

The Vigil

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Mass Times:
(revised for Coronavirus accommodations)

St. Charles:
Sunday 11:30am

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30am



"The Lord Be With You."

January 24, 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

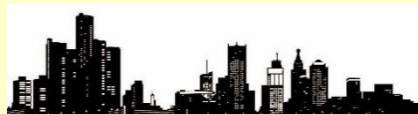
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
(God's Mercy for All)

Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
(God's Ways)

1 Corinthians 7:29-31
(Shortness of Time)

Mark 1:14-20
(Come After Me)

Pastor's Pen



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we meet Jonah, the reluctant prophet, who is called to let his enemies, the Ninevites, know that catastrophe will befall them if they do not repent. I'm sure he would rather have remained silent and had a front row seat watching his enemies taste the wrath of God. How hard it must have been to see these enemies who showed no mercy to his people be shown mercy by God. Yet, to be prophetic, the call is to be an empty vessel and allow God to work through us. This surrender takes a lot of humility and faith to allow God to be God in our lives. How often do we feel God doesn't get it and our plan would work so much better than God's? The Saints are the ones who realize they don't run the show and all they can do is allow God to work in their lives.

This week we received the news of the death of one of those "Saints," Sr. Marie Roy, CSJ. Marie had started coming to St. Charles after the closing of St. Luke's Church on the westside. Marie was the Pastoral Associate at that parish. Most would know Marie as a woman, small of stature but tall in virtue, who often came by herself or, at times, would bring some parishioners from St. Luke's to Mass. She helped in our Vacation Bible School and was with us for some of the Lenten events and other events throughout the year. In the last years, she had struggled with illness and was not always able to do what she had done all her life. I suspect that might have been the hardest part for Sister Marie. But even though she was not able to do as much as she did before, I could see in her a wealth of compassion, wisdom, and deep faith. I suspect she would be the one people would go to with stresses of life, problems with family members, and difficult decisions. She was the grandmotherly type who exuded wisdom and compassion. I know she had to be a safe harbor and an anchor for many people throughout her religious life. The world is so much better because we were graced by Sr. Marie Roy. May she rest from her labors!

We will celebrate Marie's life at a Memorial Mass on Wednesday, January 27th at 5pm here at St. Charles. Let's try to turn out for this wonderful and faith filled woman. She will truly be missed by so many of us.

St. Charles Mission Statement

St. Charles Borromeo, a diverse urban parish of Detroit, is rooted in Christ's Gospel and Catholic tradition. We strive to build a community of faith through education, worship, and evangelization. We are called to carry on Christ's ministry to our brothers and sisters, especially the sick and their families, the elderly, youth, and the disabled. With Mary as our example of unconditional love, we strive to welcome everyone to share joyfully in the peace, love and salvation of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who calls and empowers us, who strengthens and renews us, and who gives us the will to continue our mission, until Jesus comes again in glory.

Community

Pray for the Healing Presence

Jon Bozich
Mary Canaday
Frank Catania
Joe Lucent
Waletha McCrary
Wesley Nethercott
Elizabeth Pillete
Roger Sinclair
Anna Tyler

Archbishop Vigneron's statement on Pope Francis' Global Rules for Reporting Abuse:

A new papal law requiring priests and religious to report sexual abuse and misconduct provides "clear directives for universal accountability in response to the horrors of clergy sexual abuse," Archbishop Vigneron has told Detroit Catholic. The law provides whistleblower protections for anyone making a report and requires all dioceses to have a system in place to receive the claims confidentially. And it outlines internal procedures for conducting preliminary investigations when the accused is a bishop, cardinal or religious superior. "I am deeply sorry to all those who have been injured and are enduring a lifetime of physical, emotional and spiritual suffering because of perverse actions by those in authority," the archbishop said. "No one is above civil law, and importantly, no one is above God's law." Pope Francis announced the new norms on May 9. **They go into effect June 1st.** See detroitcatholic.com to learn more. Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and the Michigan Attorney General's office. Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org.

An update on the Mass dispensation from Archbishop Vigneron

Summary: Due to Covid 19, he has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for people living in or visiting the Archdiocese of Detroit until **Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021**. Read on for details.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During these difficult months during the pandemic, I have granted a general dispensation from the grave obligation that we as Catholic Christians have to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation in the Archdiocese of Detroit, in part to help ease the conscience of those who are unable to be present for public worship due to risk of illness to themselves or their families. The most recent dispensation expires on November 22, at which point we had hoped the pandemic would have eased enough to allow all of us to return in an unrestricted way to our celebrations of the Holy Eucharist.

