



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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April 5, 2020

All Masses and other devotions  
have been suspended until further  
notice from the Archdiocese

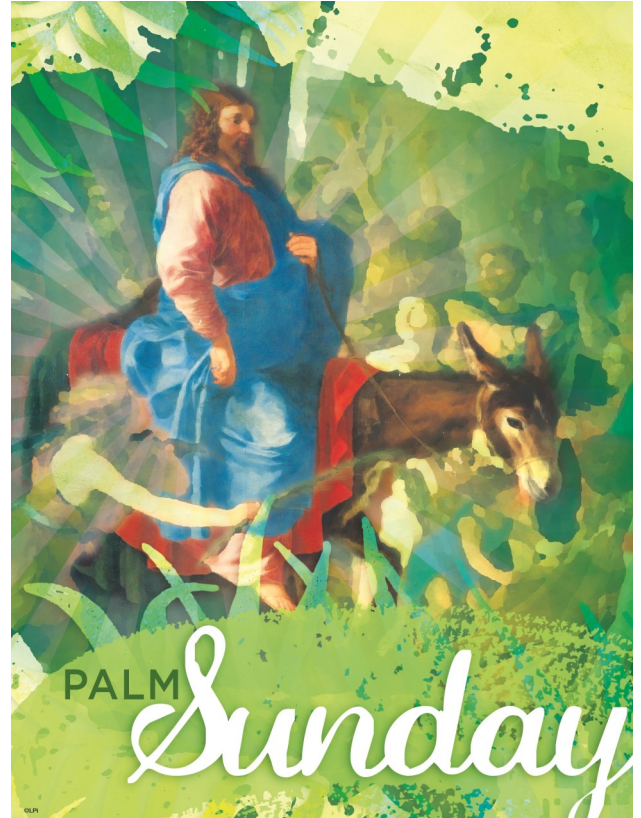
St. Joseph Chapel will remain available  
for Eucharistic Adoration

Our livestream daily Masses can be found  
on the parish website or on YouTube

Mary, Health of the Sick,  
pray for us.

## Sacraments

- Reconciliation:** Mon/Tue/Wed in church, 7pm  
Saturday following 8am Mass
- Marriage:** Contact the parish office  
at least six months prior to the wedding
- Baptism:** Contact the parish office  
to register for class and to arrange date
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:**  
Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office



## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is “why me?” as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a “why me” attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as

the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life’s successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with

His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it’s the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?

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# Welcome to Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Informed—Hospitable—Missionary*

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Shawn Mueller, Director

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Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays  
Confirmation Preparation  
8th Grade—September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass  
Adult Education  
Wednesdays at 8:45am and 6:10pm, September thru May  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

## Quick Contacts Directory

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Janet Hespen 314-369-6521  
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## The Most Unusual of Holy Weeks

Dear Parishioners,

Last week I mentioned my expanded thoughts on my list of ten things to do to help us make it through this experience of social seclusion and concern over a devastating illness. I will return to that list after Easter. Since it looks like our seclusion is going to be running through all of April, I would like to state this now and repeat it occasionally for the next month.

**Let's do our best to manage our collective and individual complaining about our situation. Few things will make this time more difficult than surrendering to negativity. Pray for one another, find and do things that make you grateful and remind you of your blessings. Find a daily reason to laugh and smile. It is the power of grace to transform the negative into the positive, the fearful into the trusting. Don't be naïve, but be hopeful.**

Many thanks to so many of you for your communication with myself and the Office Staff about our streamed Masses. While it is a far cry from actually celebrating the Eucharist, a Spiritual Communion is a form of actual communion nonetheless. Together, our trust in God and our wise acceptance and navigation through these surreal times will see us to a better shore.

The following is a breakdown of the various activities of Holy Week.

**Palm Sunday:** Streamed Mass at 9:30 AM. Palms will be available after Mass and church will remain unlocked throughout the day. I will lock church up that evening about 7 or so.

**Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper will be streamed at 7:00 PM. This year we will be omitting the Mandatum (washing of feet), and focusing on the institution of the Eucharist. The importance of the foot washing is the humility with which we ought to celebrate and receive the Eucharist at every Mass.

**Good Friday:** Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at 3:00 PM. We will celebrate this Mercy Hour in prayer and song and I encourage any of you watching to have your own crucifixes handy for veneration at home. This is a day of mingled sorrow and profound gratitude. We celebrate our own priesthood in Christ by joining Jesus in interceding for the church and the world.

**Holy Saturday:** The Mass of the Lord's Resurrection begins at 8:00 PM. Absent the Easter Fire, the darkened church and the Sacraments of Initiation, much of the Mass will be the same. We will hear our story of redemption and celebrate the victory of Jesus over sin and death.

**Easter Sunday:** Mass at 9:30 AM as we continue our 50 day celebration of the Risen Christ! I pray whatever gathering you do that day, you celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ, who give us life and faith and the promise of eternal life in His Holy Name.

Peace,



**LENTEN CONFESSIONS:  
MONDAY-TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY  
7:00 — 8:00 or the last penitent**

## Palm Sunday, Year A

They crucified [Jesus] and then divided his clothes among them. Above his head they put the written notice. "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." MATTHEW 27: 35,37

Some divers discovered a sunken ship. One of the treasures they found on it was a man's wedding ring. Etched on the wide gold band of the ring was a hand holding a heart. Under it was this moving inscription: "I have nothing more to give you." This inscription could have been placed on Jesus' cross. For by his death, Jesus gave us everything he had: his body, his blood, his love, his life. He had nothing more to give us. To what extent have I given Jesus everything that I have? What keeps me from giving him everything?

*We asked Jesus for a grain of sand; he gave us a beach. We asked him for a drop of water; he gave us an ocean. We asked him for his love; he gave us his body and blood.*

(Mark Link S.J. Action 2000)

