Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020
On Saturday at the 4:00pm live-stream mass, we will pray for those intentions that were scheduled during the period of no public masses, April 27, 2020 to May 3, 2020.

5/2/2020 Ruben Mendoza - 9th Anniversary
Requested by his Wife and Family

4/23/2020 Charlie Leclerc - 2nd Anniversary
Requested by his Family

4/25/2020 Ruth Dumaine - 17th Anniversary
Requested by Linda Mendoza

Please contact the office if you would like to reschedule any Mass Intentions during this time that public masses are suspended. We will continue to reschedule mass intentions as requested until the Coronavirus crisis is over.

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8 Episodes

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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.

PRAYER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO MARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God.” In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and they devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR HEALING FROM CORONAVIRUS

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.
Please join us for our Live-Stream Masses
Join us on Facebook at ...

St. Ambrose Catholic Church

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

St. James Office of Faith Formation

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

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 dioceseofprovidence.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.

Catholic Charity Appeal
Supporting the Work of the Church

In-pew solicitation postponed.
You may continue to mail in your pledges during this time.

Pastoral Council Meeting
Zoom Meeting May 11, 2020 7:00pm
An email invitation has been sent to the committee.

Readings for the Week – May 4, 202 to May 10, 2020

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10:11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12