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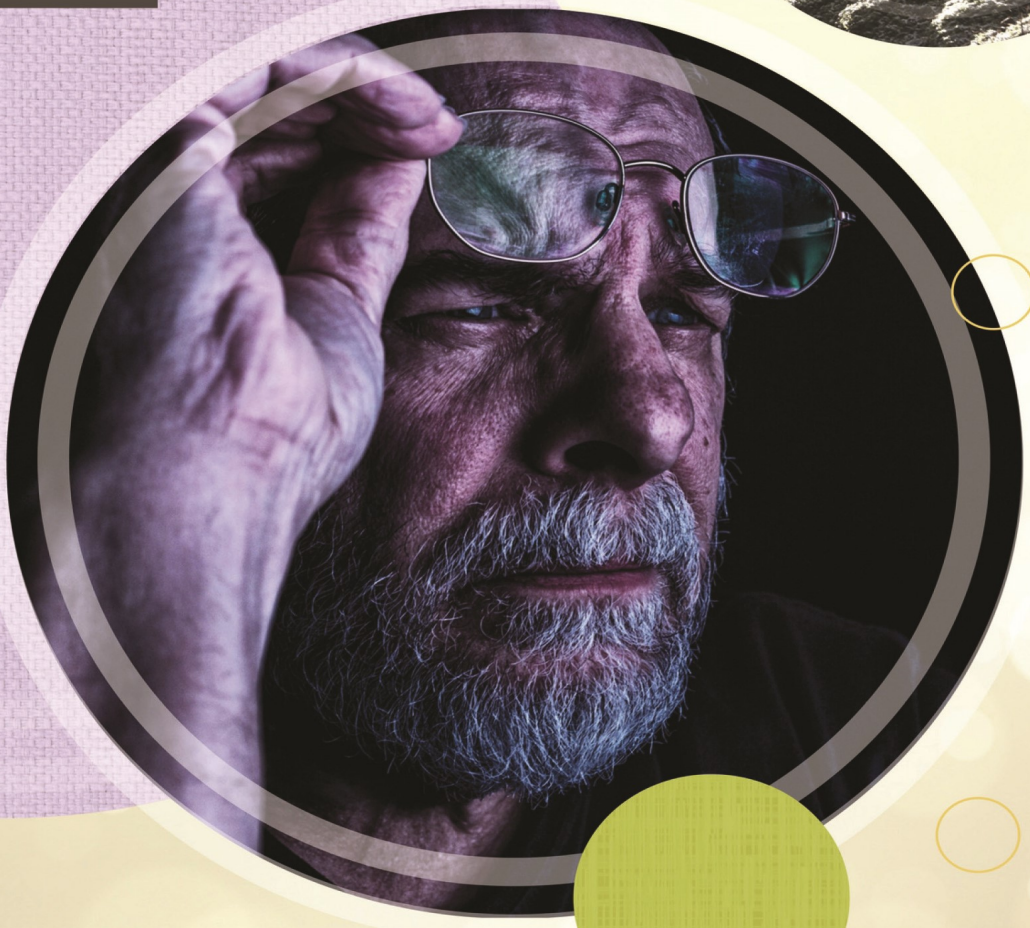

FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Lent*

"I CAME INTO THIS WORLD FOR JUDGMENT, SO THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT SEE MIGHT SEE, AND THOSE WHO DO SEE MIGHT BECOME BLIND."

~ JOHN 9:39

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SAINTS TO PRAY TO IN TIMES OF EPIDEMICS

Dear Parishioners,

In this hard time, as we move through this epidemic, I would like to share with you all some lesser known saints that are the patron saints of epidemics. Please, take a moment in your private prayers to pray to St. Rocco, St. Sebastian, and the least known of all St. Corona. Pray for the health and well being of yourself, your families, and the entire world, that we grow and recover and strengthen as a spiritual family from this current epidemic.

~Fr. Idzi

St. Rocco or St. Roch

St. Rocco is believed to have been born in Montpellier, France in the late 13th early 14th century. He was the only son of the governor there and is believed to have been marked on the breast with a red cross.

After losing his parents at around twenty years old, he gave up all his possessions to the poor, gave his uncle the title of Governor for Montpellier, and went out into the world to live on the charity of others.

In his travels, he came across many areas affected with the plague and devoted himself to helping those in need. The history continues that he was able to cure those afflicted with the plague through the sign of the cross and everywhere he went this terrible illness disappeared miraculously.

It was only a matter of time until St. Rocco himself contracted the plague. He went and secluded himself in a forest hut or cave, where a dog visited him with bread and drank water from a spring.

