name for this fast was "statio" from the verb "sto, stare" to stand watch, on guard or in vigil. The second fast was a fast of abstinence from certain foods, e.g., meats or fats. This was more an act of self-discipline and self-control. The statio fast was total and a means of watching and waiting ... i.e. for something. The fast of abstinence was more general and personal, to help oneself be more disciplined or self-controlled. The total fast is still kept today prior to reception of Holy Communion. Following Holy Communion, the total fast ceases because Jesus had explicitly stated that we don't fast when the bridegroom is here, in other words, what we're keeping vigil for has arrived, the wait is over. On the other hand, the fast of abstinence was allowed on Sundays because the continuity of abstinence can be important for it to be effective.

These initial observations, then, teach us that the Eucharist is always the end of a preparation. It is always the fulfillment of an expectation. In the Orthodox Church during Lent, they have Eucharist only on Saturday and Sunday. But because Wednesdays and Fridays are total fast days, those two days are also days for the Communion service (Liturgy of the PreSanctified) which are held in the evening, i.e., after the day of preparation. Fasting

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is always preparatory.

But how did fasting become such an important means of preparing for the Eucharist and of learning virtue through self-discipline? Christian fasting is revealed in an interdependence between two events in the Bible: the "breaking of the fast" by Adam and Eve; and the "keeping of the fast" by Christ at the beginning of his ministry.

Humanity's "Fall" away from God and into sin began with eating. God had proclaimed a fast from the fruit of only one tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil ( Gen. 2: 17), and Adam and Eve broke it. Fasting is here connected with the very mystery of life and death, of salvation and damnation. Food perpetuates life in this physical world, which is subject to decay and death. But God "created no death." (Wis. 1:13) Humanity, in Adam and Eve, rejected a life dependent on God alone for one that was dependent rather on "bread alone." (Dt. 8:3; Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4)

The whole world was given to man as a kind of food, as a means to life, but "life" is meant as communion with God, not as food. ("Their god is their belly." Phil. 3:19) The tragedy is not so much that Adam ate food, but that he ate the food for its own sake, "apart" from God and to be independent of Him. Believing that food had life in itself and thus he could be "like God." And he put his faith in food. This kind of existence seems to be built on the principle that man does indeed live "by bread alone."

Christ, however, is the new Adam. At the beginning of his ministry in the Gospel of Matthew, we read, "When He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, He became hungry." Hunger is that state in which we realize our dependence on something else—when we face the ultimate question: "on what does my life depend?" Satan tempted both Adam and Christ, saying: Eat, for your hunger is proof that you depend entirely on food, that your life is in food. Adam believed and ate. Christ said, "Man does NOT live by bread alone." (Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) This liberates us from total dependence on food, on matter, on the world. Thus, for the Christian, fasting is the only means by which man recovers his true spiritual nature. In order for fasting to be effective, then, the spirit must be a part of it.

Christian fasting is not concerned with losing weight. It is a matter of prayer and the spirit. And because of that, because it is truly a place of the spirit, true fasting may well lead to temptation, and weakness and doubt and irritation. In other words, it will be a real fight between good and evil, and very likely we shall fail many times in these battles. But the very discovery of the Christian life as "fight" and "effort" is an essential aspect of fasting.

Christian tradition can name at least seven reasons for fasting:

1. From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast.
2. For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin.
3. Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.
4. Fasting is an ancient way of preparing for the Eucharist—the truest of foods.
5. Fasting is preparation for baptism (and all the sacraments)—for the reception of grace.
6. Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor.
7. Fasting is a means of self-discipline, chastity and the restraining of the appetites.

—This article draws in part on the writings of Alexander Schmemmann, "Notes in Liturgical Theology," St. Vladimir's Seminary Quarterly, Vol. 3, No. 1, Winter 1959, pp. 2-9. Rev. Daniel Merz is a former Associate Director of the USCCB Divine Worship office.



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## Stewardship



### Stewardship and the Power to be Transformed

*by Leisa Anslinger, Associate Department Director for Pastoral Life, Archdiocese of Cincinnati*

The Lenten season is a perfect time to reflect on how you were first introduced to stewardship as a way of life. When did this spirituality first begin to shape the way you live, the decisions you make and the way in which your faith directs your daily life? I have been thinking about this quite often of late, as I have reflected on the potential each of us has to touch others with the stewardship message.

Many years ago now, a friend who worked in publishing and I were talking about parish life. I was fumbling around, trying to explain the impact that stewardship was having on our parishioners and on the parish. My friend suddenly stopped me and said, "Well of course this is happening! Stewardship can really change our lives, can it not?" His comment broke through my stumbling thoughts, as his remark echoed the U.S. bishops' insight in *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. At the very beginning of the bishops' pastoral letter they write: "Stewardship is an expression of discipleship that has the power to change how we understand and live out our lives." What stunned me about my friend's comment was how passionately he expressed his understanding and how clearly he saw this. I realized that my experience of him as a giving and generous person was a result of his growth as a steward. His witness in the course of an every-day conversation between friends has remained with me for over ten years, and has urged me on in times when my own "disciple's response" has

seemed weak or lagging.

It seems to me that if we are to encourage others along the stewardship journey, we must ourselves live, grow and allow ourselves to be transformed by the power of stewardship. We must be prepared to witness to the ways in which stewardship has changed how we "understand and live out our lives." We may never know the impact our personal sharing will have on others, but I can tell you from my own experience of being touched by my friend that the potential is there for us to truly make a difference. What is your story? With whom might you share it during this Lenten season?

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### A Stewardship Moment

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saint Paul gives us a wakeup call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ's work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ's active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too. We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection: Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts? Is the light of Christ reflecting out from us to others?

