



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Sunday Mass Schedule

English	
Saturday Vigil	5:00 P.M.
Sunday	8:00 A.M.
	9:30 A.M.
	11:00 A.M.
Spanish	
Domingo	12:30 P.M.
	7:00 P.M.

Daily Mass Schedule

English	
Mon.-Sat.	8:00 A.M.
Spanish	
Martes y Jueves	7:00 P.M.

Confession
Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Sunday 30 minutes before Mass
 (Except Mass at 8:00 A.M.)

Any time by appointment or walk-in during office hours.

St. Patrick Church
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Parish Office Hours
 M-F 8:30 A.M.-7:00 P.M.
 Sat & Sun. 8:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M.

March 22, 2020



**REJOICE
 JERUSALEM, AND
 ALL WHO LOVE
 HER!**

1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

In the **first reading**, first Book of Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, the anointing of David as king may be a reference to the anointing in the responsorial psalm both of which may refer to Christ the good shepherd.

EPH 5:8-14

The **second reading** from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14 is particularly significant because throughout the season of Lent the community has been urged to cast aside deeds of darkness and walk in the brilliance of the light of Christ.

JN 9:1-41

The **Gospel** reading is from John 9:1-41. The indestructible link with Christ, which is founded on His love and fidelity, is the 'new creation' that was given to us on the day of our Baptism. This 'new creation' can not bring fourth fruit in us without the full and renewed consent of our liberty that, in this earthly life, is expressed, reinvigorated and triumphs through the extraordinary events that Christ works in our lives. Let us ask Most Holy Mary to help us to be faithful to the truth, to the events of our lives, taking the hand that always takes us to live totally for Him, in this life and eternity. 'Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.' (Eph 5:14).

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

REJOICE IN THE LORD

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

We continue to journey through this Lent marked by the coronavirus pandemic. This fourth Sunday of Lent is Laetare, joyful Sunday. Even as we do penance, the Church reminds us that we are filled with joy, that is why the priest has the option of wearing rose vestments.

We, Christians, know that as St. Paul writes in the letter to the Romans, nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Therefore, even in the face of difficulties we can remain joyful in the Lord. We are invited to joy even during this penitential season. The pandemic alters our daily life, it prevents us from receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist with the frequency we would desire, yet it cannot separate us from the love of God.

This difficult time may also become a time of grace for us if we live it in communion with the Lord. Let us think of persecuted Christians who do not have access to the sacraments. Japanese Catholics, for example, were unable to receive the Eucharist for centuries because there were no priests. The great persecution that unfolded during the times of St. Paul Miki and the prohibition for any foreign priest to come in, did not prevent them from living and passing on the faith to their descendants. When the government finally authorized the entry of missionaries in the 19th century, Fr. Petitjean was very surprised to find Christian communities. In our own times, there are countries such as China where going to Mass on any given Sunday is very difficult. In war torn Yemen there are no priests at all, there is no Mass, yet the Missionaries of Charity, the congregation founded by St. Teresa of Calcutta, continue to be there and bear witness to the Gospel even though some of them were murdered not too long ago. Even without the pandemic there are places such as the remote island of Tristan da Cunha or other places where religious persecution, the natural environment, a shortage of priests, religious intolerance or war make it very difficult to receive the sacraments, yet there are Catholics in such places who remain faithful to Christ, the Gospel and the Church. As St. Thomas More said, times are never so bad that one cannot be holy.

The difficulties we are experiencing are transitory. God willing, they will soon be over. Life will go back to normal. These difficulties are an opportunity to deepen our commitment to the Gospel, spending more time in prayer and practicing charity in all its forms. Not only we must take care of ourselves and care for others, especially the most vulnerable, we must also be alert lest our hearts are hardened. Other people are not a threat to my health, they are my sister and brother. Notwithstanding the necessary precautions, social distancing and other recommendations of health authorities, we ought to recognize in one another a brother and a sister, always, everywhere.

This is the time to “care for our fragility”, to use an expression often used by Pope Francis. Caring for our fragility is not only limited to prevention of coronavirus contagion, something that is very much needed indeed, it rather demands a deep solidarity among all of us, especially from the disciples of Christ. As Pope Benedict taught: “to be heard, we must at the same time demonstrate by our own example, by our own way of life, that we are speaking of a message in which we ourselves believe and according to which it is possible to live.”

The daily readings during Lent offer us useful insights in these days of quarantine. This Sunday, for example, we pray Psalm 23. It is one of the most popular passages of the entire Scripture. I am convinced that if we stopped somebody at random on the street and asked them if they knew a passage of Scripture by heart, they would respond: “The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.”