Upon his recovery, St Rocco returned to his hometown where he was mistaken for a spy because he would not disclose his identity. For the next 5 years he was imprisoned by the governor - his own uncle and later died in prison. It was not until after his death that his identity was known.

In 1414, during the Council of Constance, the plague having already broken out in that city, the Fathers of the Council ordered public prayers and processions in honor of the saint, and immediately the plague ceased. To this day, St Rocco is invoked against pestilence and plague.

St. Sebastian

Not much is known about St. Sebastian's formative years. It is known that he joined the Roman Army in 283 AD as a way to help those Christians that were being persecuting by the Romans, under the rule of the Emperor Diocletian. He exhibited such excellent service that he was promoted to serve in the Praetorian Guard, the guards sworn to protect the Emperor.

During his time in the guard, twin brothers and deacons with the Christian Church, Marcus and Marcellian, were imprisoned for refusing to make public sacrifices to the Roman gods. When the brothers parents came to convince them to renounce Christianity, it was St. Sebastian who convinced them both to convert to Christianity. St. Sebastian is also believed to have converted many other high ranking officials. This is ultimately what led to his discovery and being reported to the Emperor in 286 AD.

The Emperor ordered Sebastian to be killed by having him tied to a stake and used as target practice by the archers. His body was riddled with arrows, and when they believed St. Sebastian to be dead they left his body for retrieval and burial. St. Sebastian, however, was not dead and he was found by Irene of Rome, who his him and nursed him back to health.

Once healthy, St. Sebastian went in search of Diocletian and finally caught up with him near a stairwell. St. Sebastian scolded Diocletian and in return Diocletian order him to be clubbed to death and thrown into the sewers.

St. Sebastian is commonly invoked as a protector against the plague. This association is believed to be because he survived being shot full of arrows and in pagan belief, pestilence was delivered by arrows shot by the gods above. Even Christian Romans could appreciate this symbolism.

St. Corona

St. Corona is believed to have been born in what is now present day Egypt or Syria. There is conflict in regards to the years with some recording St. Corona living from 160-177 AD and others 287-303 AD.

What is known that St. Corona was only a teenager when she was married to Victor, a Roman soldier from Siena and a Christian who was martyred for choosing not to renounce his faith. St. Corona was also martyred during this persecution of the early Christian community.

The legend of St. Corona reached from the Middle East to Italy at the latest in the sixth century, where a church was dedicated to her and her husband in Castelfidardo on the Adriatic coast near Ancona.

During this time, St. Corona was used to show people an example of faithfulness to the Christian faith. The first evidence of worship of St. Corona is seen in Bavaria, Czech and Lower Austria in the 14th century when St. Corona and St. Victor's relics were transported to Prague by Emperor Charles IV.

In these regions and others St. Corona is shown as the patron saint who not only protects against epidemics and bad weather but as a symbol of faithfulness in the Christian faith.

In Lower Austria there is a tradition of an annual pilgrimage in honor of St. Corona. In 1504 in the small town of St. Corona am Wechsel a figurine of St. Corona was found inside of a tree hollow and in remembrance of this event a chapel was built on the location. From 1892-1924, the Austrian media pointed our that the coins minted by the Austrian mint were called "crowns" in memory of the saint and also explains why some consider her to be the patron of good investments, treasure hunters and lottery players.

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Monday through Friday
9:00 am—7:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am—12:00 pm

Schedule of Masses

Sunday
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Saturday Evening Mass
5:00 pm

Weekdays: 8:00 am
Monday through Saturday

Holy Days:
7:30am, 9:30 am and
7:00 pm

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Monday - Saturday
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Prayer During an Epidemic

Lord Jesus,

Hear our pleas, our good shepherd and divine physician.

We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease.

Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear.

Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness.

And may all you have called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

St. Sebastian, protector against plagues, pray for us.

