

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 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
(The Prophet)

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9
(Open Hearts)

1 Corinthians 7:32-35
(Living for the Lord)

Mark 1:21-28
(A New Teaching)

Pastor's Pen



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Responsorial Psalm for today is:

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart."

Hard hearts come from many different experiences in life. They may be due to difficult childhoods, harsh relationships with parents, teasing and bullying when we were young, humiliated by teachers when we made mistakes in class, being betrayed by people who told us they were our friends, going through difficult marital relationships, going through bitter divorces, grieving the loss of people we have loved deeply, being the source of others' gossip, feeling neglected by children when we're older, etc., and we can add all types of reasons why our hearts become hardened. Life is not always easy, and events in life can be heartbreaking but it is in those heartbreaks that we have a choice. We can either allow them to harden our hearts in grief, bitterness, anger, self-pity, apathy, etc., or we can allow the heart breaks of life to open our hearts to hearing the voice of God. It is the voice of God that calls us to a strength we never knew we had or a moment of healing where that perfect love casts out fear, bitterness, hatred, apathy and all the symptoms of a hard heart. I am always inspired by people who have not allowed the hardships of their lives to make them bitter but they've become more compassionate, more loving, more courageous, and much wiser than the rest of us. I have seen people who have been through horrendous suffering refuse to allow that experience to define the rest of their lives. They continue to look for the beauty in the ordinary events of their days. When hearts become hardened, we no longer allow ourselves to be open to the wonder and spontaneity of life. We see relationships as burdens rather than invitations to new life. When this happens, we begin to wither and die, but the voice of God calls us to a love greater than our hardest day!

Maybe this week is a good time to check our hearts. Have we become hardened by the struggles of life? Can we still laugh and find joy in the ordinary? I know God wants us to find joy in life and not to allow our hearts to become hardened. God created us for love and beauty and we are at our best when our hearts are free to live in that love and joy. May the voice of God soothe our hardened hearts and allow them to bloom in the middle of winter!

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: *Pray*

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. *Stewards* pray for things instead of worrying about them.

Weekly Collection

1/24/2021

Envelopes	\$
Loose	\$
Maintenance	\$
TOTAL	\$

**Begin, and then
begin again if you
must... so long as you
BEGIN.**

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?

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January Mass Intentions

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., Feb. 01: Hebrews 11:32-40; Psalm 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mark 5:1-20

Tues., Feb. 02: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Wed., Feb. 03: Hebrew 12:4-7, 11-15; Psalm 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mark 6:1-6

Thurs., Feb. 04: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Psalm 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mark 6:7-13

Fri., Feb. 05: Hebrews 13:1-8; Psalm 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mark 6:14-29

Sat., Feb. 06: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mark 6:30-34

Sun., Feb. 07: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

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 were Families of Parishes groupings chosen?” and “Were the Families of Parishes groupings determined by existing vicariate and regional boundaries?”

How were Families of Parishes groupings chosen?

During the discernment period from Pentecost to Advent of 2020, a preliminary list of Parish Families was developed through consultation with the auxiliary bishops, the assignment board, members of the presbyteral council, local vicars, and pastors. This list was presented to Archbishop Vigneron for his consideration and approval before being released to the faithful on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

The primary criteria for consideration were that Families should be 3-6 parishes and that all of the parishes within the Family ideally should share a border with at least one other Family member. Vicars and priests were allowed to consider Families that extended beyond current vicariate or regional boundaries.

More generally, clergy were urged to consider what makes the most sense for the future of the Archdiocese when there will be fewer priests, people, and resources in many parts of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Were the Families of Parishes groupings determined by existing vicariate and regional boundaries?

Not necessarily. It is evident from the list of Families that the groups did not need to adhere to vicariate or regional lines; rather, they were formed with attention given to the best interest of each community. It must be noted that there was priority placed on ensuring parishes within each Family were geographically contiguous, meaning they bordered at least one other parish in the Family. We did not want to create “islands” of parishes grouped with distant parishes.

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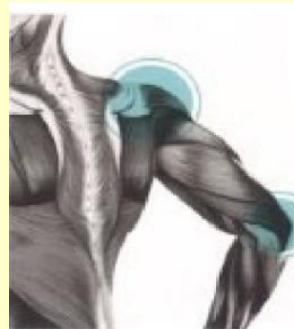


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Making a Report of Sexual Abuse: To inform the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons and other Church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator contact: **(866) 343-8055**. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. This toll-free number has been established as part of an effort by the Detroit archdiocese to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only. Persons with such complaints are also encouraged to directly contact law enforcement authorities. The Archdiocese of Detroit stands with the brave survivors who seek to bring the crime of child sexual abuse by clergy and other Church representatives into the light, where those who sinned are confronted and those who were harmed can find healing. To those harmed by the actions and inaction of Church leaders: It is inexcusable, and we are sorry. **In an effort to consolidate our resources and respond to the faithful's questions about clergy sexual abuse, the Archdiocese of Detroit has created a new "mini" website at protect.aod.org.** This site highlights information about reporting abuse, victim assistance, investigations, training for clergy and lay employees and volunteers, and provides additional resources, including messages from Archbishop Vigneron. Our goal is to make this important information – already available on aod.org – more visible, transparent, and clear.