This Psalm, so popular and so beautiful, inspires us to trust in the Lord, who not only is at our side, but guides us along the way. That is why we can say with the Psalmist: “even though I walk in the valley of darkness I fear no evil for you are at my side with your rod and your staff.” The Gospel for this Sunday is also a source of great consolation. The coronavirus pandemic is not a chastisement from the Lord, as it was not the case with the blindness of the man cured by Jesus. It is an opportunity for the manifestation of the glory of the Father, the radicality of his love, his solidarity in suffering, the power of grace that moves our hearts to do good.

As the Lord Himself tells us in the same Gospel passage, we must do the works of the Father and remember that even when night comes, Jesus is present in our midst and He is the light of the world.

• Fr. Roberto M. Cid •

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Love the Lord, all his faithful people!
The Lord preserves those who are true
to him, but the proud he pays back in
full. Be strong and take heart,
all you who hope in the Lord.
(Psalm 31:23-24)

Amen al Señor, todos sus fieles;
él protege a los dignos de confianza,
pero a los orgullosos les da su
merecido. Cobren ánimo y ármense de
valor, todos los que en el Señor esperan.
(Salmo 31:23-24)

Mass Broadcast

Livestreaming

The Archbishop of Miami has ordered that Masses be celebrated without the faithful present and churches close until further notice. The parish office remains open.

We will continue to celebrate Mass according to our regular schedule. They are streamed from 8 AM to 8 PM live on-line on this webpage stpatrickmiamibeach.com/church/mass-broadcast/

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El arzobispo de Miami ha ordenado que se celebren misas sin la presencia de fieles y que las iglesias cierren hasta nuevo aviso. La oficina parroquial permanece abierta.

Continuaremos celebrando misa de acuerdo a nuestro horario regular. Se transmiten de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m. en vivo en línea en esta página web stpatrickmiamibeach.com/church/mass-broadcast/

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POPE FRANCIS COMPOSES A PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK, TO IMPLORE HER PROTECTION DURING THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC.

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Act of Spiritual Communion **Spiritual Comunion Prayer**

Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid sin.

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 in 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.**

EL PAPA FRANCISCO COMPONE UNA ORACIÓN A NUESTRA SEÑORA, SALUD DE LOS ENFERMOS, PARA IMPLEMENTAR SU PROTECCIÓN DURANTE LA EPIDEMIA DE CORONAVIRUS COVID-19.

Oh María,
tú resplandeces siempre en nuestro camino como signo de salvación y de esperanza.
Confiamos en ti, salud de los enfermos,
que junto a la cruz te asociaste al dolor de Jesús,
manteniendo firme tu fe.
Tú, salvación del pueblo romano,
sabes lo que necesitamos
y estamos seguros de que proveerás,
para que, como en Caná de Galilea,
pueda volver la alegría y la fiesta después de este momento de prueba.
Ayúdanos, Madre del Divino Amor,
a conformarnos a la voluntad del Padre
y a hacer lo que nos diga Jesús,
que ha tomado sobre sí nuestros sufrimientos
y ha asumido nuestras aflicciones,
para llevarnos, a través de la cruz,
a la alegría de la resurrección. Amén.

Bajo tu amparo nos acogemos, Santa Madre de Dios.
No deseches las oraciones que te dirigimos en nuestras necesidades,
antes bien, líbranos de todo peligro, oh Virgen gloriosa y bendita.

Acto de comunión espiritual

Oración para hacer una comunión espiritual

Cuando no sea posible por una u otra razón recibir a Cristo en forma sacramental, o en cualquier momento en que uno desee ardientemente recibir a Jesús, se le puede recibir espiritualmente, pronunciando la siguiente fórmula con fervor, demostrándole a Jesús el deseo sincero de estar con Él.

Creo Señor mío que éstas realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento del altar.

**Te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo ardientemente recibirte dentro de mi alma;
pero, no pudiendo hacerlo ahora sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón.**

Y como si te hubiese recibido, me abrazo y me uno todo a Ti; Oh Señor, no permitas que me separe de Ti.

Amen.

