

COLLABORATIVE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. JOSEPH



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

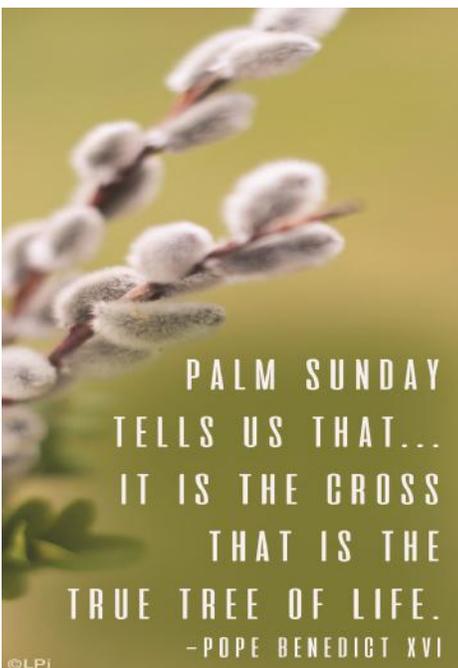
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Saturday 4:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am
& 5:00pm
Weekday Wednesday, Friday
& Saturday 8:00am

St. John's Food Pantry

p: 617.472.4908

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.)



COLLABORATIVE TEAM

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Weekday Monday, Tuesday &
Thursday 9:00am
Rosary starts at
8:25am

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COLLABORATIVE OFFICE

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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,

I am praying for you and thinking of you. I miss you and I can't wait to gather once again at Holy Mass, as a community of Brothers and Sisters in Christ. In fact, our entire St. J's Collaborative Team (St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph) wants you to know that you are loved and prayed for. We want you to know that **SAINT J'S CARES!**

We have tried to work within the directives to provide for your spiritual needs:

1. **Drive-thru Confessions**
2. **Live-stream Masses and Holy Hours**
3. **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament in our Churches

We are also in the process of a **Collaborative-wide Call Campaign**: Parish volunteers will be calling every parishioner, current and former, to see how you are doing, let you know we care and are here for you.

This week we will also be sending out a **Collaborative-wide mailing** to touch base with all of our parishioners, past and present, letting you know we care.

As I write this letter, it is looking more and more like we will not be together for Triduum and Easter celebrations. In light of this, I would like to share 3 ideas for your consideration:

1. **WHITE BOWS**: We have attached white bows on the doors of our churches signifying: we miss you, we love you, we are praying for you, we long to be reunited with you at the Eucharist and as a Collaborative family. Once you return home, the bows will be removed. If your friends ask, tell them it's because your priests and parish love you.
2. **EASTER VIGIL VIDEO CELEBRATION-GET YOUR CANDLES**: We are asking each family to come together virtually to share Easter joy by recording two verses (1 & 5) of Alleluia Alleluia Beethoven's *Ode to Joy* and send them in to us. We will edit and put all of the recordings together to create a virtual symphony/choir (musicians are welcome to play as well). Please go to our Website, Facebook page or email andreainquincy@gmail.com for information. Entries need to be in by Friday, April 3.
3. **LET'S SEAL THE DOORPOSTS**: The Divine Mercy prayer card (enclosed in our mailing) is a gift for you. St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish sister of the early 20th Century, received apparitions from the Lord about His unfathomable Divine Mercy. He asked that an image of Himself be made (enclosed), and that those who venerate it would receive special blessings. St. Faustina's spiritual director, Fr. Michael Sopocko recalls the Lord saying to St. Faustina: *"And those homes and entire families and everyone individually who will hold this image of mercy in deep reverence, I will preserve from every sort of misfortune. The time will come when all those who do so will give witness to the miraculous efficacy and to the special protection of mercy flowing from this image."* We invite you to post this on your door to call upon the Lord's protection for your home. Please go to our Website, Facebook page or email andreainquincy@gmail.com for information.

Lastly, as you know, without a weekly offertory, our budget suffers greatly. If you could **remember us in your prayers - asking the Lord to provide for what we need** - that would be amazing. If you are able to send your offering or register for online-giving or envelopes, that would be wonderful. Knowing that not all will be able to financially offer what they typically give, additional gifts are most welcome. If you would like to set up online giving, you can simply go to our parish website and click the "Online Giving" link to set up an account with our service provider, Our Sunday Visitor. If you have any questions feel free to contact Pete Culhane from our St. J's Cares Team (617-773-1021) or email PetelCul@gmail.com). All donations can be mailed to our Collaborative Office: 556 Washington Street, Quincy, MA 02169.

Asking God's blessing and protection to come upon you and your loved ones, I am,
Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Matt+

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.

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

Channels:

Internet - <http://catholicv.org/masses>
Comcast/Xfinity Chan 268, 1669
RCN Cable – Digital Chan 85
Verizon/Fios – Digital Chan 296



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



INTENTIONS

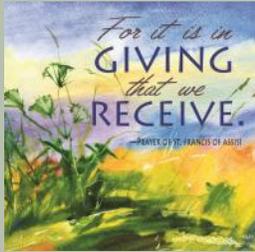
"It is in giving that we receive." Saint Francis of Assisi

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 have created 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 are providing **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.*

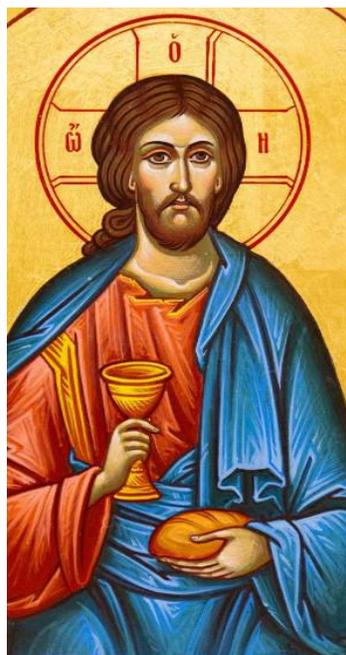
*May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the
economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.*

*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.

Please note, we continue to celebrate all Mass intentions that were booked without a congregation present. Know that your loved ones are being remembered as well as all those affected by the Coronavirus.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.

Amen.

