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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

It's no secret that I love dogs. I enjoy sharing pictures of my dogs with parishioners and seeing their picture of their dogs. I want to share with you a story about my dogs, Jasper and Jarvis. I'm writing this on Tuesday, just before Palm Sunday weekend. Our bulletin needs to be sent to the publisher this Friday. On Sunday night, a very windy night, I took the smaller dog, Jarvis, out to the backyard. (Smaller, in that he's about 55 lbs., 10 pounds lighter than his brother!) As Jarvis ran back into the house, the wind grabbed the storm door and opened it wide and then slammed it back. It hit Jarvis in the head, just above his left eye. 1 second before, the dog would still have been on the ground. 1 second after, the dog would have been inside. He yelped and came in. I saw a gash over his left eye and went to get a wet cloth to clean it. The dog ran up the stairs to my bedroom. I saw him fall a few times on the stairs. When he got to my room, his balance was clearly off. He fell over two or three times. He started to foam at the mouth and he had a frightened look. Something was clearly wrong. In seconds, my thoughts went from "bring him to the vet tomorrow morning" to "he needs to go now." I called Father Caton who, with his son Alexander, came to the rectory in minutes. The dog started to throw up and was clearly in distress. Fr. Caton whisked us to the emergency animal hospital in Brighton where they took the dog in and we waited in the car. More than hour later, I learned that the dog had head trauma (a concussion) and would be treated for the night. I could go home and wait. Long story short, the dog is doing great. The vets, the medicines, the care he received was top notch and he's definitely on the mend. I spent a night in a fitful state wondering how he was, wishing I could be with him and hold him and speak to him. I imagined a very frightened dog looking around at strangers in a strange place. My tears came easily. Father Caton and I remarked how similar this must be for people now who bring their loved ones to the hospital but can't go in. They can't visit their parents in the ICU. They can't stand next to their children being helped in the ER. When I got the word that my dog was doing great, I cried tears of joy. It was a glimpse of resurrection. I know that people who receive the word their loved ones are going to make it out of COVID-19 feel that sense of resurrection. Others, sadly, feel the grief of Good Friday and will for some time. As we celebrate Easter, socially distanced and praying at home, let us pray in thanksgiving for those who were sick and are now healed. Let us also pray for those who have died, for their families, and for their loved ones.

In a very small way, I now understand what hundreds of thousands went through and are going through and will go through. May Jesus, our Risen Lord, bless us with special blessings on this Paschal Feast.

I miss you all. And, once again, please know that your pastor has not forgotten you!

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



*This week, we light the Sanctuary
Lamp in Memory of
Jenny and Joe Loria
by Linda and family*

Monday, April 13

Monday within the Octave of Easter
Marietta Richards by the Grotke Family

Tuesday, April 14

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
For a quick end to the Corona Virus

Wednesday, April 15

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
For the victims of the Corona Virus

Thursday, April 16

Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Joe Palermo/Happy Wedding Anniversary with Love from your wife, Mary

Friday, April 17

Friday within the Octave of Easter
Anita Bianchi by JoAnn and Ross Melia

Saturday, April 18

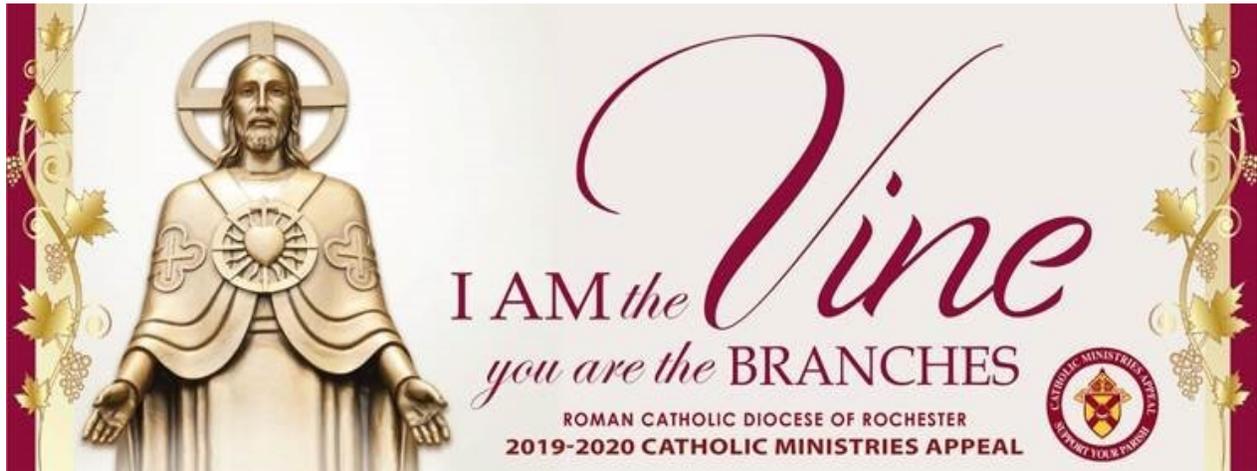
Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Robert Pollett by Gary and Carrie Carlson