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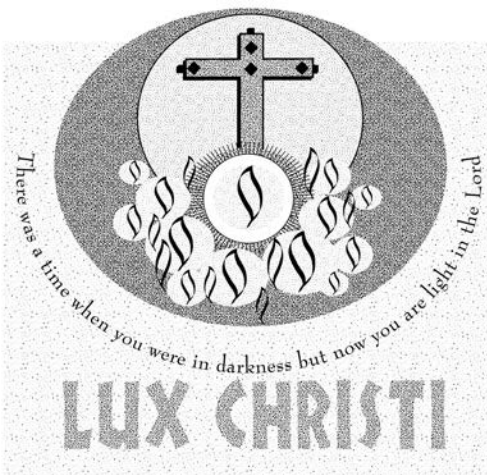
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Director of Religious Education
Mr. Jon Pierre Marcazzo



Devotions

Rosary at the end of Daily Mass at about 8:40 A.M. in the Church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 8:45 A.M. to 6:45 P.M. at St. André Bessette Chapel at Ivan's house.

Baptism of Children

If you wish to have a child under the age of 7 baptized, please call the Parish Office or visit our website. Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 2:00 P.M., and the first Sunday of the month in Spanish. Children over the age of 7 must receive formation prior to Baptism.

Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are an adult who wishes to be baptized, received in communion in the Catholic Church, receive Confirmation or make your First Holy Communion, please call the Office to inquire about RCIA.



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St. Patrick Mission

Stella Maris-
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Saturday 12:30 P.M.

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office at least six months before the desired date.

Our Gift to the Lord

Our gift to the Lord for Sunday Collection was \$6,478.75

Nuestra Donacion de la Colecta del Domingo fue \$6,478.75

Estate Plan

Unless you have an estate plan, the state will determine who benefits from the labor of your life. Contact the rectory or call the Office of Planned Giving at (305) 762-1110 for information on estate planning.

Anointing of the Sick

Please, call the Parish Office.

Visitations

If you have a relative, friend, or acquaintance who is sick or homebound and would like to receive the visit of a priest, please call the Parish office.

St. Patrick Gift Shop
The gift shop will remain closed until the School and CCD reconvene.

In the case that you would like to purchase religious objects please contact Fr. Roberto Cid

▶ *Mass Intentions*

Saturday, March 21, 2020
 8:00 a.m. For health - Bartek Lipkowski
 5:00 p.m. Ileanita Cullell+, Nilo Cullell+, & Dora Fonseca+

Sunday, March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent
 8:00 a.m. Sandra Amarilis Reynoso Martinez+
 Ivone Reynoso+
 9:30 a.m. Frank D. Totino+
 11:00 a.m. Armand Dragon+
 12:30 p.m. Jesus Adonis Trejos+
 7:00 p.m. Margarita Ocampo de Ramirez+

Monday, March 23, 2020
 8:00 a.m. William Ahern+

Tuesday, March 24, 2020
 8:00 a.m. Cory Barreto+
 7:00 p.m. Ester y Franco Jaile+

Wednesday, March 25, 2020
 8:00 a.m. Icela Alegre+

Thursday, March 26, 2020
 8:00 a.m. Maria Neusa Souza Rocha+
 7:00 p.m. Para vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida consagrada

Friday, March 27, 2020
 8:00 a.m. Yvette Gearhart+

Saturday, March 28, 2020
 8:00 a.m. Etelvina & Manuel Cervera+
 5:00 p.m. Wally Enzensperger+

Sunday, March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent
 8:00 a.m. Raymond Eckhoff+
 9:30 a.m. Mariana Bakhos - healing & conversion
 11:00 a.m. Nuni and Mario Garcia+
 12:30 p.m. Maria Julia Mera de Nieto+
 7:00 p.m. Javier Figuera+ y Marta Inaja+

▶ **Readings for the Week**

- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

▶ **March 28 & March 29, 2020**

MASS	CELEBRANT
5:00 P.M.	Fr. Roberto Cid
8:00 A.M.	Fr. David Russell
9:30 A.M.	Fr. Roberto Cid
11:00 A.M.	Fr. David Russell
12:30 P.M.	Fr. Roberto Cid
7:00 P.M.	Fr. Alberto Petroff

Resources for Catholics at Home During COVID-19
 As Catholics begin to feel the effects of remaining at home due to the coronavirus www.usccb.org/coronavirus has a list of websites for Mass, prayers, and daily reflections to help us all during this trying time. Please note, this list will be updated as more resources become available.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS
MARCH
CATHOLICS IN CHINA
 WE PRAY THAT THE CHURCH IN CHINA MAY PERSEVERE IN ITS FAITHFULNESS TO THE GOSPEL AND GROW IN UNITY.

ALEGRES EN EL SEÑOR

Queridos hermanos en Cristo:

Seguimos discurriendo esta Cuaresma marcada por la pandemia del coronavirus. Este cuarto domingo es Laetare, domingo de alegría. Aún en medio del tiempo penitencial, la Iglesia nos recuerda que no debemos perder la alegría, por eso el sacerdote tiene la opción de ponerse ornamentos rosados.

