

Message from Father Tom:

"I am sorry for ever having offended You./
You go to die for love of me;/
I want to live and die for love of You."
-The Way of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori

Many of our non-Catholic brothers and sister will talk about a moment in their lives when they accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior and were saved. In this they oversimplify salvation. We don't really choose the Lord so much as He chooses us! At some point in our lives, the Lord reaches down and saves us--either through our baptism and the catechesis that we receive from our family and friends, or from a word of scripture that God uses to touch us to the heart, or from Confession and Eucharist which we approach and receive as free gifts from the Father in heaven. It is further complicated by the fact that salvation is not "once and done". He will continue to save us day after day; and we must continue to accept Him as Lord and Savior, day after day.

Having said all that, I think Catholics need to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior of their lives. We need (1) to admit that we cannot save ourselves from death, sin, and even damnation. We are rebellious, wicked children, and we are all driving toward a cliff that leads ultimately to hell. We need (2) to recognize that there is no other person in heaven or on earth by which anyone can be saved. Not Steven Hawking, not Oprah; not Buddha, not Muhammad. No one else can save us. And (3) we must choose to change our lives as evidence that we love and rely upon Jesus.

Fortunately, we Catholics have the tools to do this right in front of us. The Stations of the Cross are wonderful ways to move through these three steps. When we gaze upon the wounded Jesus, rebellious as we are, we must admit that we have contributed to His suffering and death. And so we say to Him, "I'm sorry for ever having offended you." Then, we remember him taking up His cross--and the incredible price of our salvation. We say, "You go to die for love of me". Finally, we make a firm resolution to accept his gift of salvation, "I want to live and die for love of You."

We don't just say this once. We say this every time we say the Stations of the Cross. We say it (implicitly) every time we say "Amen" at mass. We say it every time we go to confession. So if a non-Catholic ever asks you if you have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior, you can tell them..."I do so every day of my life!

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Know that I am praying for all of you during this trying time!

**Daily Readings:**

**Monday, March 23, 2020**  
St Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop  
Is 65:17-21  
Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020**  
St. Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr  
Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**  
The Annunciation of the Lord  
Is 7:10-14; 8:10  
Heb 10: 4-10  
Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday, March 26, 2020**  
Ex 32:7-14  
Jn 5:31-47

**Friday, March 27, 2020**  
Wis 2:1a, 12-22  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Day of Abstinence

**Saturday, March 28, 2020**  
Jer 11:18-20  
Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday, March 28, 2020**  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Ez 37:12-14  
Rom 8:8-11  
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Religious Education News:**

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**Grades K – 6<sup>th</sup>:** Class 3:30-5pm

**Grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>:** Class 7-8:30pm

**All of this is tentative – but we still need help this summer and next year**  
**Totus Tuus (VBS)** will be July 26 – Aug 1 this year. Grades 1-8, please mark your calendars for these dates!!

**HOST FAMILIES** are needed to house the Totus Tuus leaders. Please let Tracey know if you can house 2 boys or 2 girls for these dates. You may need to provide supper for them, but we will know later. Any questions, please ask!!

**Mentors for next year needed!** Please prayerfully consider this in the next month or two, any questions can be directed to Tracey or Father Tom.



**THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF:  
SAINT BERNARD, REDFIELD & ALL SAINTS, MELLETT**

St. Bernard Office Hours: Mon 8am-5pm; Tues 10am-5pm; Wed 9am-9pm (summer 8am-5pm); Thu 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-4pm

Tune in to the St. Bernard Redfield YouTube channel or Facebook page

# Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2020



Lord, help me to proclaim like Martha, that I believe you are the Messiah. In times when answers to my prayers feel delayed, fill my heart with the grace to understand, in the waiting God, your Father, and ours will be glorified. In all circumstances, may I never forget the goal of everything here on earth is to bring us to everlasting life in heaven.

**Spiritual Communion Prayer:** My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now 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.

**Morning Offering:** O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
St. Bernard: Sat. 3:30 to 4:30 PM  
All Saints: 8:00 to 8:20 AM Sunday  
Daily: Beginning ½ hour before and ending 10 minutes prior to Mass

**Sacrament of Marriage**  
Contact pastor 6 to 12 months prior.

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
May be celebrated during Sunday Mass or midday on Sunday outside Mass. A class is required prior to the Baptism of your child.

Daily Mass will be said, even if there is a funeral.

**Schedule for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: March 23<sup>d</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**

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|-----------------------|--------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Sunday                | Mar 22 | No Mass | † Alyce Miles                    |
| Monday                | Mar 23 | No Mass | † Gene Burdick                   |
| Tuesday               | Mar 24 | No Mass | Unborn Children, women, families |
| Wednesday             | Mar 25 | No Mass | † Leland & Lucille Strahl        |
| Thursday NO Adoration | Mar 26 | No Mass | † Maxine Pfister-Schmidt         |
| Friday                | Mar 27 | No Mass | † Catherine & Sebastian Deibert  |
| Saturday              | Mar 28 | No Mass | † Carl & Doris Block             |
| SATURDAY              | Mar 28 | No Mass | Mass for the People              |
| SUNDAY                | Mar 29 | No Mass | † Mike Huber                     |

**Confessions offered at St. Bernard:** Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm  
Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm; Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 7-8pm; Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-1pm; Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-1pm; Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 until done  
\*\*\*All Confessions will be behind the screen\*\*\*

**Letter from Fr. Tom Anderson in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic:**

With the spread of the Coronavirus around the globe, and at the recommendation of the CDC, Bishop Donald DeGrood has put out new guidelines regarding activities at the parish. He, and all of the rest of the leaders in this country are trying to make difficult decisions, despite the rapidly changing circumstances in which we find ourselves. I am grateful for his courageous leadership at this time and fully support these challenging decisions. Here are some things you need to know about our parish life moving forward:

**No Public masses**

Bishop DeGrood has suspended public masses. This means that, although I will still be celebrating private masses and praying the mass intentions, we are asking (telling) people to stay away. I am grateful that in the age we live, there are many Television and digital options available for mass. We will be uploading our private masses at the parish to YouTube so that you can continue to attend them virtually if you would like.