***PALM SUNDAY BEGINS THE SOLEMN DAYS OF HOLY WEEK***

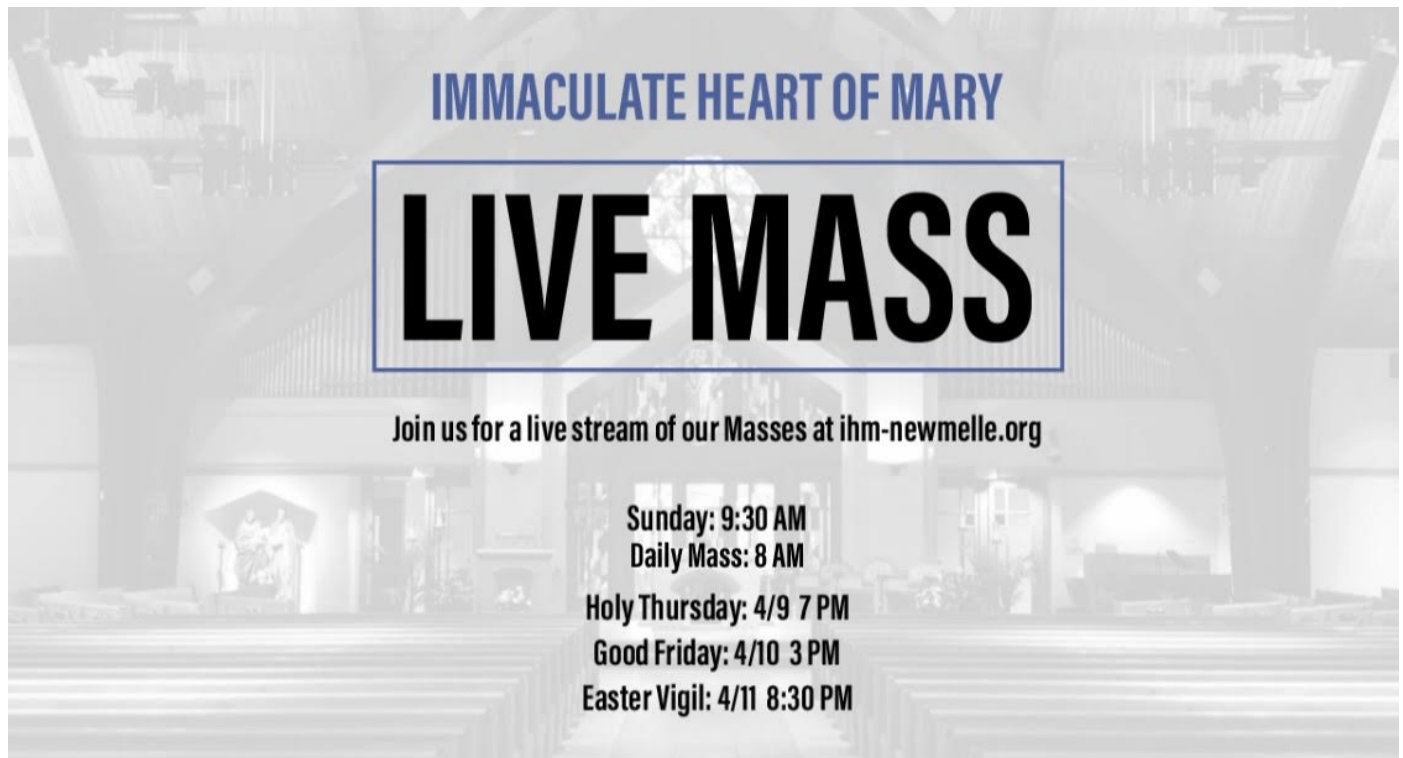
Our morning Masses are being livestreamed.  
Find them on our parish website or on YouTube.

***The Sacrament of Reconciliation:***

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday evening from 7-8:30pm  
There will be no Reconciliation on Saturday morning, April 11

***The EUCHARISTIC ADORATION schedule has not changed.***

Please keep your Holy Hour thru Wednesday morning.  
The Holy Eucharist will be reposed on Wednesday at 7:30am  
until Monday morning at 8:30 (in the chapel)



***Please note the Sacred Triduum Schedule, especially Good Friday at 3pm.***

***Attention Heavenly Dusters!!***

We truly appreciate your efforts to keep the chapel clean—thank you all.

We will take a break next week, April 12.

Upcoming schedule for the next few weeks:

Week of April 19: Theresa McDaniel

Week of May 3: Cathy Thompson

Week of May 17: Patrice Riley

Week of April 26: Irene Caldwell

Week of May 10: Mary Ann Boenker

Week of May 24: Teresa Berfanger



**Diaper Drive**  
Weekends of March 21-22 through Palm Sunday, April 5th  
Drop off during the weekend Masses at your Parish  
Sponsored by the Permanent Deacons of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life Office.  
Diapers collected will be delivered to those in need in the local area. Please be generous.

Please consider placing the purchasing of infant, toddler or adults diapers on your shopping list and drop them off at church during the week. We would like to stress the need for the larger size diapers, 3's, 4's and 5's. All diapers collected will be donated to assist families in our parish community.

## ✠ Rest in Peace ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of  
**Dave Gentry**  
husband of Pat Gentry  
**Katie Gardner**  
sister of Tom & Carol Ostermeyer  
May they and all the faithful departed  
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

**Youth Ministry**  
Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

**No gatherings of Youth Group  
until we get the "all clear"**

## A Big Event Coming Up!

July 17 through 19 is a youth group event called **Steubenville** for 9th thru 12th grades. It is such a fun trip you won't want to miss it!! Our Youth Ministry office with the St. Louis Archdiocese has a great program set up for us. We stay on the Missouri State campus in Springfield, MO. For more info, check out <https://steubystl.com> or just google Steubenville STL Mid-America. There are some really good YouTube videos you can check out, too. I need to send a deposit, so let me know ASAP.