Los cristianos sabemos que, como nos dice san Pablo en la carta a los Romanos, nada puede separarnos del amor de Cristo. Por lo tanto, aún frente a las dificultades podemos permanecer alegres en el Señor. En medio de la penitencia se nos invita a la alegría. La pandemia altera la vida cotidiana, nos impide acercarnos con la frecuencia que deseamos al sacramento de la Eucaristía, pero no puede separarnos del amor de Dios.

Este tiempo de dificultad puede ser también un tiempo de gracia para nosotros si lo vivimos en comunión con el Señor. Pensemos en los cristianos perseguidos que no tienen acceso a los sacramentos. Los católicos japoneses, por ejemplo, no pudieron recibir la Eucaristía durante siglos porque no había sacerdotes. La gran persecución que se desató en la época de san Pablo Miki y la prohibición de ingreso de sacerdotes extranjeros no impidieron que vivieran y transmitieran la fe a sus descendientes. Cuando el gobierno finalmente autorizó la entrada de misioneros en el siglo XIX, el padre Petitjean, se sorprendió al encontrar comunidades cristianas. En nuestro tiempo hay países como China donde asistir a Misa un domingo cualquiera es sumamente difícil. En Yemen, un país devastado por la Guerra, no hay sacerdotes, no hay Misa. Sin embargo, a pesar del martirio hace algunos años de algunas Misioneras de la Caridad, la congregación fundada por Sta. Teresa de Calcuta continúa presente allí dando testimonio del Evangelio. Aún sin la pandemia, hay lugares como la remota isla de Tristán da Cunha u otros lugares donde la persecución religiosa, el ambiente natural, la escasez de sacerdotes, la intolerancia religiosa o la guerra hacen muy difícil recibir los sacramentos. No obstante, hay católicos en esos lugares que se mantienen fieles a Cristo, al Evangelio y a la Iglesia. Como decía santo Tomás Moro, los tiempos nunca serán tan malos que no se pueda ser santo.

Estamos experimentando dificultades transitorias. Si Dios quiere, pronto pasarán y la vida tomará su curso normal. Estas dificultades son una oportunidad para comprometernos más con el Evangelio, dedicando mayor tiempo a la oración y a las prácticas de caridad en todas sus formas. No solamente debemos cuidarnos del coronavirus y cuidar a otros, especialmente los más vulnerables, también tenemos que estar atentos para que no se nos endurezca el corazón. Las otras personas no son una amenaza para mi salud, son mis hermanos. Sin perjuicio de las precauciones necesarias, la distancia social y otras recomendaciones de las autoridades sanitarias hemos de reconocernos como hermanos siempre y en todo lugar.

Este es el momento de "cuidar nuestra fragilidad", para utilizar una expresión frecuente del Papa Francisco. Ese cuidado de nuestra fragilidad no se limita solo a la prevención del contagio de coronavirus, algo ciertamente muy necesario, sino que exige una profunda solidaridad entre todos nosotros, especialmente de parte de los discípulos de Cristo. Como decía el Papa Benedicto, para que se nos escuche, al mismo tiempo debemos demostrar con nuestro ejemplo, con nuestro estilo de vida, que estamos hablando de un mensaje en el que nosotros mismos creemos, y según el cual se puede vivir. Tanto las lecturas diarias como las dominicales de la Cuaresma nos ofrecen intuiciones muy útiles en estos tiempos de cuarentena. Este domingo, por ejemplo, rezamos el salmo 23. Se trata de uno de los pasajes más populares de toda la Sagrada Escritura. Estoy convencido que si le preguntáramos a alguien al azar si conoce algún pasaje de la Biblia de memoria, nos respondería: "El Señor es mi pastor nada me falta."

Este salmo tan popular y tan hermoso, nos inspira confianza en el Señor, que no solamente está a nuestro lado, sino que nos guía en el camino, por eso podemos decir con el salmista: "aunque cruce por oscuras quebradas no temo porque tu vara y tu cayado están conmigo."

El Evangelio de este domingo también nos ofrece gran consuelo. El coronavirus no es un castigo del Señor, como no era la ceguera del hombre curado por Jesús, sino una oportunidad para que se manifieste la gloria del Padre, la radicalidad de su amor, su solidaridad en el sufrimiento, el poder de la gracia que mueve nuestros corazones para que obremos el bien.

Como dice el Señor en el mismo pasaje del Evangelio, trabajemos mientras es de día en las obras del Padre, recordando que aún si llegara la noche, Jesús está presente entre nosotros y Él es la luz del mundo.