Unfortunately, local and state health officials report that we not only continue to experience an increase in cases in our region and elsewhere, but that the rate of increase is rising dramatically and dangerously. I have been in communication with leaders in our Catholic hospitals and they are very concerned about the immediate future and the challenges they face caring for all those in need, not just those experiencing serious complications from COVID-19.

Dispensation: After carefully considering these and other factors, I am extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for people living in or visiting the Archdiocese of Detroit **until Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021**. As we have from the beginning, we will continue to closely monitor the situation in our region, with an eye on the day – hopefully in the not-too-distant future – when all of us are able to safely reunite in our normal patterns of worship.

Attending Mass: This extension is given so as not to unduly bind the consciences of those who are greatly troubled by the destructive potency of the coronavirus, and to care for the most vulnerable among us, such as the elderly. At the same time, one should not take advantage of the dispensation without a true need. Catholics who have already begun to engage in non-essential activities, such as widening one's social circle or going out to eat, should return to Sunday Mass – an essential activity – as church capacity allows. Our souls greatly need the grace that comes from the re-presentation of Christ's saving death and resurrection and this is what Jesus has entrusted to us in the celebration of the Mass. Just as businesses, schools, and other locations have opened safely, so have our parishes. Our pastors, parishes, and the faithful have worked diligently and adapted well in order to ensure the health and well-being of everyone who has been able to come to church for Mass, Confession, or to pray. I want to offer my sincere gratitude for the efforts that have been undertaken to implement and maintain the first-rate precautionary measures that have kept our parishes and schools safe.

Keeping Holy the Lord's Day: Whether or not they are able to attend Mass, all baptized Catholics are reminded of the grave necessity they have to keep holy the Lord's Day. This a divine law that neither I nor anyone else can ever dispense. Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of our Lord, and as such Christians from the earliest days have set it apart as a day unlike others. When it is not possible to participate in person in the Sacrifice of the Mass, it is vitally important for every member of the Catholic Church to observe the Sabbath by prioritizing prayer, time for God and for family, and works of charity. To that end, many of our parishes have been broadcasting their services over the internet during these last several months. While this virtual means of watching Mass can never replace the unmediated contact with the Real Presence of Our Lord we receive by being present and participating in Mass, these livestreamed Masses have been a way to help Catholics nourish their souls when they cannot be present for Mass.

Let us trust that the Lord accompanies us through all difficulties, including this pandemic. As we approach Advent and prepare for flu season, we should remember to pray daily for health care workers, first responders, including our priests, and all who are and will offer compassionate service and healing in the months to come. Let us also continue to invoke Our Lady of Lourdes, patroness for those who suffer illness, asking her to pray with us for healing and protection for the people of southeast Michigan and beyond.

With assurances of my prayers for you, I remain, Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, November 13, 2020

Stewardship Minute: *Following*

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - MARK 1:17

Jesus' call to "*Follow me*" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good **Stewardship** of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

Weekly Collection

1/17/2021

Envelopes	\$2,163.58
Loose	\$117.00
Maintenance	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$2,380.58

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DID YOU KNOW that it is illegal to carry a firearm onto any property or facility owned or operated by a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other place of worship, unless the presiding official or officials allow concealed weapons?

Rectory Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10a to 3p

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Paco Williams

January Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 24, 2021
Joyce Carson

Sunday, January 31, 2021
Michael Walton, Sr.
Joseph LaBarbara
Donna Lynch
Janet Lewistech
Mary Grace Guastella
Jennifer Krasinski

February Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 7, 2021
Deceased members of the
Zaborney Family

Sunday, February 14, 2021
Marcus (So Big) Sinclair
Dominic Maniscalco

Sunday, February 21, 2021
Joe Vujic
Victoria Wilson

Sunday, February 28, 2021
Flora Sinclair
Pete Telang

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 25: Acts 22:3-16;
Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15-18

Tues., Jan. 26: 2 Timothy 1:1-8;
Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10;
Mark 3:31-35

Wed., Jan. 27: Hebrews 10:11-18;
Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mark 4:1-20

Thurs., Jan. 28: Hebrews 10:19-25;
Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;
Mark 4:21-25

Fri., Jan. 29: Hebrews 10:32-39;
Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40;
Mark 4:26-34

Sat., Jan. 30: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19;
Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75;
Mark 4:35-41

Sun., Jan. 31: Deuteronomy 18:15-20;
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9;
1 Corinthians 7:32-35;
Mark 1:21-28

PRAYER FOR OUR DIFFERENCES

Wheat and weeds:
Let them grow together.