## Contributions, March 28/29

General Offertory:	\$3,765.00
Online – General Offertory:	\$3,681.59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,446.59</b>

*"As they were marching out,  
they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name;  
this man they pressed into service to carry his cross."  
(Matthew 27:32)*

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

*We pray ... that we may learn to put other's needs before  
our own and help our neighbor "carry his cross."*

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the parish office, or use online giving, while we all navigate this situation. As many of you understand, our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass. We look forward to the time when we may worship together again.

## Needed at the Pantry

mayonnaise, cold cereal, fruit juice, sugar, jelly, mustard, sloppy joe sauce, gravy packets, canned fruit: pears, peaches, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, applesauce, canned potatoes, chicken broth, cake & brownie mixes, icing, Bisquick, syrup, saltines, laundry detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, coffee



Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

## During this time of separation...

Please remember that **food donations** can still be dropped off, and most importantly, **monetary donations** can still be made by check or through online giving on the parish website.

We are mindful of all those who are temporarily laid off, and don't know what to expect as to the future needs for both food and financial assistance. If you are able, please help us in this work of caring for the most vulnerable. Thank you!

*Please pray for all the sick & suffering:*

Mark Hanna, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan, Carol Rabbitt, Fran Bussen, Dave Betlach, Karla Sitzes, Vicky Monroe, Nancy Hollenstein, Walt Reel, Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Loretta Bruns, Betty Heppermann, Kathy Feldewerth, Frank Marquart, Dan Brothers, Cindy White, Janie Roth,

David & Lisa Debold and Ratha Beymer  
(Dave & Pam DeBold's children and Pam's mother),  
Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel),  
Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine),  
Sherri Callahan (daughter of Vickie & Paul Grunz),  
Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan),  
Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),  
Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor),  
Loretta Nolan (sister of Kathy Lalonde),  
Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter),  
Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree),  
Audrey Molitor (sister of Flo Joerling),  
Pat Finan (Fran Bussen's daughter),  
Jim Raymond (brother of Alan & Marsha Raymond)  
Barbara (daughter of Eleanor Sadlo)

**Hospitalization:** If you are hospitalized, please let us know.  
Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

**Communion Calls:** If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

**Prayer Requests:** Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email  
brhutchcraft@centurytel.net

*Readings of the Week*

Sun: 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  
Mon: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11  
Tue: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/  
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
Wed: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/  
Mt 26:14-25  
Thu: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:*  
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18  
1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15  
Fri: *Friday of the Passion of the Lord:*  
Is 52:13—53:12 / Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / Jn 18:1—19:42  
Sat: *Vigil:*  
1: Gn 1:1—2:2 followed by Ps 104  
2: Gn 22:1-18 followed by Ps 16  
3: Ex 14:15—15:1 followed by Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18  
4: Is 54:5-14 followed by Ps 30  
5: Is 55:1-11 followed by Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6  
6: Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4 followed by Ps 19  
7: Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 followed by Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6  
Epistle: Rom 6:3-11 followed by Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Gospel: Mt 28:1-10



Please join us during our livestream liturgies:

**Holy Thursday, April 9:**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm**

**Good Friday, April 10:**  
**Friday of the Lord's Passion, 3pm**

**Easter Vigil, April 11, 8:30pm**

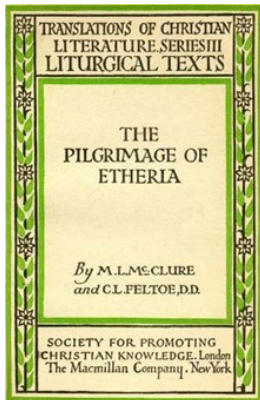
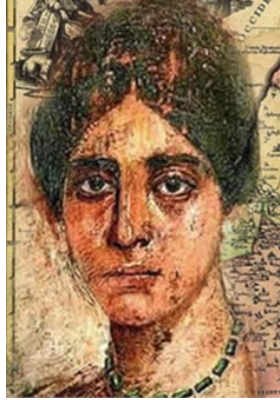
**What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?**

