

March 29, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Lent

An Ever-growing Eucharistic Community Boldly Serving Others Through Gods Love

<u>Sunday Mass can be viewed on our</u> website www.rescathroch.org

Church doors are opened from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. Stop in for prayer. Please respect the 6 feet distance between people.

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## Weekly Words from The Rock

During Lent, I am offering a series of quiz questions on the season of Lent. As I've noted, I don't know from where these questions came; however, I would like to give credit where credit is due. Here are the answers to last week's two questions.

Question 1: Speaking of the Transfiguration, which three disciples went with Jesus to the Mountain?

- A. Peter, James and John
- B. Matthew, Mark and Luke
- C. Matthew, Luke and John
- D. None of the Above

Answer: A. Peter, James and John

Question 2: What did Luke say that Moses and Elijah were discussing with Jesus in the Transfiguration story?

- A. Their time in heaven
- B. He didn't say
- C. Jesus' departure in Jerusalem
- D. The end of the world

Answer: C. Jesus' departure in Jerusalem

Here are your next two questions:

Question 1: The Romans got involved in the case regarding the trial of Jesus because...

- A. The Jewish authorities couldn't execute
- B. They didn't agree with Jewish justice
- C. They were the Conquering army
- D. They were particular about such things

Question 2. When Pilate wanted to let Jesus go, the Jewish authorities said he would be...

- A. No friend of Caesar
- B. Out of some bribe money
- C. In trouble with his wife
- D. Looking for work

I'll provide the answers next week. Good luck!

Lenten Penitential Observance of Fasting and Abstaining

- -Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstaining.
- -All Fridays in Lent are days of abstaining.
- -Abstaining is defined as not eating meat. It is followed by those who are 14 years of age and older.
- -Fasting is defined as only one full meal each day, nothing between meals. It pertains to those who are 18-59 years of age.

Stations of the Cross. Just a little history on my thoughts of the current Stations of the Cross in the church proper (not the Adoration chapel). The first time I saw the stations I could not determine which was the first station. With time, I guessed it to be by the Adoration chapel. Even so, I wasn't certain. A cross with two scales? Is this to depict Jesus being condemned to death? For me, as in the case of the first station, many of the stations are difficult to comprehend. Take the twelfth and thirteenth station. The twelfth station is the crucifixion. The current set of stations is represented by a simple cross. It shows no body of Jesus. The thirteenth station is the body of Jesus being taken down from the cross. We currently have the thirteenth station depicted by a piece of the cross removed and laid at the base of the cross. The body of Jesus is not present.

In light of this, I have had visitors to our parish wonder about the stations. As well as I explain, they seem confused. What I would like to do is purchase a new set of Stations of the Cross with images of each scene leaving no confusion as to what each station depicts. This would leave the location of the first station evidently clear. They could remain where they are presently found or, depending upon size, placed in another location (such as the back wall of the church).

Issues, such as this, are sensitive and I want to respect people's thoughts and feelings. I want to respect anyone who may have donated the current set of Stations of the Cross which adorn our walls. What I would like to do is provide people the opportunity for feedback through April 1. You can email your thoughts to me at frschuster@rescathroch.org.

Finally, the current set of stations, if they are replaced, would be respected in a way consistent with their dignity.

Thanks for any input.

God's blessings! Father Peter Schuster

# Lenten Almsgiving 2020

Ministries: Have you taken a look at the tree with tags of information on Church of the Resurrection's Lenten Almsgiving ministries? Please consider getting involved with your time in helping others. There is something for all. Please see the information in the Gathering Space.

### Time and Talent -

Family Promise: There is a great need for volunteers when Church of the Resurrection host families at Pax Christi Church providing meals, transportation and support for a week at a time..

Volunteer support at evening life skills events (second Thursday of the month at Northrop Education Center 5:30-7:30 pm); Day Center support of data entry, cleaning/organizing/crafts, games, reading and homework help with children.

Sunday Lunch Program: Resurrection's weeks to cook and serve are April 5th, May 31st, July 19th, August 30th, October 25th and December 6th. The volunteers cook, serve and clean up from the meal. We need approximately 12 volunteers from Resurrection. The hours in need are 10:30 am - 1:30 pm.

Community Food Response: Every first Monday, Resurrection volunteers help by driving to pick up donated food from various businesses. Food is then brought to the sites and sorted. Driving and sorting shifts are during the early to mid afternoon and distributing begins at 4:30 pm. There is also a great need for drivers every other Wednesday.

