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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 22, 2020



The Fourth Sunday of Lent

A message from Most Rev. Mark Brennan,
Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston.

Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass:

"While no member of the Faithful is bound to attend Mass where impossibility arises, West Virginia borders a number of dioceses in which Masses are still being publicly celebrated, and many of our Faithful are easily able to attend those Masses. Owing to the grave nature of the current public health crisis, and not wishing that any of our flock be compelled to place themselves unnecessarily at risk, I hereby dispense all those who reside within the territory of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston from their obligation to attend Mass. The intention of this dispensation, along with the suspension of public liturgies in the Diocese, is to encourage the Faithful to practice 'social distancing' and 'self-quarantine' to the extent that their state of life permits, by which we hope to contribute to the containment and end of the current pandemic."

—Most Rev. Mark Brennan

MESSAGE REGARDING COLLECTIONS AND THE CONTINUED NEED FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

All the churches in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are cancelling services because of the Coronavirus. As you know, we are relying on the Sunday collection to pay bills such as the electric, telephone, water, insurance, the salary for the staff, the pastor's salary etc. When there are no church services especially over a period of weeks, the church suffers a great financial burden. There is little or no money coming in, and the still the same amount going out. If you are able to still send your weekly contribution, you can either mail it to- 1508 Warwood Ave, Wheeling, WV 26003- or personally bring in to our office. **The Parish office will be opened from 9:00am to 12:00pm daily.** These are stressful times for all of us and I'm sure we are all doing some extra praying. Please make sure your church will survive the effects of the virus as well and keep giving to your church.

God Bless you all,
Kathy Tucker-Cupp
Business Manager Corpus Christi Parish/School

In the Gospel we see Jesus healing a blind. When the disciples see him they ask Jesus a question. They asked whether he or his parents sinned to cause his blindness. When something bad happens to good people, when we suffer for no reason, when our prayers are not heard, when innocent people are killed, when natural calamities occur; we raise this question in our heart. The story of the man born blind in the Gospel is not so much about the man being healed, but about seeing as God sees. Here we meet a blind man with sight as compared to the so called religious Pharisees who are blind. They all have seen a miracle but none was able to see the true meaning of it. This man blind from birth is not just a single individual; he is every man, every woman. The only difference between him and all the others in today's gospel is that he knows he is blind. All others, though they could see with their eyes are truly blind in their heart. Until we know we are blind we can never see with new eyes.

Blindness is not about the quality of our vision or the condition of our eyes, rather, the darkness within us. We do not see God, people, things, or circumstances as they are but as we are. Until our eyes are opened by Christ, our seeing is really just a projection of ourselves onto the world. What we see and how we see manifest our inner world. If we wish to see God, life, and others as they really are, then we must attend to what is going on within us. True seeing begins in the heart not the eyes. Today, the world is panic with Corona virus. A mere virus has emptied the streets of proud cities. National and international Airlines have been grounded, schools closed, entertainment events closed, even friendly handshakes are now avoided to elbow shakes. Have you paused and wondered what is really happening? Why is there so much global panic now. Corona is a warning alert from heaven to the whole world to open our eyes towards God. We must begin to acknowledge the fears, attachments, and beliefs that live within us and how they have impaired our vision.





**Scripture Readings
For the Week**

Monday, March 23, 2020: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo,
Is 65: 17-21; Ps 30: 4.6. 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4: 43-54.

Tuesday, March 24, 2020
Ez 47: 1-9. 12; Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5: 1-16

Wednesday, March 25, 2020:
Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10; Ps 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10. 11; Heb 10: 4-10;
Lk 1: 26-38

Thursday, March 26, 2020
Ex 32: 7-14; Ps 106: 19-20-23; Jn 5: 31-47

Friday, March 27, 2020
Wis 2: 1a, 2-22; Ps 34: 17-17-21; 23; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 28, 2020
Jer 11: 18-20; Ps 7: 2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7: 40-53

Sunday, March 29, 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.
Ez 37: 12-14; Ps 130: 1-8; Rom 8: 8-11; Jn 11: 1-45



Monday, March 23, 2020

Mary Lou Mauck

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Alma Przbysz (A)

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Eddie Tucker

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Christy Schuetz

Friday, March 27, 2020

Frank & Helen Pasden

Saturday, March 28, 2020

James Schirripa

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Helen Knuth

For All Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in
loving memory of:

James Schirripa

Special Prayer Intentions



Betty Baker, Karen Burger, Connie Caldwell,
Linda Carroll, Sarah Czapp, LeeAnn Dusch
Dorn, Patricia Fedorke, Lucy Fornal, Bill
Grob, Judy Harrison, Larry & Debbie Hund-
agen, Gary Johnson, Tom Lash, Abby
McGowan, Ron Mauck, Mele Mistovich, and Sheila Pascoli

- ◆ for our women and men and their families who serve in our military.
- ◆ and all of those who are confined to home and nursing homes and on our prayer chain.

Due to privacy concerns we cannot publish names of sick and/or hospitalized without the permission of the individual or their immediate family. To have someone placed on the prayer list please call the parish office.

Names are left on the list for 4 weeks unless we are otherwise notified by the family.

Message from Most Rev. Mark Brennan regarding the Current Corona Virus outbreak and how it may affect Church life.

I am suspending for the time being the public celebration of Mass, both for Sunday obligation and daily Masses, beginning with Saturday March 14, 2020 afternoon Mass. ***I would remind our priests that the Roman Missal makes provision for a "Mass without a Congregation" and I ask them to offer that Mass privately for their people.*** All non-essential meetings, gatherings and parish events are to be postponed or cancelled beginning March 14. While I do not want to contribute to panic reactions, I think it wise to listen to our public health officials when they recommend certain steps to keep our people safe and healthy. We will also be working to provide the daily Mass via our live stream on our website. Mass will continue to air on television in the Wheeling and Clarksburg areas as well. Faithful Catholic people love the Mass, so it is a hardship not to be able to celebrate it. I encourage you to remain steadfast in faith during this time, by praying the Liturgy of the Hours in your homes, praying the Rosary, and by reflecting on the readings of the day. May the Lord give us the joy of celebrating Easter together in good health! Finally, I would urge everyone to pray for the sick and for those who care for them, in particular our doctors, nurses and other medical support staff who must deal up close with the sick every day. Let us pray for a quick end to the Corona Virus outbreak in our country and around the world. May Jesus, the Divine Physician, send his healing grace upon the people he has redeemed. Let us hold one another close in prayer and Christian love. God bless you and your loved ones!

—Most Rev. Mark Brennan

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God. God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives. ***United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.***

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

~Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops