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## Fr. Jim's Journal

Fr. James  
McNulty

### HOMILY PALM SUNDAY April 5, 2020

There is no greater love says the Lord, than to lay down your life for a friend.

There is no greater love, no greater love, than to lay down your life for a friend.

Jesus laid down his life for us. That is how much Jesus loves us. He suffered on the cross, died and rose from the dead for our salvation. Jesus has destroyed death forever. The idea that God the Father sent his only Son to suffer and die for our salvation has always bothered me a little. It makes God the Father seem like such a blood thirsty vengeful God, and that is not consistent with the God I know. I think Jesus had to come to earth in human form to show us how to live. God tried for years and we just could not quite figure it out. We needed his example of how to live. But did he need to suffer on the cross? Did he need to lay down his life for us? Maybe not. We could have seen the signs and miracles he performed during his public ministry and followed him, but we did not do that. When things got difficult, most of the early disciples abandoned him. One of his best friends, Judas, betrayed him and the apostles locked themselves in the upper room. Only a small number of women stood at the foot of the cross and went to the tomb the next morning. On that first Palm Sunday, Jesus had two choices. He could have hidden out in the hills and died a natural death. If he had done that, we probably would not be Christians today. Or he could lay down his life for us and be raised from the dead. I am glad he made the second choice.

We are all going to lay down our lives. We do not like to think about it, but we are all going to die. As Christians we are called to love and serve God by loving and serving one another

before we lay down our lives. And sometimes that means we are willing to take risks, we are willing to deny ourselves for the sake of helping others. Today in the midst of this coronavirus pandemic, there are many people risking their lives to love and serve others. The first people that come to mind are our health care providers. We need to praise them for what they are doing. But there are so many, our first responders, our police officers, and everyone that is keeping us safe. How about everyone who is risking their lives so that we can eat, people who work in grocery stores, and the truck drivers who deliver the food? How about those who continue to pick up our trash and clean our buildings? How about those who keep our gas stations open so the people who cannot stay home can get to work? How about those who keep our drug stores open so we can fill our prescriptions and get needed products? How about our government leaders? They have some difficult decisions to make. I am very thankful that more and more they are leaving behind the politics and doing what is best for the country. I have great respect for those who have left politics behind and I will remember that the next time I vote.

How about those of us who can stay home? The most important thing we can do now is to stay home. We do not want to do this but it is the most important thing we can do right now to save lives. Every time you leave your house to go where you will encounter people, I want you to ask yourself this: "Is it worth risking someone's life?" And if the answer is no, stay home. I saw a picture the other day of homeless people in California sleeping on the ground in a parking lot, six feet apart. They have no where safe to go. It makes me grateful that I have a home to stay in and be safe. I also have the technology available to me that I can stay safe and stay connected.

I want to talk a little about money today because some of us can use our money to love and serve others. Many of us have lost our paycheck or lost our insurance. Many of us will have difficulty paying our rent, our house payment or buying food. If you have more than you need, think of the people that may be short right now and offer to help. I would like to continue to pay all of our staff at St. Edith Church and School. They have worked for years collecting a very small salary to serve our Parish Family. The only way that I can continue to do that is if people who are able will contribute. This is a perfect time to sign up for online giving; you can mail in your envelope or drop it in the mail slot at the Parish Office. Many of us will be getting checks from the Government. This money is being sent out to help people in need. I have a very low income, so I will get a check, but I do not need it. I do not think this money belongs to me so I am not going to keep it. I am going to be giving it to someone who needs it to pay their rent, their house payment, to buy food, or I will be contributing it to the Parish to pay the salary of our staff and I suggest that you do the same. Give it some thought.

This has been quite a lent. As we begin Holy Week, I would encourage you to join in the services that will be livestreamed from the Cathedral. The Chrism Mass will be Monday at 7:00 PM. The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be on Thursday at 7:00 PM. The Good Friday Liturgy of the Word will be on Friday at 1:00 PM. The Easter Vigil will be Saturday at 9:00 PM. Easter Mass will be Sunday at 11:00 AM. I am also mindful of the fact that we have been living Good Friday for weeks now, but this is temporary. Easter will come.

Love and Peace,  
Fr. Jim

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Nourished by the celebration of the Sacraments of the Catholic Church, in an effort to become a more evangelizing Parish, St. Edith Parish is called to build a welcoming community of faith and service, continuing the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.



**Please Keep These Members of the Military In Your Prayers:**

- Benjamin B. Baxter
- Brandon M. Chavis
- Trevor J. Chavis
- Nathan Collins
- Austin Drake
- Lucas Drake
- Nicole Drake
- Tia Drake
- Robert Fraser
- Daniel Furlong
- C. J. Gustitus
- David Gustitus
- Brian Hada
- Eric Hill
- Matthew C. Hoak
- Ben LeClerc
- Christopher Mastantuono (Mastan)
- Brooke Heintz Morrissey
- Michael T. Morrissey
- Devin Moynihan
- Kristen Mudge
- Allison B. Murray
- Katherine Murray
- Ryan Nick
- Anna Nowak
- Damian T. Orslene
- Travis Pecar
- Cody Perkins
- David Petruska
- Ryan Scalzo
- Steven Schenk
- Madeline Stowe
- Jeff Willman II
- Stephen Wallon
- Jeremy Yono

Heavenly Father,  
 Hold our troops in your loving hands.  
 Protect them as they protect us.  
 Bless them and their families  
 for the selfless acts they perform for us  
 in our time of need.  
 We ask this in your name. Amen.



