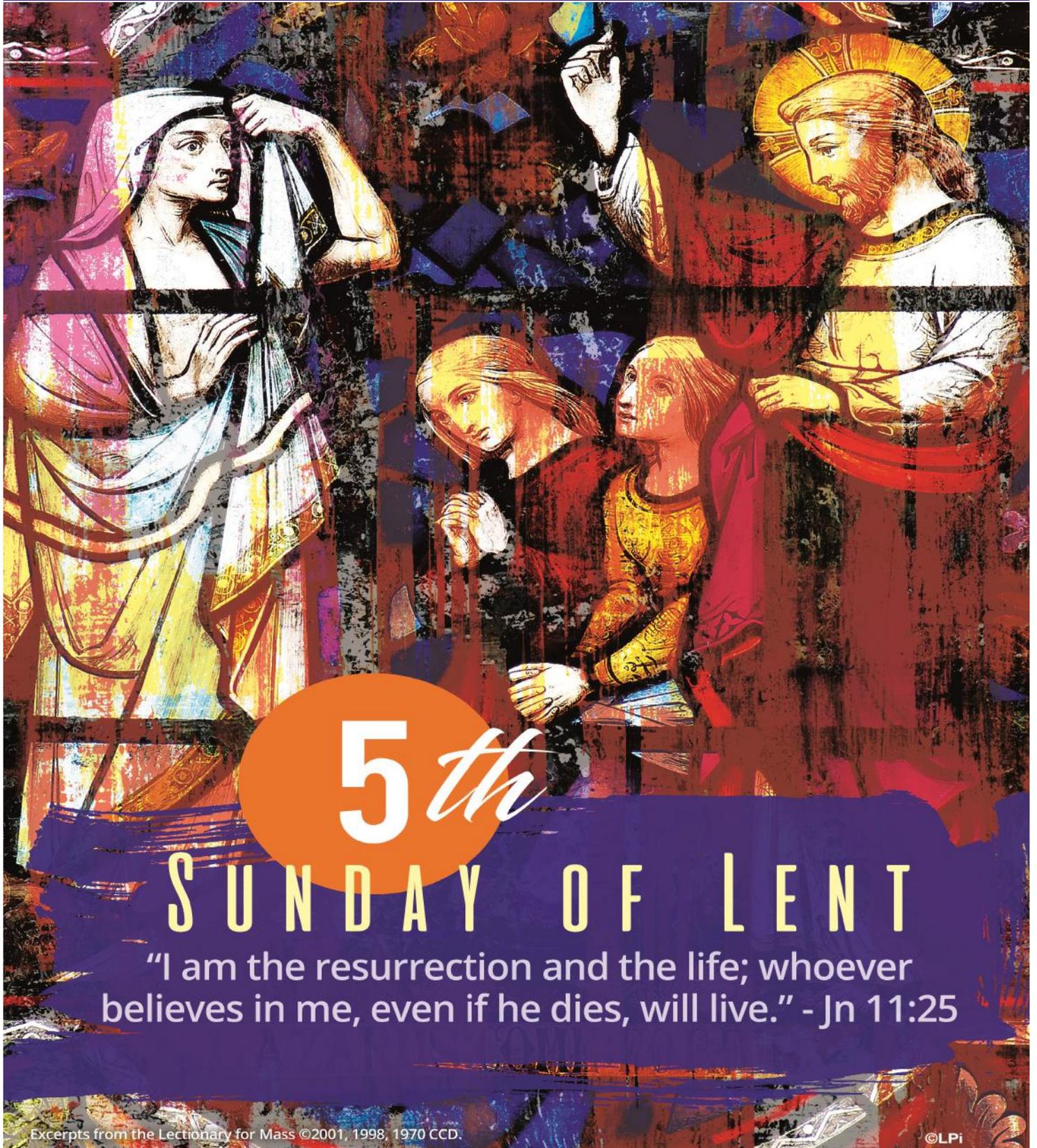


COLLABORATIVE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. JOSEPH



5th

SUNDAY OF LENT

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." - Jn 11:25

Welcome! We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacon. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory. Your presence at our parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.



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Saturday	4:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8:30am, 11:00am & 5:00pm
Weekday	Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 8:00am

St. John's Food Pantry

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Hours: The pantry is open on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30PM for our neighbors in need (located in the building next to the back door of the rectory.)

