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A Prayer for Easter Eyes

My Lord, Jesus,
You have risen to new life!
Give me new eyes with which to recognize
your presence in the world around me.
Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the ordinary events of each day
and into the extraordinary reality of your grace.
Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope
in the coming of your Kingdom.
Soften my gaze so that I view others with the kind of
tenderness and compassion you showed to so many.
May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of your glory.
In your sacred name, I pray.

Amen

(Prayer Source: Sadlier Religion)
Prayer for Healing from Coronavirus

-Pope Francis

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.

Amen.

We are all children at Easter!

Join Brother Francis as he celebrates the power and splendor of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in this moving and instructive animated presentation!

This episode includes:

An animated presentation of key points in the life of Jesus Christ, His Death on the Cross, triumph over death, and Ascension to the Father. A visual representation of how we celebrate Holy Week and the Easter Triduum “He Is Risen!”—a joyful, visualized song that fills our hearts with praise to God Steeped in Scripture and instruction, Brother Francis: He Is Risen! is a wonderful reminder of the reality of God’s power and presence!

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Easter is a time to rejoice and share God’s love with those who need us most...

Let’s keep our parishioners connected especially during these uncertain times.

Make a phone call.
Send a text.
Facetime.
Have a Zoom meeting.
Send a card or letter.

Just reach out. Everyone needs to stay connected.
Please join us for our Live-Stream Masses from the Ave Maria Adoration Convent

Join us on Facebook at ...

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am
Sunday 8:30am

St. Ambrose Faith Formation

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00am
Saturday 4:00pm

St. James Office of Faith Formation

Masses are celebrated by Fr. Ferland and Fr. Kiley and are broadcast via live-stream on our Facebook pages. The masses are also posted on each page for viewing at a later time.

Weekly Collections
There are no weekly collections to report in light of the cancellation of public masses throughout the Diocese due COVID-19 Coronavirus.

We encourage you to continue to mail in your budget envelopes and other special and second collection contributions during this time.

This is a great time to consider On-Line Giving. Please visit our website and the link to sign up for On-Line Giving.

Thank you for your continued generosity during this difficult and challenging time!

How do I make a Spiritual Communion?
Below are recommendations for how to make a ‘spiritual communion’ when unable to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. These are only recommendations and can always be adapted based upon personal needs.

Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.

Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. The readings are available at usccb.org and a Sunday Gospel reflection can be found at the same website or during Lent at dioceseof PROVIDENCE.ORG.

Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.

Pray the Lord’s Prayer.

Pray the following prayer of spiritual communion (see below).

Close with the sign of the cross.

Spiritual Communion Prayer
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.

2019-2020 Grades K-4
First Penance and Reconciliation which was scheduled for March 28, 2020 will be rescheduled for a later date.

At this time, First Holy Communion scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2020, is CANCELED and will be rescheduled for a later date.

We will continue to monitor directives from the State and the Diocese regarding social gatherings and the celebration of public masses and other services and advise as to when we can reschedule celebration of the sacrament.

Grades 5 through 8
Announcements will be made as necessary.

Let the Bells Ring…
The church bells will ring for approximately 5 minutes each Sunday morning at 9:00am until the Coronavirus crisis is over.

“This symbolic gesture will speak to our whole community of the presence of God, will help to unite the Diocese spiritually, and will signal hope for our people, reminding them that their churches are still there, eager to welcome them home in the very near future,” - Bishop Tobin

NOTICE
The St. Vincent de Paul Collection bin in the school parking lot is closed at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The bins are locked and no donations should be made to that box until further notice.

St. James Spring Flea Market
Scheduled for April 25, 2020
CANCELED

PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ANY ITEMS AT THIS TIME

Easter Sunday Mass will be live-streamed on Facebook

8:30am
St. Ambrose Faith Formation page

10:00am
Office of St. James Faith Formation page

Please join us to celebrate!

Please contact the office if you would like to reschedule any Mass Intentions that were previously scheduled for March 14 through the present date. We will continue to reschedule mass intentions as requested until the Coronavirus crisis is over and the church doors are open at St. James Church from 8:00am - 5:00pm daily for individual prayer.

Please remember to practice social distancing when you visit.

Catholic Charity Appeal
Supporting the Work of the Church
In-pew solicitation postponed.
You may continue to mail in your pledges during this time.