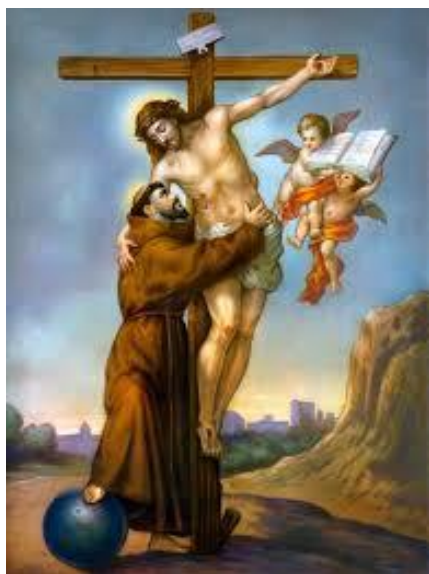


March 29, 2020  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

*Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic worshipping community, dedicated to ministering to our members and to the greater community in the image given to us by Jesus. This ministry is centered on the Sacraments and our Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity.*



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### SYMBOLS OF THE PASSION OF JESUS



During the fifth week of Lent, DICE – instruments of chance, and a seamless GARMENT are placed at the foot of the Cross. Everything had to be, to fulfill all that the Scriptures said about the Messiah. **Matthew 27:35** – When they had crucified Him, they divided His garments, rolling dice for them to see what each should take.

**Luke 23:24** – They divided His garments, rolling dice for them.

**John 19:23-24** – After the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided four ways, one for each soldier. There was also His tunic, but this tunic was woven in one from top to bottom and had no seam. They said to each other, *We should not tear it. Let us dice and see who gets it.* The purpose of this was to have the Scriptures fulfilled – *They divided garments among them; for My clothing they cast lots.* (Psalm 228). And this is what the soldiers did.



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**WHY A SKULL AT THE BASE OF THE CROSS? Matthew 27:33-34; Mark 15:22; Luke 23:33 and John 19:17-**

DATE	NO PUBLIC MASS	INTENTION / DONOR	READINGS
MON. MAR. 30 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		+Lavonne Gray Joe & Dolores Fatula	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Jn 8:1-11
TUES. MAR. 31 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		+Ethel Petak Tom Dadey	Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30
WED. APR. 1 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		+Francis G. Ozog Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42
THURS. APR. 2 <i>St. Francis of Paola, Hermit</i>		Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Society Rosary Society	Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59
FRI. APR. 3 First Friday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		+Christopher Smay Darrell Good	Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42
SAT. APR. 4 <i>St. Isidore, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>		+Helen Malysko John Ryba	Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56
SAT. APR. 4 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>		+Robert Meagher Janice & Family	Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14 – 27:66
SUN. APR. 5 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>		Parishioners & Benefactors  +Larry Haggerty Brian & Chris Britton	Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14 – 27:66

*Stewardship Reflection*...Jesus answered Martha's prayers on His own terms, not hers. Yet the outcome is much more than she could have imagined. If we are to be good stewards and protectors of the gifts God has given, we must begin by spending more time with God so that we are able to discern His will for our lives. Through prayerful listening, we begin to hear God calling us; each in our own way, to use our time, talent and treasure to help build His Kingdom on earth. May we have the courage to fulfill our role in the Divine Plan according to God's will.

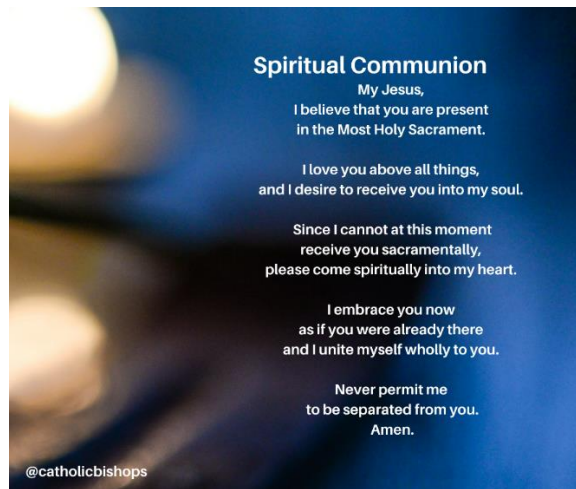
Pope Francis Intention for April: Freedom from Addiction. That those suffering addiction from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

### GETTING CHUMMY WITH THE SAINTS WITNESSES TO THE FAITH AND COMPANIONS ON OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

**Thursday, April 2 – St. Francis of Paola, Hermit** – died 1507; founded (1435) the Order of Minims [O.M.], a congregation of hermits, “the least of God’s household”; today they number about 115 Religious.