I would ask you to honor the Lord's Day by "attending" a television or internet mass. Remember that we are called to keep the Lord's Day in a new and maybe even more intentional way moving forward. See that you and your family make Sunday feel different in your own special way.

**Other educational/church activities are cancelled or moved online**

There are many different types of activities that we hold at the parish. They may be social gatherings, devotional gatherings, or educational gatherings. All of these are cancelled from this point forward. Group leaders are encouraged to find new ways to connect with your fellow parishioners. Perhaps some will choose to use our current technology offerings to continue their studies. Also cancelled is children's religious education. However, a parent's obligation to bring his/her child up in the faith never goes away. The parishes will try to provide resources for you to use; but I want to encourage you parents to find new ways to develop the faith of your children in these unusual times.

**The churches themselves remain open**

Although we cannot have any intentional gatherings, people may still come to the churches to pray. Booklets for the Stations of the Cross and other devotionals will be available. Although our communal penance services have been cancelled, extra confessions will be provided throughout the Lenten season.

**Triduum Liturgies**

At this time, we assume all of the Holy Week Liturgies--namely Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday--will be private masses, with the public unable to attend physically. Hopefully this will change. But if not, we will all attempt to make a spiritual communion with our Lord in these holiest of days.

**Financial Matters**

The most important thing that I want you all to hear is, let us know if you are struggling financially because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. If you are having difficulty paying bills or getting any of the essentials, please let us and your fellow parishioners help. This is one of the reasons that we exist. If you are able to do so, we ask that your collections

continue to come to the parish. For some of you, the best way to do so will be through the mail. For others of you, this may be the time to try online giving. Thank you for continuing to support the mission of the Church.

**Emergencies**

If there is an emergency, please contact me to visit the sick person. There will not be homebound visits.

**Office hours**

At this time, we expect the church offices (in Redfield) to be open. But we are asking that you don't come unless you really need to drop something off or pick something up. It would be a shame if someone were to catch the virus from doing errands around town, when they could just as easily be done on the phone. The church bulletin will be available online at our website

**Rest in the Power of Christ**

Friends in Christ, our Lord is King of Creation and King over death. We celebrate this fact every Easter. Let's not grow anxious, but instead see this as one more gift of the Lord, through which we can come to love and serve Him better. I want to leave you with one of my favorite prayers attributed to St. Teresa of Avila:

*Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things pass away: God never changes.*

*Patience obtains all things Whoever has God lacks nothing; For God alone suffices.*

**All Saints News:**

- \* Special thanks to all who have contributed to our CFSA 2020 Campaign.
- \* Cleaning group members for March are: Amy Heim, Tamara Rahm, Kris Boekelheide, & Sheena Hill. Please contact Robyn Morgan to set up the cleaning schedule for the month.
- \* **LENTEN PROJECT**-We are collecting non-perishable food for the food pantry at the Good Samaritan Center in Redfield. Items needed at this time are: tuna, tomato & chicken noodle soups, pasta & spaghetti sauce, but any non-perishable food items are welcome. Please put donations in the tub by the entrance.

**Upcoming Events:**

- \* Confession times offered at All Saints until Easter will be: Tuesdays from 5:30pm – 7pm.
- \* Confessions will also be offered on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 pm.

**Thank You for your generosity!**

**St. Bernard**

Weekly Budget: \$3,712;  
Last Week: \$2,537  
Collect YTD: \$146,035  
Reg-\$1,860; Child-\$35;  
Loose-\$292; Fuel-\$50  
Stole-\$200; Mass-\$80;  
Flowers-\$20 CFSA: \$4,600  
\$41,975 pledged of \$46,000 goal  
Capital Campaign-\$100

**All Saints**

Regular-\$470; Child-\$5;  
Loose-\$79 CFSA: \$1,082  
\$10,708 pledged & 10,458 paid of  
\$15,100 goal (70.9%)

**CFSA 2020:** Please return your CFSA cards as soon as you are able, even if you are not able to give this year. Thank you for praying for the success of CFSA 2020!

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS:** Mary Lou Schwartz, Regent – 460-1554  
**Prayer Chain:** Contact Deborah at [bbi@abe.midco.net](mailto:bbi@abe.midco.net) or 460-1123.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:** Doug Lemmer, Gr Knight, 612-201-8165  
If you would like to rent the KC Hall – Contact Joe Keller at 460-3017

**RIGHT TO LIFE:** Shirley Holt – meeting the first Wednesday of month at 5pm  
"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84).

**Stewardship:** "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7) How often do we invest our time, talent, and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car, and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent, and treasure here on earth.

**Father Tom will continue to say Mass Intentions** – they are listed above. If you have internet access, you can watch most of his Masses daily on YouTube on the St. Bernard Redfield Page or on our Facebook Page. Father also has other prayer and "fireside chats" on both these pages.