- Christ merited for us the new life in the \_\_\_\_\_. His grace restores what sin had damaged in us.  
a. church                      b. Holy Spirit  
c. state                        d. new world
- As a son of God in union with his Savior, the disciple can attain the perfection of charity which is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. happiness                b. health  
c. honor                      d. holiness
- Blessed are the poor in \_\_\_\_\_, for there is the kingdom of heaven.  
a. money                    b. status  
c. spirit                        d. poverty
- Blessed are those who \_\_\_\_\_, for they shall be comforted.  
a. cry                         b. weep  
c. mourn                    d. uncomfortable
- Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_, for they shall inherit the earth.  
a. weak                      b. sleek  
c. meek                      d. many
- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for \_\_\_\_\_, for they shall be satisfied.  
a. food and drink        b. righteousness  
c. esteem                    d. honor
- Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_, for they shall obtain mercy.  
a. merciful                    b. just  
c. angered                    d. peaceful
- Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ in heart, for they shall see God.  
a. pure                        b. happy  
c. light                        d. joyful
- Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_, for they shall be called sons of God.  
a. peacemakers            b. sons of guns  
c. children of God        d. sons of man
- Blessed are those who are \_\_\_\_\_ for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
a. executed                b. abandoned  
c. persecuted              d. enriched

## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 4000 items, the **Parish Library** is located in the **Grand Hall** past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system. Items from the **Lighthouse CD rack** are located and available in the **Narthex**

### Read a fascinating early Church writing online: The Pilgrimage of Egeria

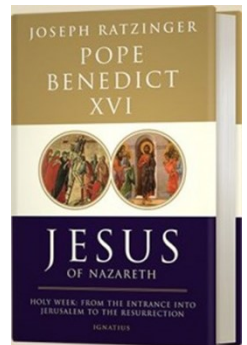


Have you ever heard of the Pilgrimage Journal of Egeria? Egeria was a young woman who traveled throughout the world and on to the Holy Land on a pilgrimage in the 380s AD. She wrote this journal (also letters sent to relatives) which were later discovered. It is a window into the life of an early Christian and also gives an account of the religious services held during Holy Week, as that was the time in which she was there. This account can be found online: The section on the visit to the Holy Land begins around article - paragraph 45: <https://www.ccel.org/m/mcclure/etheria/etheria.htm>

### From the Parish Library (Grand Hall)

#### Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week: From the Entrance Into Jerusalem To The Resurrection

Popes are known for writing encyclicals and papal bulls, not popular works on the historical Jesus, which is in any case a field well-trod by countless other authors. But Pope Benedict XVI, a.k.a. the German theologian Joseph Ratzinger, has now written the second volume in his "Jesus of Nazareth" series. (A third may be in the offing.) And this book, as with the first, is a worthy contribution to the field not only because it was written by a pope, but also because it combines solid scholarship with deep spirituality. As such it joins the Jesus of history to the Christ of faith in an accessible narrative. This volume explores the drama of Holy Week, yet it is relatively bloodless compared with other treatments. The focus is on the meaning of the events, with a strong reiteration of recent church teaching against imputing guilt for Jesus' death to the Jews of that time or now. But Benedict's explanation of the Resurrection and his phrase "evolutionary leap" to help conceive it may be the most fascinating and enduring aspect of the book. The Resurrection opens "a new dimension of human existence," the pope writes; it "points beyond history but has left a footprint within history." The same could be said of this book.