May they rest in peace.  
 Pray for the souls of:  
 MaryJo Collins  
 Shawn McAlinden  
 Joe Connelly  
 Patti Proctor  
 Ron Pajor



# Healing Prayers



**Parishioners**

- Rebecca Adams
- Phil Amore
- Tom Bamrick
- Rose Marie Barnas
- Kevin Baumler
- Dean Belles
- Carl Buckley
- Bruno Ciavattone
- Debbie Costello
- Val Cyburt
- Jacob Douglas
- Mary Anne Ennis
- Donna Eskelinen
- Gerald Eskelinen
- Julie Fron
- Joe Goode
- Robert Granzotto
- Kent Helmer
- Katharine Johnston
- Barbara Layman
- Charles Myers
- William Novak
- Patricia Novak
- Susan Olds
- Patty Proctor
- Anne Przykucki

**Relatives of Parishioners**

- Pat Rashid
- Catherine Sak
- Anthony Salah
- Carol Sawicki
- John Smith
- Greg Stawara
- Cheryl Strohmer-Vail
- Carol Tervo
- Kathy Tiedt
- Sylvia Volstromer
- Josephine Walker
- Elaine Zawisa
- Garrett Bazany
- Margaret Bertrand
- Gino Catenacci
- Emily Cesario
- John Carroll
- Nancy Cossin
- Lila Darwish
- Andrew Daoust
- Ryan Dobney
- Joseph Dressell
- Karen Gartrell
- David Imber
- Aurora Isele
- Doris Anne Isele
- Karl Isele
- Mary Johnston
- Lillian Kocab
- Norbert Korsak
- Cailin LoGrasso
- Tyler Lynch
- Olivia Marcy
- Jameson May
- Anthony Micallef
- Maria Miller

**Friends of Parishioners**

- Kaiya Misiuk
- Kim Murdock
- Joe Myers
- Salwa Nofar
- Frances Paciero
- Steve Percha
- Reilly Remsing
- Hadley Schoenborn
- Edward Sefcovic
- Laura Sefcovic
- Sara Robertson
- Sevilla
- Leo Zelinski
- Nathan Zoratti
- Joseph Ballard
- Dan Bowerson
- Mary Conley
- Tiffany Crowe
- Livi Etue
- Dr. Robert Facca
- Joan Gates
- Catherine Lafferty
- Michelle Peaslee
- Jim Perkett
- Chloe Photosios
- Richard Szaal
- Kathleen Urbiel
- Thomas Wilkins
- Renee Wood
- Nicole Zapinski

Please notify Parish Office (464-1222) when a parishioner enters the hospital. To have the Eucharist brought to anyone homebound, call 464-1222. Please remember to contact the Parish Office when a family member/friend no longer needs inclusion on the prayer list.



## Readings for the Week

- Sunday:** Acts 10: 34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
- Monday:** Acts 2: 14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday:** Acts 3: 1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday:** Acts 3: 11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday:** Acts 4: 1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday:** Acts 4: 13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31





**St. Edith Catholic School Enrolling for 2020-2021**

St. Edith Catholic School is now currently accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year for grades: Preschool 3, Pre-k 4, and Kindergarten through Grade 8.

St. Edith Catholic School offers a core curriculum of Math, Science, Religion, Comprehensive Language Arts, Reading, English, Spelling, Phonics, and Social Studies. All teachers are dedicated, qualified, and certified by the State of Michigan. In addition, all teachers have catechist certification in the Catholic faith by the Archdiocese of Detroit. St. Edith Catholic School participates in the city of Livonia's Shared Time Program offering Computers, Art, Music, and Physical Education. For our junior high students, Algebra 1, Spanish and an elective choice of Band, Choir or Robotics are offered. Redford Union Shared Time teaches Spanish to grades K-6.

Preschool 3 meets on Tuesday & Thursday from 7:50 am until 10:50 am. Students must be 3 by September 1, 2020 and potty trained to register and attend this program. Our Preschool 4 year old program will follow a Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:50 am – 2:50 pm schedule. Students entering Preschool 4 must be 4 by September 1, 2020.

If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Georgene Wojciechowski, Principal at 734-464-1250 ext. 305 or via email at gwojciechowski@stedith.org.