Sunday, April 19

Second Sunday of Easter
For the people of St. Lawrence Church by Father Chase
Baby Joseph by Mrs. Jessy John
Fred Dear by Joe and Darlene Dahl

Readings for the week of April 13, 2020

Monday, April 13:	Acts 2:14,22-23/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday, April 14:	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday, April 15:	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday, April 16:	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday, April 17:	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday, April 18:	Acts 4:13-21/Mt 16:9-15
Sunday, April 19:	Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



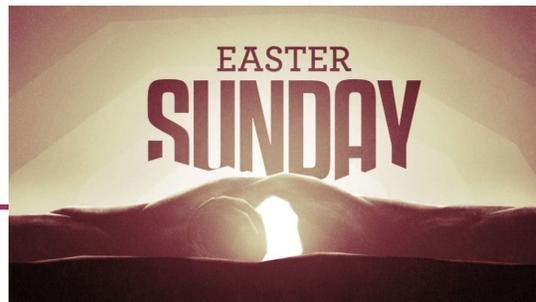
We are a Stewardship Parish committed to giving our time, talent, and resources for others!

April 4/5 2020 Collection

Figures for the April 4/5 Collection are not available due to an early bulletin publishing date. We will get these to you next weekend.



Please hold onto your Rice Bowl offering boxes until we are back in Church together for public Masses. DO NOT bring them to the rectory or the Church Office. Thank you.



Easter Sunday Collection

Please remember to drop off to the rectory or mail your Easter Sunday Collection envelope to us.

We thank you so much for your continued support of the parish. You are a very kind and generous people, your support is much needed and appreciated.

God bless you!

On line and televised liturgies from our Diocese:

(Weekly) Mass Schedule on TV:

WHEC.Com -streaming mass

Channel 10-5:30am

ME TV 10.2 / Cable Channel 1245- 8:00am

You may also go to www.dor.org for a link to the
livestreamed Masses of Bishop Matano.



Please note: we continue to hear confessions every Saturday from 2:30—3:30 p.m.
Confessions are heard in the Family Cry Room. You must stand at the line marked on the
floor— keeping a safe Social Distance.

Novena Prayer for An End to the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and worldwide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer written by Bishop Douglas Lucia, Bishop of Syracuse)



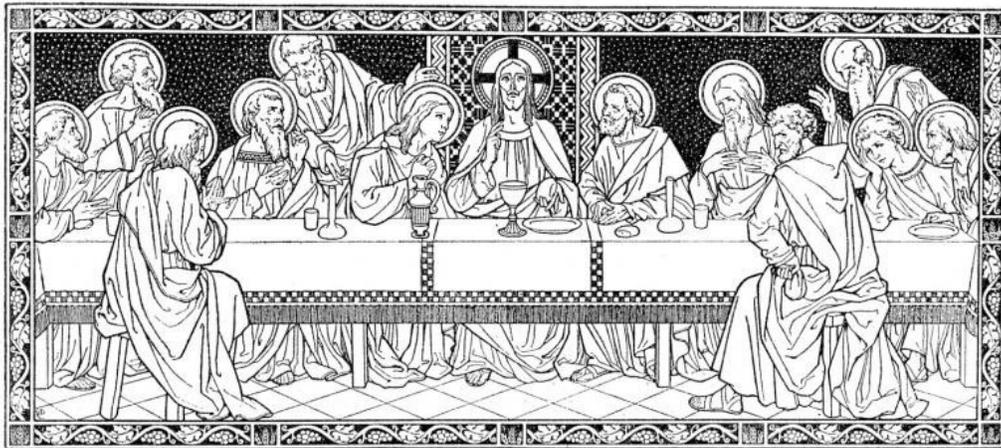
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an *Act of Spiritual Communion*, which is a source of grace.

Spiritual Communion is “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace Him” at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion.

(Saint Thomas Aquinas).

The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.



Prayer for 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 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.