### PSR Corner

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The Month of April is traditionally dedicated – devoted to the Blessed Sacrament / Resurrection / Holy Spirit. Parents are encouraged to make visits to the Eucharistic Lord with their children. Why not stop by for 5 minutes for a brief “hello”? We are blessed to have our chapel with the Blessed Sacrament open 24 hours a day. Here is another reminder of the text for making an Act of Spiritual Communion:

*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 into 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.*



## Fear, the coronavirus and C.S. Lewis

A text that C.S. Lewis wrote many years ago has been popping up as of late. Its relevance is to the current situation in which many find themselves - in the grip of worry, anxiety, fear and uncertainty in regards to the coronavirus. The problem of Lewis' day was of the fear of the atomic bomb. The situations are not totally parallel of course. Individuals facing a virus pandemic can take personal safety health measures and precautions to protect themselves; whereas threat of a bomb drop would be outside of one's control. This article mainly has to do with the psychology of living in the midst of the realities of life.

C.S. Lewis never faced the coronavirus, of course, but in the late 1940s, the world was coming to grips with another threat: nuclear annihilation. The bomb was only a few years old, and in the hands of sworn national enemies. The uncertainty of what exactly could happen, not to mention what might happen, was palpable. In that context, C.S. Lewis wrote an essay titled, "On Living in an Atomic Age." If you read the essay, whenever you hear "atomic bomb", think "coronavirus."

"We think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb," Lewis begins. To those who wonder how it's possible to go on in the face of such a threat,



Lewis recalls that theirs was not the first generation to live under a threatening shadow. In fact, if we're honest, we all live under a sentence of death, and for some of us, that death could even be "unpleasant." The important question, says Lewis, is not whether or how we will die but if in the meantime we will be doing "sensible" and "human" things like "praying, working ... reading, listening to music, bathing the children." Lewis asks his readers to consider the important but unsettling truth that "Nature does not, in the long run, favor life." It's an ominous observation that points to an essential worldview truth: "If Nature is all that exists — in other words, if there is no God and no life of some quite different sort somewhere outside of Nature — then all stories 'will end in the same way: in a universe from which all life is banished without the hope of return.' How do we respond to this unsettling truth? Lewis gave three options of ultimate despair and meaninglessness. The hopelessness of

those three options should instead lead us to a different conclusion: "We must simply accept . . .," said Lewis, "that we are spirits, free and rational beings, at present inhabiting an irrational universe, and must draw the conclusion that we are not derived from it." In other words, we must reject naturalism and embrace "a much earlier view": biblical theism. It's the only grounds on which we can avoid the despair brought on by the knowing that we are under a "sentence of death," whatever form that death takes. Lewis' words are just as relevant today as they were seven decades ago. For people who believe there is a God, doing the "sensible" and "human" things are possible because we have hope. For those who don't have that hope, no amount of toilet paper or cans of Spam stacked in the garage can make anyone truly safe, much less solve the ultimate question of meaning that haunts us all. Today as yesterday, the world is still in God's hands. Nothing has changed. Whatever the next chapter of this coronavirus story might be, the same questions remain to us: Will we trust God? And then, will we love our neighbors? And finally, how shall we then live?

(See full article at: <https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/religion-and-philosophy/faith-and-reason/c-s-lewis-and-the->



Please join other parishioners in praying the rosary every Friday at 3pm for 3 more weeks for the intention of asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten the researchers to find not only a cure but also for a vaccine for protection against COVID -19.

April 10 - April 17 - April 24

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| 3. spirit 1716      | 8. pure 1716          |
| 4. mourn 1716       | 9. peacemakers 1716   |
| 5. meek 1716        | 10. persecuted 1716   |

### Catholic IQ Answers

#### INTERESTED IN MEMORIALIZING A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE?

To learn more, contact the planned giving experts at the Roman Catholic Foundation. 314-918-2890 | [giftplanning@rcfstl.org](mailto:giftplanning@rcfstl.org)