St. Corona, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

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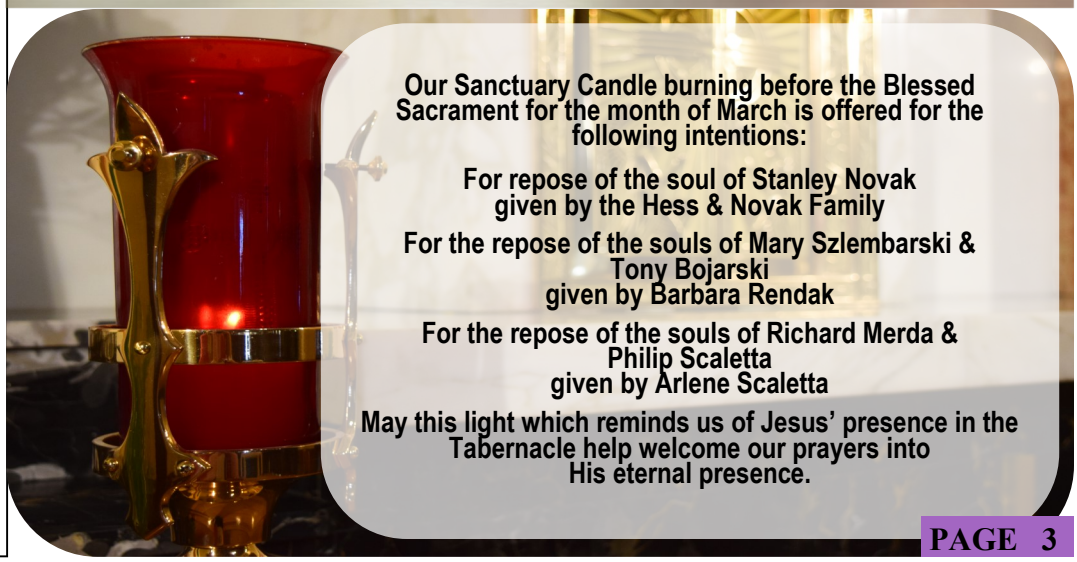

Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of March is offered for the following intentions:

For repose of the soul of Stanley Novak given by the Hess & Novak Family

For the repose of the souls of Mary Szlembarski & Tony Bojarski given by Barbara Rendak

For the repose of the souls of Richard Merda & Philip Scaletta given by Arlene Scaletta

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.

Stewardship

Split the Pot

Due to the recent suspension of all public Masses stewardship and split the pot information will not be available.

We ask all parishioners, if they desire, to please mail in their weekly contribution, bring them by the office, or consider making a one time donation on our e-giving site. Our parish office is open Monday - Friday from 8-4pm.

We thank you all for your continued support and pray that we all stay healthy and strong during this time.

A Prayer During This Uncertain Time

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Lord Jesus,
You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness among the people.

At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now in this health crisis so that we may know your healing love.

Heal those who are sick:
may they regain their health and strength.
Heal us from our fear,
which prevents us from helping one another.
Heal us from our pride,
which makes us certain of our health and life apart from you.

Bless health care professionals with strength and compassion as they selflessly respond to our needs.

We make this prayer in your strong and holy name, you, who with the Father and Spirit, live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Joy of Lent
Daily Reflections

Monday, March 23, 2020
Ask One Thing
Readings: Isa 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
Scripture: *"Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe."* (John 4:48b)

Tuesday, March 24, 2020
Water of Life
Readings: Ezek 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
Scripture: *"Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live."* (Ezek 47:9a)

Wednesday, March 25, 2020
Emptied by Grace
Readings: Isa 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
Scripture: *""Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."* (Luke 1:38)

Thursday, March 26, 2020
Wisdom without Words
Readings: Exod 32:7-14; John 5:31-47
Scripture: They forgot the God who had saved them, who had done great deeds in Egypt. (Ps 106:21))

Friday, March 27, 2020
Meditating on Two Standards
Readings: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Scripture: *". . .Let us put him to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience."* (Wis 2:19)

Saturday, March 28, 2020
Lion's Prey
Readings: Jer 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
Scripture: O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and rescue me, Lest I become like the lion's prey. (Ps 7:2-3a)

Sunday, March 29, 2020
Stumbling into the Light
Readings: Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Scripture: He cried out in a loud voice, *"Lazarus, come out!"* (John 11:43)

COVID-19 Parish News

During this time, we would like to inform all parishioners within our parish of a few important things.

As per a Cardinal Decree, all public Masses are suspended until further notice. During this timeframe, our priests are still offering daily Masses in the intention of all those affected by the current state of affairs. During these private Masses they are also continuing to pray for those intentions which had been requested each day. Our church is open for private prayer every single day from 8am-10am.

Our parish office is still open to take your calls and answer any questions you may have. Our current hours are Monday thru Friday from 8am-4pm.
We will be closed on Saturday, Sunday and in the evenings.

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Transactions: 111
Amount: $2,863.00

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Holy Week & Easter in our Deanery

During this, the most Holy Week within our Catholic faith, let us remember to set apart time for prayer and remembrance as we recall the events surrounding the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Our church, along with all of the churches within our Deanery, would like to inform everyone of every worship opportunity during this week. If you require any further information for a particular event please contact the corresponding parish office.