People of peace and victims of war:
Let them grow together.

Documented and undocumented
persons: Let them grow together.

Revolutionaries and reactionaries:
Let them grow together.

Religious leaders who lay and
lighten burdens:
Let them grow together.

People who wound and heal:
Let them grow together.

Rich and poor, humble and haughty:
Let them grow together.

Those whose thinking is similar and
contrary:
Let them grow together.

Those whose feelings are
transparent or concealed:
Let them grow together.

Days of spareness and days of
plenty:
Let them grow together.

All the seasons of one's life:
Let them grow together.

Joys and sorrow, laughter, tears:
Let them grow together.

Strength and weakness:
Let them grow together.

Doubt and faith:
Let them grow together.

Denial and commitment:
Let them grow together.

Preoccupation and freedom:
Let them grow together.

Contemplation and action:
Let them grow together.

Giving and receiving:
Let them grow together.

The helpful and helpless:
Let them grow together.

Wisdom of the East and West:
Let them grow together.

All the contrarities of our God:
Let them grow together.

~ Adapted from
Michael Moynahan, SJ

Mass Dispensation Update from Archbishop Vigneron:

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Led By the Spirit On Mission

Over the next year-and-a-half, all parishes in the archdiocese will join together into groups of three to six, called “Families of Parishes.” Going forward, these Families of Parishes will work together, sharing resources and talents to further advance the shared mission of our local Church.

The Family groupings have been compiled in the last few months through consultation with the auxiliary bishops and priests, a process steeped in prayer and with attention given to the best interest of each community. **The final list is expected to be released on Wednesday, December 9.**

In the meantime, to help us all better understand why we are moving in this direction, Archbishop Vigneron has written a [new Pastoral Note on Families of Parishes](#), providing some theological context for the transition and introducing a renewed structure for parish ministry to more effectively equip them for their missionary work. Like all [Pastoral Notes](#) released in recent years, this new text is informed by and expands upon the steady foundation of [Archbishop Vigneron’s 2017 Pastoral Letter, Unleash the Gospel](#).

Looking into the not-too-distant future, Archbishop Vigneron also uses this new Pastoral Note to anticipate the development of Family Missionary Strategic Plans, which will guide each Family of Parishes as it carries out its work in the years to come.

To read the Pastoral Note, please go to: [Unleash the Gospel](#).

Family of Parishes Frequently Asked Questions

Check here each week to learn about the new Archdiocese of Detroit initiative, Family of Parishes.

This week we answer the questions

“How will this affect the lives of priests and “How will this affect parish staffs?”

How will this affect the lives of priests?

A number of priests will share the work of caring for each Family of Parishes. These priests will be able to leverage their charisms and strengths in the work that they do and will find themselves supported by a talented and trained lay staff and, in many cases, one or more deacons. Those priests serving as pastors of Families of Parishes will be responsible for administration. All priests, regardless of their role within the Family of Parishes, will have more time to engage in the work of ministering to the people of God.

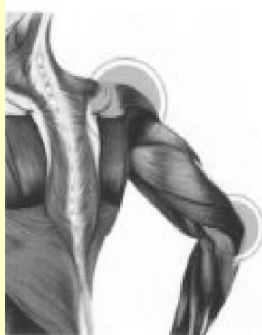
While all the priests assigned to a Family of Parishes are welcome to live a communal life, this is not a requirement.

As members of Families of Parishes, at-risk and aging priests will be able to continue in ministry in ways that protect their health while still making valuable contributions to the parishes. They will no longer shoulder the burden of choosing between retirement or handling all aspects of running their parish communities.

How will this affect parish staffs?

As parishes come together to form Families of Parishes, they will begin to discuss the practical ways in which the clergy and staff will interact within the Family, as well as finalize the new leadership structure, including items such as leadership teams, key staff mission, and operations staff positions. During this process, some parishes may lose some staff members (e.g., if a Family of Parishes opts to share one bookkeeper instead of having each parish maintain its own). At the same time, some Families will be able to add positions that better serve the mission going forward. In addition, we expect that natural attrition (e.g. through retirements and normal staff turnover) over the next few years may assist the parishes’ efforts to further consolidate their staffs.

These and other staffing decisions will be left to the discernment of each Family of Parishes, led by parish leadership and with assistance, as needed, from the Archdiocese of Detroit Curia. All decisions will be guided by a complete focus on mission and the best interest of the entire Family of Parishes. This process will be rooted in prayer, will be respectful of building and maintaining relationships, and will be marked by quick and honest responses to questions and concerns that are raised.



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