

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.”

February 07, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
(*Life is Fleeting*)

Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
(*Healer of Brokenhearted*)

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
(*All Things to All*)

Mark 1:29-39
(*Jesus the Healer*)

Pastor's Pen



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For those who come to St. Charles, there are some wonderful banners on the columns of the church. They are 5 African American “Saints.” They are all on their way to formal canonization in the Catholic Church but hearing their stories, we can already see their sanctity. During this moment in history, we need heroes who call us to our best selves. We have seen the power and horrendous sin of racism. These days have made me look deeper at my own implicit bias. I can look at some folks holding confederate flags and denounce their words and actions, but I am with the privileged part a country that has structured itself on that racial bias. The pandemic has shone a light on the disparity that has been there since the country began. We have only to look at the racial disparity of people who are not getting vaccinated as quickly as others. We have already seen the higher percentage of people of color who have died from COVID-19. Housing discrimination continues, schools are inferior, healthcare is not equal, our criminal justice system is unfair, our prisons have a much higher percentage of Black men and the list goes on. The fact that we even have to have a Black History month speaks volumes of the way African Americans have been left out of the whole story of America. The story of slavery is glossed over many times so as not to make the “rest of us” feel too uncomfortable. The story of slavery is a painful and heartbreaking story of a people who were taken from their homelands and put to work under the most egregious conditions. They were the laborers on the cottonfields, the help on wealthy farms and even on construction crews that built the White House. They were the strong arms and backs that worked so hard and made other people wealthy while they remained destitute. Yes, it should make us all feel uncomfortable to wonder how we can be so cruel and treat other human beings with so little respect.

I write this not to make anyone feel guilty but continue to push us (especially myself) to step up in this moment in history when injustices and racism have become so blatant. We see these injustices on TV each night. We have no more excuses to tell the next generation why we did nothing when people throughout our country were suffering. We don't all have to be the Saints we highlight this month, but we do have to stand up and do something. If Black History month is just a “nice” way of honoring the African American community and nothing changes, then we've missed the point. When future generations look back on our moment in history, I hope they can say that we were a brave generation, who took the Gospel seriously, and worked hard that all people might have a place at the Table! The Saints (Tolton, Bowman, Greeley, King, Romero, Lange, etc.) are counting on us and rooting us on!! May this month inspire us to do more to build the Beloved Community...the Reign of God!

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

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:

When You Feel Your Life's Too Hard, Go And Have A Talk With God

Today's Scripture readings concentrate on the topics of suffering and healing, faith, preaching the Good News of the Gospel, and prayer. In the passage from the Book of Job, he suffers immensely, yet in what is revealed later in the Book, stays focused on his belief in God. St. Paul proclaims that he has been charged with preaching the Gospel, saying, *woe to me if I do not preach it.* The evangelist, St. Mark in his Gospel, reiterates that Jesus, at His disciples' prompting, heals Simon-Peter's mother-in-law.

This miracle stresses the importance of prayer knowing that, through faith, God will always give us strength in times of distress and if it is His will, heal us from our infirmities. Daily communication with God is necessary to grow in discipleship. Take a few minutes each day in quiet time to talk with our Lord..

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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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
Mary Smith

Sunday, February 28, 2021
Flora Sinclair
Pete Telang

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feb. 08: Genesis 1:1-19;
Psalm 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 AND 12,
24 AND 35c; Mark 6:53-56

Tues., Feb. 09: Genesis 1:20-
2:4a; Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mark
7:1-13

Wed., Feb. 10: Genesis 2:4B-9,
15-17; Psalm 104:1-2a, 27-28,
29bc-30; Mark 7:14-23

Thurs., Feb. 11: Genesis 2:18-25;
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mark 7:24-
30

Fri., Feb. 12: Genesis 3:1-8;
Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mark 7:31-
37

Sat., Feb. 13: Genesis 3:9-24;
Psalm 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13;
Mark 8:1-10

Sun., Feb. 14: Leviticus 13:1-2,
44-46; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1
Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark
1:40-45

Weekly Collection

1/31/2021

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| Envelopes | \$ 1,190.00 |
| Loose | \$ 91.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 1,281.00 |

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

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A Family of Parishes is not the same as a cluster or merged parish. Rather, it is a group of individual parishes led by an intentionally-formed team to address and focus on mission. In our current model for merged or clustered parishes, one or two priests are responsible for multiple communities and sites. Experience in our diocese and other dioceses has shown that this model is very hard on the priests and ultimately leaves the parishioners feeling as if they do not have the support that they want and need from clergy. The Families of Parishes structure, on the other hand, includes multiple priests and deacons, with the support of lay pastoral ministers and staff, serving a Family of Parishes under one leadership structure. This allows for greater collaboration and alignment to mission, better care of the faithful, and maximizing the use of our resources.

As each Family discerns how to best align resources, they may decide to retain their separate identities and worship spaces. Others, after a careful and honest review of existing resources, may opt to close worship spaces or merge with partnering parishes. These decisions will be left to the discernment of that Family, with assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit, guided by a complete focus on mission and the best interest of the entire community.

"I just know that something good is gonna happen! Just saying it could even make it happen!"

~ Kate Bush

Valentine's Day AFC Party 2021 Update

Due to the need for social distancing, we will not be able to host our traditional Valentine Dance for our friends living in Adult Foster Care Homes.

In an effort to stay connected and let them know they are valued members of our community, we will be delivering a small (and sweet) Valentine's Day gift to 500 of our friends living in more than 40 adult foster care homes on February 13th!

If you would like to help with the deliveries please contact Carol Carlin after 5pm @ (313) 319-4208.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!



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