Dorothy Day House: Volunteers are needed to help cook, serve and clean up the daily 6:00 pm meal. Volunteers are also needed at the front desk doing registrations, talking with guests providing hospitality to the homeless.

Food Drive: The donations of food products have been coming in great! We are distributing the food each week so that those in need can get what they need sooner than later. Ministries benefiting from this food drive thus far are Family Promise, St. Vincent DePaul, and Food for Friends (including Franklin, Mayo High School, and Willow Creek). Thank you for your contributions!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: A group of men and women from Resurrection offering person to person service to individuals in need. Vincentians meet with friends in need in their homes. Support is given by helping with rent, utilities, gas vouchers, food and clothing. Sign up to be a Vincentian by calling Resurrection's office. Training is available. Donate furniture items, beds, bedding, blankets in great condition. Kitchen and bathroom items are also needed. Call the Resurrection's office and ask for Pat. Please do not drop off items at the church without calling first. On the 5th Sunday of a month (4x/year), a special collection is taken to support this ministry. Thank you for your support.

Thank you for your consideration. If you want any of this information to be mailed/emailed to you, send the request to officemgr@rescathroch.org.or call the church office 288-5528.

### **Parish News**



Second collection for the weekend of March 28th/29th will be to support our ministry, Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization that helps those in need or those living in poverty. We grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to people in need. Last year, our conference at Resurrection went on 288 home visits assisting 548 individuals with over \$69,000. We help with rent, utilities, car repair,

food, furniture and almost anything depending on the need. This is all possible due to the generosity of parishioners through the second collection on the 5th Sunday of a month (4 times/year).

Our conference is a small group of dedicated women and men who are inviting you to consider joining us and making a difference. Not only will you be helping those in need, but you will also find yourself growing in God's love and the desire to share that love with others. Our conference's three major principals are spirituality, friendship and service to the poor.

We invite individuals or couples of all ages to join and even if you are not Catholic (example, a spouse); you can still be a member and do home visits. You are invited to do a "ride along" with members on a home visit to see what it's like to meet our friends in need.

We cannot meet as a group at this time; please look for information in future bulletins for our meeting dates. When the ban is lifted, we will meet at Resurrection the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Please consider this ministry; you will enjoy growing in spirituality and helping our local friends in need.

Due to the COVID 19 and the suspension of Sunday Mass, we prayerfully ask that you contribute to this ministry by:

- Dropping off your contribution in the drop box by the office door.
- Mail your check, payable to Church of the Resurrection, to the church Church of the Resurrection, 1600 11th Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904
- Go to Resurrection's website, on the front page, select on-line giving and follow the instructions on how to contribute through the on line service.
- Go to our St. Vincent de Paul website http://www.svdp-res.org/donate

Thank you for your continued financial support, along with your prayers, so that we can continue to serve the poor in our Rochester community.



Resurrection's Sunday Mass can be viewed on our website www. rescathroch.org.



Our main doors will be open daily from

7am - 7pm for those who want to come to pray. The entrance off of 16th St.is closed and the east church doors are locked.



Palms: We will bless the palms and have them available on Palm Sunday. Weather permitting, they can be picked up outside the main entrance of the church from 7:00 am until 12noon; afterwards they will be in the Gathering Space. Doors are opened daily from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

## Mass Readings for the Week

Monday 30 Mar

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

"Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone." John 8:1-11

Tuesday

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Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

"When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he." John 8:21-30

Wednesday

1 Apr Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

"If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:31-42

**Thursday** 

2 Apr Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

"Your father, Abraham, rejoiced because he saw my day." John 8:51-59

Friday

3 Apr Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

"They wanted to arrest Jesus, be he eluded them." John 10:31-42

Saturday

**4**Apr

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

"To gather together in unity the scattered children of God." John 11:45-56

**Palm Sunday** 

5 Apr Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

"Take and eat; this is by body." Matthew 26:14-27



# Musical Musings from Joy

Music & Choral Director & Coordinator of Liturgy choirdirector@rescathroch.org

What strange times we are in. For the next several weeks, "normal" is going to have a new meaning for each of us. This week, I want to provide you with a number of electronic resources to help aid your at-home prayer during this time. (I've also included app-based resources!)

Mass Readings:

http://www.usccb.org/

http://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings (Available to watch, too!)

Liturgy of the Hours: (Morning/Evening Prayer) http://www.universalis.com/ (Also available as an App!)

iBreviary App Laudate App

General Catechesis:

http://www.formed.org/ (Use our Parish Access for a free account!)

http://relevantradio.org (Also available as an App! Pray the Rosary with a Priest!)