"He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee."
Matthew 28:7

St. Daniel Parish

5300 S. Natoma
Chicago, IL 60638
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www.stdan.net

Holy Thursday, April 9th
Morning Prayer - 8am
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Polish - 5pm; English - 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 10th
Morning Prayer - 8:00am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
English - 3pm; Polish - 5pm
Stations of the Cross
Polish - 4:30pm; English - 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 11th
Morning Prayer - 8am
Blessing of Food Baskets
English - 11am; Polish - 12pm & 1pm
Easter Vigil (Bilingual) - 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 12th
Sunrise Mass (Polish) - 5am
7am, 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am, & 1pm (Polish)
No 6pm mass on Easter Sunday

Easter Monday, April 13th
Special Polish Masses 11am and 6pm
No Rosary and Benediction on Monday, April 13

St. Blase Parish

6101 S 75th Avenue
Summit, IL 60501
(708) 458-0007
www.stblasechurch.org

Palm Sunday, April 5th
8am, 11am - Polish; 9:30am - English
1pm, 6pm - Spanish

Holy Thursday, April 9th
Mass of the Lord's Supper (Trilingual) - 7pm
Adoration until 10pm

Good Friday, April 10th
Living Stations of the Cross (Spanish) - 12pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Death & Divine Mercy Novena
5pm - English; 6pm - Spanish; 7:30pm - Polish
Adoration until 11pm

Holy Saturday, April 11th
Blessing of Easter Basket
12pm (noon); 2pm & 4pm
Easter Vigil (Trilingual) - 7pm

Easter Sunday, April 12th
Resurrection Mass with Divine Mercy Novena (Polish) - 6am
Divine Mercy Novena followed by Mass
9am (English); 10:30am (Polish); 1pm (Spanish)
No 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday

Easter Monday, April 13th
Mass with Divine Mercy Novena
8:15am (English); 11am & 7pm (Polish)

Our Lady of the Snows Parish

4810 S. Leamington
Chicago, IL 60638
(773) 582-2266
www.ourladyofthesnowsparish.org

Palm Sunday, April 5th
Saturday (English) - 5pm
Sunday - English - 7:30am & 10:30am
Polish - 9am; Spanish - 12:30 & 6:00pm
Solemn Outdoor Procession at the
9am, 10:30am & 12:30pm Masses

Holy Thursday , April 9th
Multi-lingual Mass - 7pm
Bus Tour leaves after Mass
Solemn Adoration after Mass until Midnight
Tenebrae Service at 11:45pm

Good Friday, April 10th
Living Stations of the Cross - 11:30am
Liturgy of the Lord's Death
English - 3pm; Polish - 5pm; Spanish - 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 11th
Blessing of Easter Baskets - 11am
Solemn Easter Vigil (Multi-Lingual) - 7pm

Easter Sunday, April 12th
Polish - 6am; English - 8am & 10am
Spanish - 12pm & 6pm

St. Faustina Kowalska Parish

St. Jane de Chantal Church
5252 S. Austin
Chicago, IL 60638
(773) 767-2411
www.stjanedechantal.com

Holy Thursday, April 9th
Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Bilingual) 7pm

Good Friday, April 10th
Passion of the Lord - 3pm
Stations of the Cross
English - 5pm; Polish - 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 11th
Easter Basket Blessing (Bilingual)
10am, 11am & 12pm (noon)
Easter Vigil Mass (Bilingual) - 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 12th
Sunrise Mass in Polish
with Procession 5:30am
English Mass at 7:30am, 10:30am
Polish Mass at 9am & 12:30pm

St. Symphorosa Parish

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Palm Sunday, April 5th
Saturday - 5pm Mass
Sunday
7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am Mass

Holy Thursday, April 9th
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7pm
Church open to 11pm for
private prayer and adoration.

Good Friday, April 10th
Good Friday Liturgy - 3pm
Stations of the Cross - 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 11th
Easter Basket Blessing (Bilingual)
10am & 12pm
Easter Vigil - 7pm

Easter Sunday, April 12th
7:30am, 9:30am, & 11:30am Mass

St. Joseph Parish

7240 W. 57th Street
Summit, IL 60501
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Holy Thursday, April 9th
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7pm

Good Friday, April 10th
Lord's Passion (English/Spanish)
3pm
Lord's Passion (Polish)
6pm

Holy Saturday, April 11th
Easter Basket Blessing
(English/Polish) - 12pm
Easter Vigil (English/Spanish) - 5pm
Resurrection Mass (Polish) - 9pm

Easter Sunday, April 12th
English - 7:30 & 9:30am
Spanish - 11am
Polish - 12:30pm

St. Rene Goupil

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Palm Sunday, April 5th
Saturday - 4pm
Sunday - 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am

