

Fourth Sunday of Easter

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burris. Albert Hernandez. Karina Hawkins. Mike Fleming. Frankie Durst. Susie Strickland. Doug Lawson. Dana Moffatt. Emily Walker. Eva Corrigan. Francis Young. Mike Brown. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service

from our parish community: 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Airman First Class Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). E-3R James Morgan (Son in Law of Kathy & Dale Boman) Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (brother of Jeff & Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR MAY

For Deacons

That deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Mass—Intentions

Sat 5/02 J C Catalano+ (Mary Catalano)

Sun 5/03 Parishioners

Tue 5/05 Carlos Gallardo+ (M/M Pat Ryan)

Wed 5/06 Parishioners

Thurs 5/07 Brian Lemons+ (Bob & Anna Parker)

Fri. 5/08 Parishioners

Sat. 5/09 Carlos Gallardo+ (M/M Pat Ryan)

PARISH SUPPORT

Required Weekly Funds	\$ 3,962
Offerings April 26th	\$12,361

One can Give without Loving...
But one cannot Love without Giving.

I am so grateful for the support that our parishioners has given during these rough days, weeks and months. You always come through in the time of need. Thank you for taking the time to send in your contributions plus more above and beyond.

I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Rev. Fr. Mike Snider

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

COUNTING SHEEP: When at night you cannot sleep, talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep. —Anonymous

MUCH-NEEDED LOVE: No one needs love more than someone who doesn't deserve it. —Anonymous

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULES

Weekend Mass schedule held in parish hall: Starting Saturday, May 2nd at 5:00pm, Sunday, May 3rd at 7:30am & 10:30am. Extra Protocols for weekend Masses: Limitations on Attendance: Please arrive early, so that you do not have to be turned away, limited seating maximum 51 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose. We will provide hand sanitizer entering and exiting the parish hall. Maintain at least 6-foot separation at communion; entering and exiting the parish hall. There is no socializing in the parish hall or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass. Chairs are set up with the 6-foot separation. Please do not rearrange chairs, they are to remain as they are. Enter set of double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang. Exit same glass doors. Do not enter through glass doors into the Narthex to the church. Current detailed protocols from the office of the Governor and the Diocese of Tyler (www.dioceseoftyler.org) or our website www.holyspirthollylake.com.**

Weekday Mass scheduled held in church: Starting 8:00am on Tuesday, May 5th through Friday, May 8th. Extra Protocols for weekday Masses: Call Fr. Mike on his cell phone 903-490-3883(do not text). We are limited to 10 people. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose. We will provide hand sanitizer entering and exiting the church. Maintain at least 6-foot separation at communion, also entering and exiting the church. There is no socializing in the Narthex or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass. Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang. In church we ask you to cooperate by alternating every other pew. Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation. Current detailed protocols from the office of the Governor and the Diocese of Tyler (www.dioceseoftyler.org) or our website www.holyspirthollylake.com.**

Confessions: Tues., May 5th; Wed., May 6th; and Thurs., May 7th from 9:00—10:30am. Confessions rain or shine, cold or hot weather. I will be parked in front of the double glass doors that you enter into the Narthex, under the overhang, seated in my front seat of my car. Please drive up and park your vehicle 6 feet from my vehicle and stay in your vehicle. Roll your window down, turn motor off and start your confession. After, your confession, you may drive around to our meditation garden, to say your penance.

Dispensation: The entire diocese remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice. The faithful are under no moral obligation to attend Mass at this time. Before deciding to attend Mass, everyone is asked to consider their own health condition and living situation carefully. All vulnerable individuals should continue to stay at home. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that they could carry the virus back home. People who feel sick or have symptoms of possible COVID-19 MUST remain at home.

I am taking proper precautions to protect each and everyone of our parishioners and the community.

Please call me if you need help or you just need to talk to someone.

I will continue to pray for my parishioners, united in God's love.

Rev. Fr. Michael Snider
Cell# 903-490-3883

An Act of 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 into 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.*

Or

Oh Jesus, I turn toward the holy tabernacle where You live hidden for love of me. I love you, O my God. I cannot receive you in Holy Communion. Come, nevertheless, and visit me with Your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. *Amen.*

Celebrating Liturgies While Facing COVID-19

Updated: April 28, 2020

Based on the guidance from the Office of the Governor, the celebration of liturgies with the people may resume in the Diocese of Tyler on May 1, 2020, provided that health protocols and other measures are observed in order to protect the vulnerable and mitigate the risk of resurgence in our communities. Taking proper precautions to protect others is a Christian obligation of both justice and charity

The coronavirus remains a highly contagious disease. We know now that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We must continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

The pastor of each parish is responsible for ensuring, at a minimum, that the instructions below, as well as guidance from state and local authorities, are observed. Pastors should consult with local health authorities regarding any restrictions or additional measures that may be needed. These protocols cannot anticipate every unique situation. Pastors and those who assist them should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment which will protect the health of their communities – Catholic and beyond.