**Saturday, April 3 – St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church** – died 636; succeeded his brother, St. Leander, as Bishop of Seville; presided over the Council of Toledo (631); completed the Mozarabic liturgy; combatted Arianism in Spain; known as the “Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages, especially for his *Etymologies*.

*This is a simple and loving act of Spiritual Communion we are called to make in these times, while we are unable to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist:*



### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain with steadfast Faith.  
You, salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.  
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
Joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:  
He Who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen  
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Odessa Bobak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, Verne Esposito, LeAnn Golby, Caleb Herdman, Alicia Junghans, John Kasper, Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Margaret Murray, Carl Pavlosky, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, James Schuster, Gary Singel, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Sheila Weppner, Dorothy Youchak.

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### SALUTE TO THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND A REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS

*May God bless these brave men and women who serve God and Country.*

**Ensign Adam Guarino**, USCG; **Master at Arms 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Izeke W. Pinkas**, Fallon, NV; **Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins**, US Army; **Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Rambish**, US Navy, Coronado Naval Base, San Diego; Major **Melinda Rován Corallo**, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV; **HMC David Bakos**, US Navy; **PFC; Lance Corporal Jacob Taylor**, USMC; **Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Zack Taylor**, US Army; **Trista L. Urban**, PFC, Army National Guard; **Jared N. Dull**, HM3, US Navy, Quantico, Va.; **Stefanie Kollar**, TSgt. Air Force, Hurlburt Field, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., **Fr. Don Fullerton**, USS Enterprise, **Airman 1<sup>st</sup>. Class Maxwell Schutte**, F. E. Warren, WY; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **Captain Aaron Donahay**, US Army, Fort Stewart, GA; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Heather L. Dovala**, Great Lakes, IL.; **Sgt. Jarod Pisarchik**, Army National Guard; **Ens. Kara Yingling**, Pentagon; **Lt. JG Shannon Yingling**; **S/SSgt Devon Gilbert**, Tinker AFB, OK; **Senior Airman Daniel Christner**, USAF, 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing; **Lt. Col Steven Thomas**, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Colin Harrington**, US Army, Bethesda, MD; **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ryan Powers**, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC; **Senior Airman Anthony Rosage**, USAF; Fort Gordon, GA; **Tech Sgt. Daniel Bracken**, USAF, deployed to Kobal Afghanistan; **Spc. Adken Torchia**,

US Army, Fort Drum, NY; **Sgt. Lucas Tomak**, US Army, Fort Hood, TX; **Lt. Kenneth Yacynych**, US Army, Fort Lewis, WA; **Cpl Elliott Mulvehill**, USMC, New River, NC.; **Senior Airman Jeremy Williams**, Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan; **Kasey Meredith**, O.C.S., USMC, Quantico, VA.; **Pvt. Harrison Barham**, US Army, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.; **Cpl. Aunna Yingling**, US Army, Afghanistan; **Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Gage Pollino**, US Navy.

*To add a name to our Salute to those in the Military, please call 539-1632. If a person is no longer serving on active or reserve duty, please call the Parish Office to remove his/her name.*

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**A PRAYER FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY:** Heavenly Father, inspire those who are overseas for the cause of peace. Send Your Son, Jesus Christ, as the Prince of Peace. Bless the men and women of our military who respond to the needs of peacekeeping. Keep them safe from harm. Let them be models of discipline and courage and bring them home safely to their loved ones. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

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**CEMETERY CLEAN UP** – Monday, March 23 through Tuesday, March 31. All items must be removed from St. Francis Cemetery by March 31. Thank you for your cooperation.

**THANK YOU** to those who are continuing to contribute to the Parish – whether by mail or by using online giving. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! As of this writing you may also drop off your envelopes at the Parish office.

