

St. Paul's Parish will stream Mass for

The Third Sunday of Easter

available to view anytime on Sunday, April 26, 2020

Please join us *online*
simply follow the link at www.stpaulsf.org

All Mass Intentions, from March 18, 2020 forward, will be rescheduled once our public schedule resumes.

Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for: Jan Spillane, Hannah Nakagome, Joyce Catania, Gene Crowell, Conrado Benitez, Sally Dollard, David Omran, Travis Griffin, Vickie Mahoric, Carl Helms, Jack Olson, Albert Fernandez, Lloyd Pool, Sr. Jeanenne Weis, Judith Heimer, Annette Schubert, Joan Strachan, Rev. Brian Costello

For all those who have died, and especially for: Judith Heimer

LET US PRAY, FOR A SWIFT END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC THAT AFFLICTS OUR WORLD, THAT OUR GOD AND FATHER WILL HEAL THE SICK, STRENGTHEN THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM, AND HELP US ALL TO PERSEVERE IN FAITH.

ST. PAUL'S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD:	
Weekly Collection <i>March 15, 2020</i>	\$ 4,113.50
On-line giving March 2020	\$ 8,906.00

With so much uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 virus, we wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support, and to remind you that St. Paul's Parish does offer an Online Giving option. Making use of current technology and security standards, Online Giving allows you to easily setup recurring contributions.

Online Giving Benefits

- *Secure and confidential. No need to share payment information with the church office.*
- *Efficient. Set up direct withdrawals from your checking, savings account or a credit card.*
- *Simple. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.*
- *Convenient. No need to write a check or have cash available.*
- *Remote flexibility. You can give from virtually anywhere anytime.*

Start giving online today!

1. Visit www.stpaulsf.org and click on the online giving link.
2. Create an account.
3. Schedule your recurring gifts.

Whichever method you choose, Online Giving or Weekly Offering Envelopes, we are grateful for your continued support and contributions to St. Paul's Parish.

A message from our Pastor:

I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your support & generosity to St. Paul's Parish through the years. To be sure, your gifts of time, talent, and treasure benefit our parish community, benefit our ministry as a Catholic community, and enhance our ability to respond to the call of Jesus to carry on His work. I look forward to our return as a parish community, and in this difficult time may we keep one another in our collective and personal prayers. May God bless you, keep you safe and healthy.

Father Mario

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April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter

GET REAL!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
Julian Calendar Easter
Tuesday: St. Anselm;
Yom Hashoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day
Wednesday: Earth Day
Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert
Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen;
National Arbor Day
Saturday: St. Mark

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“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” — *John 20:29b*

Divine Mercy Prayer

You expired, O Jesus,
but the source of life gushed forth for souls
and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life,
unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world
and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus
as a fount of mercy for us,

I trust in You.

Amen.

SAINT ANSELM (1033-1109) April 21

For anyone disheartened at how easily contemporary discussions of disputed church-state issues escalate from civil discourse to shrill polemic, Anselm provides perspective. Grounded in the Benedictine Rule’s balanced “prayer and work,” this monk-scholar, called from his abbey to become Archbishop of Canterbury, was thrust into firestorms of political intrigue, himself the target of warring bishops and nobles, kings and popes. Yet from depths of inner peace, Anselm wrote this moving exhortation by which today’s *Liturgy of the Hours* celebrates him: “Rise up, insignificant man! From your preoccupations, flee a while. From your turbulent thoughts, hide for a time. Your crushing responsibilities cast aside. Your burdensome business lay down. Free a little space for God. Rest a little while in him!” “Faith seeking understanding” was his strikingly contemporary motto; and though renowned as an erudite philosopher-theologian, Anselm also left personal letters, profound for their insights on Christian friendship. Along with those, he composed “A Prayer for My Friends” and “A Prayer for My Enemies,” reminding us that those who love God most passionately are also those who love others most humanly. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

EASTER It is the hour to rend thy chains, the blossom time of souls. —Katharine Lee Bates

FIRE Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire. —St. Catherine of Siena