These instructions are subject to revision based on new information, guidance, and experiences. The current version will be posted at dioceseoftyler.org.

Mass Schedule and Dispensation

- The entire diocese remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice. The faithful are under **no moral obligation to attend Mass at this time**.
- Before deciding to attend Mass, everyone is asked to consider their own health condition and living situation carefully. **All vulnerable individuals should continue to stay at home**. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that they could carry the virus back home. **People who feel sick or have symptoms of possible COVID-19 MUST remain at home**.

Limitations on Attendance

- The **attendance at all liturgies is limited**. The following requirements must be enforced, and it will require the cooperation and understanding of all:
 - Households must maintain at least a 6-foot separation.
 - Alternate rows between attendees (every other row left empty)

- So that the faithful do not have to be turned away, a fair and charitable system must be developed by parishes to encourage parishioners to attend a specific Mass. For example, it may be necessary to develop a sign-up system, designate Masses alphabetically by last name, or to alternate weekends.
- The pastors are encouraged to work with their dean so that the parishes of a given area may have a common pastoral approach to observing the attendance limitations.

Social Distancing Protocols

- **Households must maintain at least a 6-foot separation in the pews, in the Communion procession, and when arriving for and leaving Mass.**
- Parishes should make only alternating (every other) pews available for seating, and these could be alternated between Masses to limit contamination.
- We ask those who choose to attend Mass to **strongly consider wearing a mask** that covers the mouth and nose.
- Everyone should wash hands or use hand sanitizer before entering the church and after touching common surfaces.
- The Sign of Peace is to be exchanged without physical contact.
- Social gatherings after Mass are not appropriate at this time.

Distribution of Holy Communion

- At the Communion procession, it is recommended that only one pew at a time come forward. Ushers may assist in helping to maintain a 6-foot separation between households.
- Ministers of Holy Communion must wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of Communion. It is strongly recommended that Ministers of Holy Communion wear masks; the bishop encourages the use of masks by priests, deacons, and other ministers.
- At this time, Communion will only be distributed under the form of bread, and it is **strongly recommended** that **Communion be received in the hand**. This is necessary because of what we know about how the coronavirus is spread.
- As always, Communion should be distributed with great care. If a Minister of Holy Communion comes into direct physical contact with the communicant, the minister **must immediately stop distributing Communion and wash their hands or use hand sanitizer**.

Health Protocols for Church Buildings

- The pastor must coordinate an effort with parishioners to **disinfect the church after each celebration**. This includes pews, door handles, restrooms, and other common surfaces.

- Efforts should be made to limit the touching of common surfaces like door handles and pews.
- Pastors should make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available.
- No missalettes or hymnals will be available. One-time-use worship aides are acceptable.
- Holy water fonts and stoups should remain empty.
- Ushers should use gloves during the collection, or alternative collection procedures may be established (collection when arriving, departing, or after Communion).

Accommodations

- In addition to the normal Mass schedule, priests may consider saying additional Masses on Saturday evenings and Sundays to meet the needs of the faithful while the capacity limitations are in place.
- Observing all the above requirements, parishes with multiple priests may also consider offering Mass in other parish facilities at the same time. For example, one priest could celebrate Mass in the church while another celebrates Mass in the parish hall. Technology could also be used.

Other Sacraments and Activities

- All other sacraments should continue to be celebrated in such a way that social distancing and hygiene standards are maintained.
- Parish offices that have been closed may re-open, observing all precautions.
- Faith Formation classes are canceled for the rest of the Spring.
- Small parish meetings may resume if parishes and participants adhere to strict social distancing protocols and hygiene requirements. Facilities must be disinfected after each use.
- Tentatively, the Elect (the unbaptized adults) are to be baptized, confirmed, and receive first Communion at the principal Mass of the parish on the Solemnity of Pentecost (Sunday, May 31, 2020). Additional liturgical guidelines will be provided.
- Tentatively, Candidates for Full Communion (already baptized) are to be confirmed and receive first Communion at the principal Mass of the parish on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Sunday, June 7, 2020). Additional liturgical guidelines will be provided.
- At this time, the celebration of Confirmation and first Communion with the bishop is postponed. In the coming months, additional information will be provided about rescheduling these celebrations.

NOTE: Who are Vulnerable Individuals?

1. Those who are 65 or older.
2. Individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy.

NOTE: What are the Symptoms of COVID-19?

Persons with any of the symptoms **MUST** remain at home:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19

Persons who have had these symptoms **MUST NOT** come to Mass until: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); *and* the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); *and* at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.