March 29 ~ The Fifth Sunday of Lent



We're almost at the end – today's readings give us such hope. Ezekiel gives us God's promise: "I will put my spirit in you that you may live, ... I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD." Jesus gives us His assurance of everlasting life: "whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." If your Lent has been less than you hoped for, try adding a few minutes each day to think about the everlasting life we are promised. Remember, God's spirit is in YOU.

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BULLETIN NOTICES

Must be received by the Rectory no later than **4:00pm**
Monday Afternoons
to appear in the following
Sunday bulletin.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:30pm

FR. MATT'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What is God doing?

Yes, you heard me right. What is God doing? Now you may think I am speaking about Coronavirus, but I am not. God didn't cause covid 19 any more than he caused the fall of Adam and Eve. God allows these things to happen, but never abandons or forsakes us, rather He enters into the mess.

So what is God doing? That is..what is He doing in your life right now? This strange, bizarre, weird, and challenging time we live in, is filled with grace. Jesus in Emmanuel, God with us, and He is with us right here and now! We may find that our schedules have loosened up a little, our sports teams and special events are not on tv, our social gatherings and dinner outings are all on hold since we have been socially quarantined.

So what is God doing? He is knocking on the door of our hearts. He is inviting you and me to take time, maybe even (or at least) 1% of your day (14 minutes and 24 seconds) to be with Him. I shared with the Collaborative Team today, if we get Jesus right, we are going to make it through ok. If we don't get Jesus right, we are going to get swept out with the sea of anxiety, fear, despair.. It is in moments like this that we need to draw into deeper intimacy with Jesus. He is our rock and foundation. Building our lives on solid rock will help us to withstand this storm of our lives.

As you know Holy Mass has been suspended, but our churches are open. Come for a visit and make a spiritual communion. You can also do this from your home.

We may not be able to feast on the Holy Eucharist, but we can feast on God's Word. Read the Bible and practice Lectio Divina.

In this bulletin I offer some resources to help you in making a spiritual communion and also to spend 1% of your day in God's Word.

Please know you are in our prayers. We are here for you. Do not hesitate to call us or tell us of someone who needs assistance.

My love and prayers,
Fr. Matt+

Over the Air Broadcast

Sun – 7AM WSBK HDTV
Chan 38.1

Sun – 8:30AM WNAC The CW Providence HDTV
Chan 64.2

Sun – 11AM WLNE HDTV
Chan 6.1

Internet

Mass-online.org – Interactive list of dozens of churches from around the world with the time of the live broadcast.

Catholic TV

Mon-Fri 9:30AM Live; Rebroadcast 7PM; 11:30PM

Sat – 9:30AM Pre-recorded; 7PM; Rebroadcast 11:30PM

Sun – 8AM (Spanish) Rebroadcast 5:30PM; 10PM

Sun – 10AM; 4PM (in Spanish and English)

Sun – 7PM; 11:30PM

EWTN

Daily – 12AM; 8AM; 12N; 7PM

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Español Chan 668

RCN Cable – Digital Chan 260;
Español Chan 267; 810

Verizon/Fios – Digital Chan 285;
Español Chan 1741

DIRECTTV – Satellite Chan 370
DISH -Satellite Chan 261

Channels:

Internet - <http://catholictv.org/masses>

Comcast/Xfinity Chan 268, 1669

RCN Cable – Digital Chan 85

Verizon/Fios – Digital Chan 296

FAITH FORMATION

Announcing- Virtual Hunger For Justice!

With new directives for social distancing, Hunger for Justice cannot take place as usual, **but we are still running the HFJ program quarantine-style!** This year, our hope is to create a virtual retreat that will serve not only our souls but also the practical needs of our neighbors during quarantine. (Yes, teens can still get "Christian Service Hours" for participating).

Here in Quincy Point, there is a great need to stock the St. Joseph Food Pantry which serves not only elderly and homebound parishioners of St. Joseph's but also the needy of our community. This year's virtual Hunger for Justice retreat will support the basic needs of our very own neighbors, which will include special Easter Care Packages.

So, how will a virtual retreat work?

** First, during this virtual retreat, we will still fast from food, technology & sleeping in a bed and support each other in these sacrifices through virtual prayer and check-in meetings starting on Good Friday at 5pm until 10pm on Holy Saturday.