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TBD

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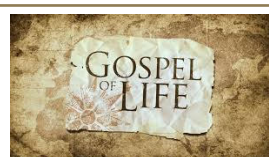
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**GOSPEL OF LIFE**  
*Every Life is Worth Living*  
*From Conception to Natural Death*

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Rogala, 734-421-7145

**.HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER!**

The Good News by Liz Curtis

"Dear God, thank You for the resurrection of your Son, Jesus. We want to celebrate Him every day of our lives. In a world that grows increasingly dark, help us hold up His light. Give us the courage to speak as boldly as Mary Magdalene did, and never be ashamed of proclaiming Your Good News. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

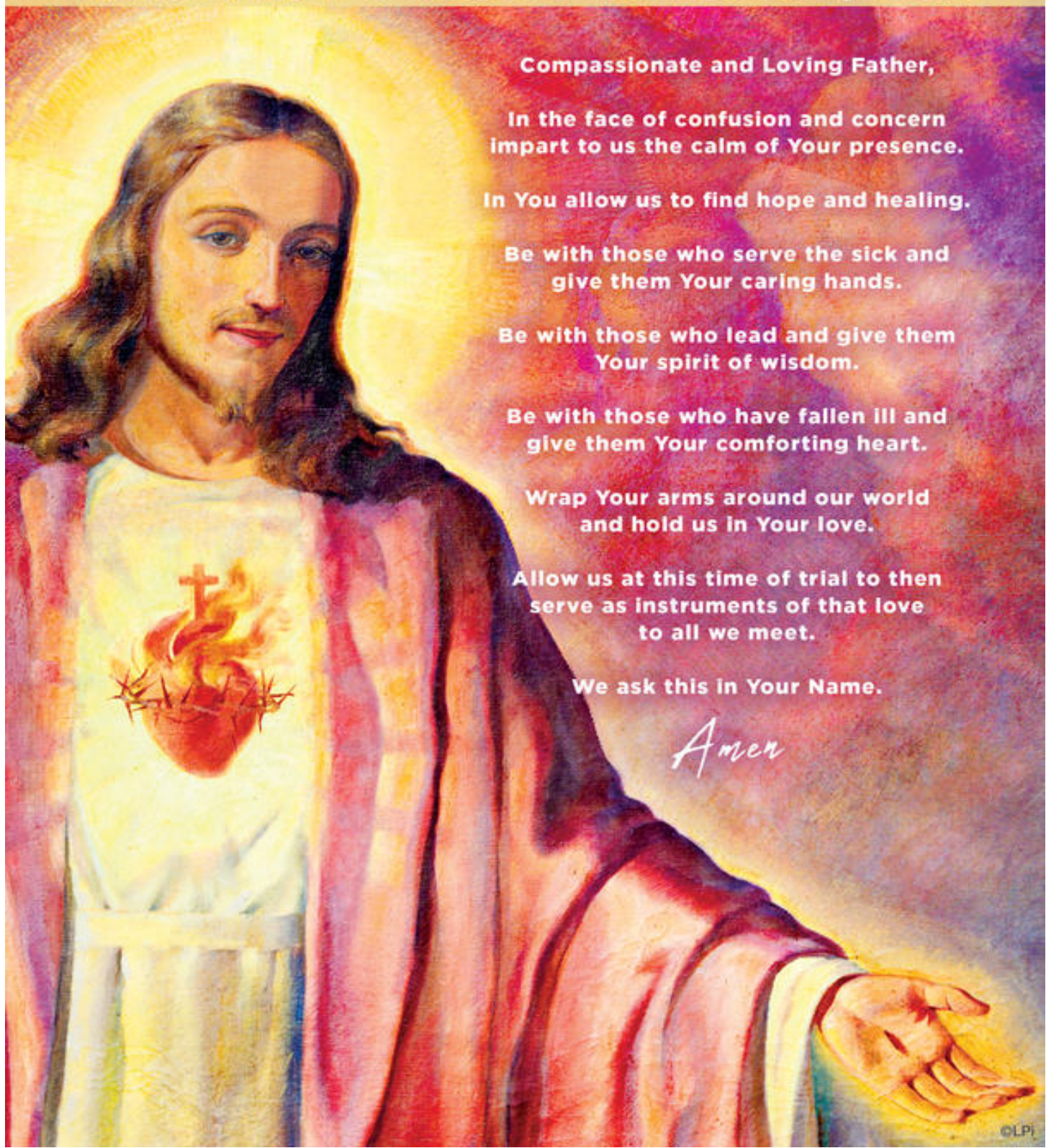
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# Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and  
give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them  
Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and  
give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world  
and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love  
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

*Amen*



**SACRAMENTS**

**SUNDAY EUCHARIST**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 P.M.  
 Sunday 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
 First Sunday of the Month 5:00 P.M.

**WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**

Monday through Wednesday  
 9:00 A.M.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday at 3:30 P.M. and individual by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Please call the Parish Office to arrange interview and a class for parents.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Please call the Parish Priest or Deacon at least six months in advance.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

Group Anointing 1st full weekend of each month or by appointment.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday/Tuesday 9:00 AM ~ 8:00 PM  
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