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- ♦ Saturday, April 4: Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm
- ♦ Sunday, April 5: Mass Times:  
6:00 am, 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
noon, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

### April 6: Monday of Holy Week

- ♦ 8:00 am Morning Mass

### April 7: Tuesday of Holy Week

- ♦ 8:00 am Morning Mass

### April 8: Wednesday of Holy Week

- ♦ 8:00 am Morning Mass
- ♦ 7:00 pm Additional Daily Mass

### April 9: Thursday of Holy Week

- ♦ No Morning Mass

## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

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### April 9: Holy Thursday

- ♦ 7:00 pm The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
- ♦ Adoration till Midnight Prayer

### April 10: Good Friday

- ♦ 12:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (with Communion)
- ♦ 3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (with Communion)
- ♦ 7:00 pm Tenebrae Candlelight Service (without Communion)

### April 11: Holy Saturday

- ♦ 12:00 pm Blessing of Easter Foods
- ♦ 7:30 pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (fulfills your Sunday obligation)

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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### April 12: Easter Sunday

- ♦ Mass Times:  
6:00 am, 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm,  
4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

## THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

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### April 13-18: Octave of Easter Daily Mass

- ♦ Daily Mass during the Octave of Easter will be celebrated at 8:00 am



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### Bible Study on the Book of Job

Every day people experience unexpected misfortunes that undermine the

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### Spring Fling Craft & Bake Sale

The Busy Hands Crafters will hold a **mini-craft and bake sale on Sunday, May 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Please save the date! Donated baked goods to the sale are always appreciated. Money raised supports our parish. If you like to craft, join them on Tuesdays from 9:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Work on their craft items, bring in your own or just join them for coffee. All are welcome! For more information, contact Lynette Bearer at 702-485-3774.



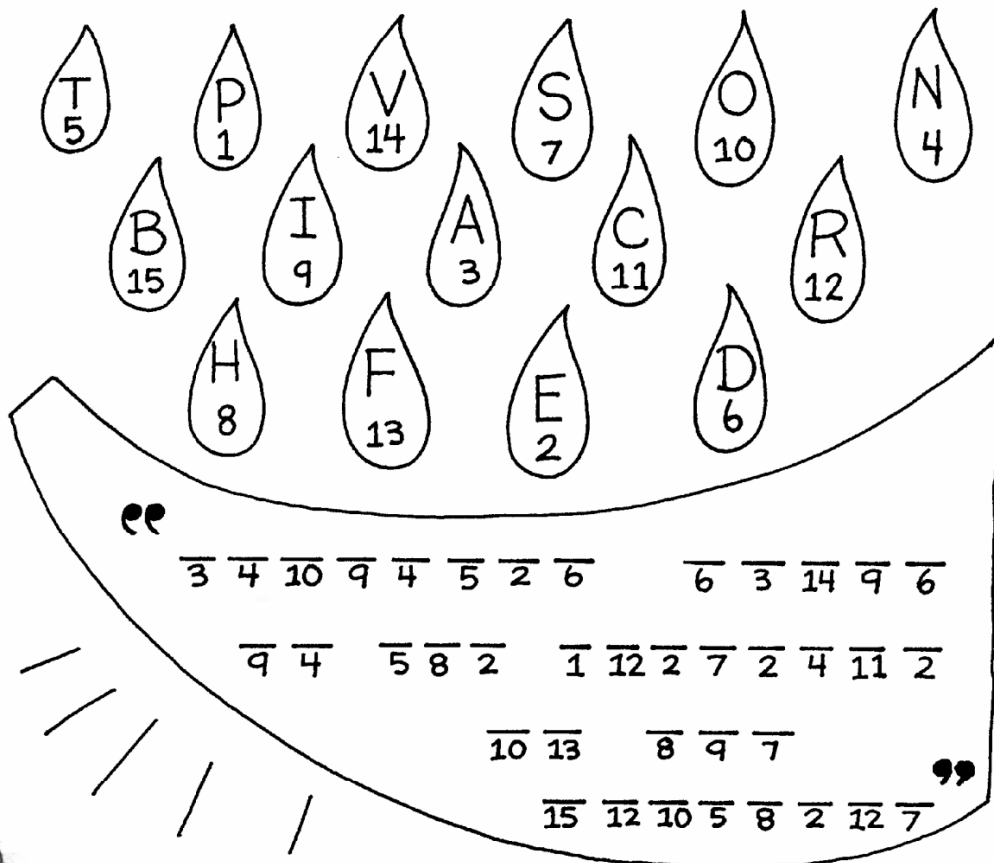
# God's Word for Children


## Fourth Sunday of Lent

God sent the prophet Samuel to Jesse of Bethlehem,  
for God had chosen Jesse's youngest son, David, to be  
king of Israel. After being instructed by the Lord,  
do you know what Samuel did?

Read 1 Samuel 16:10-13 to find out.

Write the letters on the oil drops onto the blanks  
inside the horn according to their numbers.



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## Parish Weekly Calendar

### Monday, 3/23

8am Daily Mass, Live-Stream

### Tuesday, 3/24

8am Daily Mass, Live-Stream

### Wednesday, 3/25

8am Daily Mass, Live-Stream

7pm Additional Daily Mass During Lent, Live-Stream

### Thursday, 3/26

8am Daily Mass, Live-Stream

### Friday, 3/27

8am Daily Mass, Live-Stream

8:30am Traditional Stations of the Cross, Live-Stream

7pm Scriptural Way of the Cross, Live-Stream

### Saturday, 3/28

8am Daily Mass, Live-Stream

4pm Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Live-Stream

### Sunday, 3/29

Mass Times: 6:30am, 8am, 10am, 12pm, 4pm & 6pm,  
All Masses, Live-Stream

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watch previously recorded videos.

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