** Secondly, we will fundraise by finding sponsors who will commit to donate money for each hour we fast (for example, Aunt Susan might pledge \$2 for every hour you're fasting from food and your phone, or \$60 total). Donors will be able to make pledges online and the money raised will support St. Joseph's food pantry.

Though quarantining makes community service a bit more difficult, this virtual retreat is a creative and concrete way each one of us can make a difference to materially support the needy in our community. Donations will transform each sacrifice to make a lasting impact on our community during this time of great uncertainty. Our sacrifices are so powerful!

Please pray for the success of this ministry! We also hope you prayerfully consider going to our Hunger for Justice Go Fund Me page to make a donation at your earliest convenience to enable us to serve God's people in our own **community through your generosity:**

https://www.gofundme.com/f/hunger-for-justice?teamInvite=lb2rSFLY6wO98r5aope8h0jykAGpuqRsUYb6phvlg_s9knf1EgP9QDOB8HVg4bBFs&utm_medium=email&utm_source=product&utm_campaign=p_email%2Bteaminviteemail.



Prayer for the Corona Virus

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from the Corona Virus and all serious illness. for all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing.

For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

Pedro de la Cruz



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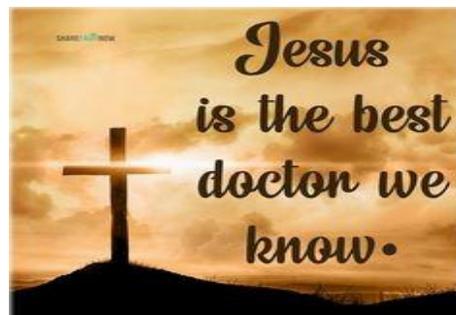


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INTENTIONS

"It is in giving that we receive." Saint Francis of Assisi

St. John's Food Pantry

Dear brothers and sisters, we believe that the Church is like family. Members of the family are always there for each other, especially in times of need.

As members of Saint John the Baptist Food Pantry, we want you to know we are here for you. We live in very difficult times when the corona virus has impacted so many people physically, emotionally and economically. We understand that many people, businesses and lives have been impacted tremendously because of this, especially those who live paycheck to paycheck.

Please know we are here to help with whatever we can regarding offering groceries for those who are in need. Please contact us at (617-590-7004) if you need anything or you know of anybody who might need help, especially those who are alone or whose jobs have been impacted by this epidemic. We are one family in good days and difficult days. **We love you and we pray for you.**



What is Spiritual Communion?

St. Thomas Aquinas described it as *"an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him"* at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive him in sacramental Communion.

No particular prayer or formulary is required, though there are acts of spiritual communion in Catholic prayer books to help focus a proper intention. One of the most popular is that composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori:

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire you with all my heart.

*Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace you as if you were already in my heart
and unite myself to you completely.*

Please do not let me ever be separated from you."

Diocese of Little Rock (<https://www.dolr.org>)

Lectio Divina, or "divine reading" is a traditional way of listening and talking with God through Scripture. There are four movements:

(1) Lectio (reading) Read a short scripture selection. Less is more with Scripture prayer. Digest it slowly. "Listen with the ear of your heart" (St. Benedict) for a word, phrase, or verse that stands out to you—perhaps ever so slightly.

(2) Meditatio (meditation) Think about whatever grabbed your attention. Ponder that word or phrase. Ask questions about that word.

(3) Oratio (prayer) Talk to God about this passage as you would to any person. If it helps, think of God as a parent, sibling, or trusted friend. He is your Father, Jesus has called you his friend, and with him, we are beloved children of God.

(4) Contemplatio (contemplation) Rest in God's presence for a few minutes of silence. This allows the Lord to work on you in unseen ways.

I am grateful for Evangelical Catholic's "1% Challenge Lectio Divina" resource. For more information please visit: <https://www.evangelicalcatholic.org/lectio-divina-2/>



ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are days of fast and abstinence. FRIDAYS OF LENT are also days of abstinence.