Liturgical Music: (Search for your favorite "Church" songs from our hymnals!)

Spotify
Apple Music
Amazon Music

Know that I am praying for this community every day. Feel free to reach out via email if you need a chat or want further resources.



### **Mass Intentions**

Private daily Masses will be offered by Fr. Schuster or Fr. Shawn for the Mass Intentions below.

Mon	Mar 30	8:30 am	†Thomas Burns
Tues	Mar 31	8:30 am	†Dorothy Easter
Wed	Apr 1	8:30 am	†Marlene Motley
Thu	Apr 2	8:30 am	†Wally Duzey
Fri	Apr 3	8:30 am	†John Neylon
Sat	Apr 4	8:00 pm	†L. & G.Noga
Sun	Apr 5	8:30 am	For the Parish
Sun	Apr 5	10:30am	†Irene Murray

### St. Francis School News

**School is closed until May 4th** due to the Governor's mandate and spring break.

#### Seeking Bookkeeper for Resurrection Office

Resurrection seeks to employ a talented, organized, proactive individual to be the bookkeeper for parish ministry activities. Expected to work up to 10 hours a week. This position is responsible to post and pay bills on a weekly basis, post weekly deposits, schedule and post monthly EFTs. The Bookkeeper position involves use of general ledger and ability to keep accurate balance, with a proficiency in utilizing accounting software. The work is conducted using independent judgment, discretion and confidentiality.

2020 Chrism Mass will not be held as previously scheduled. Bishop Quinn will have a private Mass to bless the oils for the coming year.

Formed.org is a wonderful website that has been called a "Catholic Netflix." FORMED has inspiring movies and video-based studies, audio talks and e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors for all ages. Formed.org is free. You just need WiFi service and to register. You can register on our website, rescathroch.org. Formed.org is on the main screen, second slider. If you register on your own device, the Resurrection code is 1f82d9. Any questions, call the office at 507-288-5528.

### **Faith Formation**



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x108

Grades 1-5: Thank you to our catechists who served the children of our parish this faith formation year: Dana Asleson, Michel Benz, Kristin Cerda, Amanda Collett, Margaret Frank, Tahnee Hoekstra, Lynn Ladin, Heidi & Chris Miksanek, Van Nguyen, Travis Paulson, Jean Roth, Theresa Root, and Emily Spaulding. Our children have benefitted from their patience, gentleness, and kindness as they openly shared their love of the faith. We are grateful to them for

sharing their time during this faith formation year. If you see any of these catechists, thank them for their ministry to the children of Resurrection.

First Communion: Families are working on chapter 7 in their Eucharist workbook this week. Parents can practice teaching their children how to receive during this time. Please know that I am keeping you all in my prayers. You can e-mail or call me if you have any questions about First Communion.

Virtues in Practice: For the month of March, we are focusing on the virtue of respect and St. Damien of Molokai. Every human being has great dignity because God has created us in His image, with understanding and free will. One way we show respect for others is by being careful never to take away their freedom. This means respecting boundaries such as privacy, personal space, and the ability to say "no" to things that are not a duty.

St. Damien of Molokai, be with us and remind us to respect every person, especially those who are sick. Help us to be brave like you and reach out to them to show them God's love. Amen. St. Damien of Molokai, pray for us!



News from Sheila, Birth-KG; Grades 6-12, Children and Youth Ministry, RCIA dresscm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528, x 101

May the peace of the Lord be with you! In all things pray "Jesus I Trust in You!" Change is happening faster than our minds can process. Those of us who follow Jesus are assured of his unchanging, everlasting, and unwavering love for his. Now, more than ever, we must practice faith. We are being given an opportunity to build up our domestic church, our faith life in our homes, in order to strengthen our relationship with the Lord, to increase our faith, and as

parents/guardians to honor our baptismal promises of being the primary educators of our Catholic faith. To assist you, here are some free resources:

Children's Worship Bulletins has put together a free resource for children age 3-12 consisting of puzzles, Bible activities, worship bulletins on carefully selected topics and Scripture texts that you can use in your home. You can find these pages with links to the PDF files here:

www.childrensbulletins.com/Covid19-childrens-activites-for-churches

**Magnificat** is offering young adults/adults complimentary access to its iOS and Android Apps throughout May. To register for free access go to www.magnificat.com/free

MagnifiKid is offering complimentary access to resources for children age 6-12. To view and download each weekly booklet of colorful Sunday missalettes go to www.magnifikid.com/free

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