Holy Thursday, April 9th
Mass of the Lord's Supper
and Procession - 7pm
Church open for private prayer
until midnight

Good Friday, April 10th
Stations of the Cross - 3pm
Good Friday Liturgy - 7pm
Church will be open until 9pm

Holy Saturday, April 11th
Blessing of Easter Basket
12pm (noon)
Easter Vigil - 8pm
No 4pm Mass on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday, April 12th
7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am Masses

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 21, 2020
5:00pm Health and all the Lord's blessings for Patrick Carmody *(Kathleen)*
†Janet & Steve Molnar *(Hohm Family)*
†Greg Golab *(Mom & Dad)*
†Mel Keiffer *(Janina)*
†George Schramm *(Mary Shilney)*

Sunday, March 22, 2020
7:30am †Claude Wiatrak *(Wife Clara)*
†Janet & Steve Molnar *(Hohm Family)*
†Dorothy Madej *(Husband Ray)*
†Loretta Leigh *(Arlene Scaletta)*
9:30am †Stanley Novak *(Hess & Novak Family)*
†Chalida Svastisalee *(Arlene Scaletta)*
11:30am For all Parishioners, Living & Deceased *(15)*

Monday, March 23, 2020
Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
8:00am †Elena Puente *(Olga Pecina & Family)*
†Jozef Stoch *(Family)*

Tuesday, March 24, 2020
St. Oscar Romero, Bishop
8:00am †Lucille Mackey *(Arlene Scaletta)*

Wednesday, March 25, 2020
The Annunciation of the Lord
8:00am †Colleen M. Strock *(Markham Family)*

Thursday, March 26, 2020
8:00am †Mike Monaco on the 25th Anniversary of his passing *(Marcello Family)*

Friday, March 27, 2020
8:00am †Robert Montgomery, Sr. *(Wife & Children)*

Saturday, March 28, 2020
8:00am For all Parishioners, Living & Deceased *(16)*
5:00pm Health and all the Lord's blessings for Patrick Carmody *(Kathleen)*
†Richard Merda, Philip Scaletta & Helen Merda *(Arlene Scaletta)*
†Carol Golab *(Linda Ciucci)*
†Rosa Munoz *(Giron Family)*
†Janet & Steve Molnar *(Hohm Family)*

Sunday, March 29, 2020
7:30am †Mary Nevills *(Arlene Scaletta)*
†Janet & Steve Molnar *(Hohm Family)*
†Mary Gleason *(Bob & Barb Mikulecky)*
†Roberto Rodriguez *(Ines Rodriguez)*
9:30am †Salvatore Miglieri *(Nancy & Quinn Markham)*
†Richard Siepka *(Lorraine Siepka)*
11:30am For all Parishioners, Living & Deceased *(17)*

Lord Jesus, you healed those who were sick and cared for any who were suffering. Be with us now as we pray for all those who may be affected by the Coronavirus.

Prayer Tree

There are in the end three things that last: Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of these is LOVE.

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Jeff Beginski
Mary Bieser
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Lydia Brown
Pat Carmody
Michael Clifford
Norma De Stefano
Chris Doherty
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Carol Gress
Suzann Gunter
Kathy Haars
Catherine Hier
Megan High
Heather Hradek
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Rich S. Jandura
Joan Juris
Lee Karpinski
Dennis Kline
Walter Kokoszka, Sr.
Claudia Kwilosz
Norman Kwilosz
James Lapsansky
Donna Lauritzen
Domenico Lepore
Debbie Lipien
Maria & Martinez Family
John Martini
Thomas Minnich
Christine Mosqueda
Genevieve Nagle
Florence Panzarella
Baby Alexander J Pentz
Gi Gi Picciolini
Marilyn Polit
Marie Pratt
Ann Robertson
Edward Robertson
Fr. John Rudnik
Joseph Rudnik
Coltyn Schmidt
Kristyn Schmidt
Joseph Serpico
Elliana Sterk
Brian Styka
Terry Styka
Mary Thorpe
George Trendle
Barb Ziegler
Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family.
Please let us know when to remove a name.

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In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

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The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in? The intention for the month of March is for Catholics in China.

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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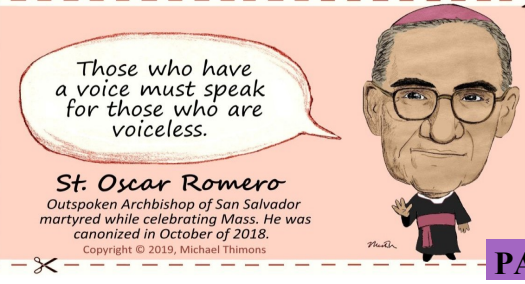

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