FASTING is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

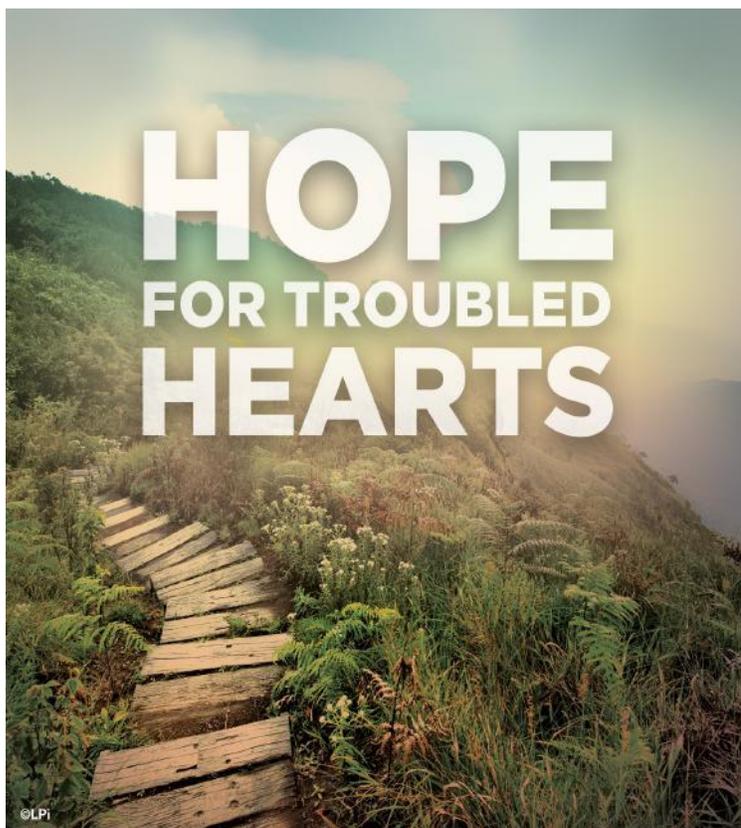
Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

This Week

Here is what YOUR COLLABORATIVE FAMILY IS DOING and how you can BE SUPPORTED and BE A HELPING HAND!

1. We are creating an **online parishioner database** *so we can stay in regular contact with our parishioners*. We would like to invite you to register for regular communications from our Collaborative Team, to keep you updated on what is happening in our Collaborative, and the unique ways we are seeking to serve and support you and fellow parishioners during this difficult time (e.g. Collaborative updates, inspirational vlogs, live broadcast of Holy Mass from our Collaborative, prayer resources, and all the amazing things we are doing). **Please go to this link to register:** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUGISMeH0XB20i9qP6WaxEcaTJ7_tubqAlJncblT_z8origQ/alreadyresponded
2. We have established a **"St. J's Cares"** email account for those in need of: prayer intentions or assistance with daily needs, or if you know of someone who is isolated and alone and needs us to reach out to them. Please email: SaintJsCares@gmail.com.
3. We are grateful for the great work of the **St. John the Baptist Food Pantry**. St. John's is ready and willing to assist the needs of our parishioners. Please see the bulletin article for more info.
4. We are working with local **Knights of Columbus** to do can drives to stock our food pantry at St. Joseph's.
5. We have established a **GoFundMe page in support of our Hunger for Justice Program** to raise money for the St. Joseph Food Pantry. Please see the article in this week's bulletin for more info.
6. **How is your prayer life?** This is a time for intense prayer, making or reclaiming Jesus as the foundation of our lives. With Jesus as our foundation, we can withstand any storm. Can you give him 1% or more of your day in prayer (15 minutes plus). There are prayers resources in this bulletin to help you.
7. We hope to provide **live-streaming of Sunday and Daily Mass** from the Convent of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth. We will also provide daily videos to feed you spiritually. Please register for our Collaborative emails as mentioned in bullet 1.
8. Don't forget to follow us:
 - A. St. John the Baptist FB page
 - B. St. J's Families FB page
 - C. SaintJs_Families Instagram
 - D. SHINE_official Instagram
 - E. Frmatt4boston twitter
 - F. FrMatt2003 YouTube

Let's be helping hands! Please check in with your neighbors, especially the elderly and those most vulnerable with a simple phone call. We want to honor the need for social distancing and do not wish to cause panic. But we can call or write a simple note asking how they are doing, leaving our number and asking them to call if we can be of help.



Solidarity Prayer for a Pandemic

*May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.*

*May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.*

*May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose between preserving their
health or making their rent.*

*May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when
their schools close
remember those who have no options.*

*May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those that have no place to go.*

*May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of
the economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.*

*May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember
those who have no home.*

*During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms
around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our
neighbors.*

Amen.