

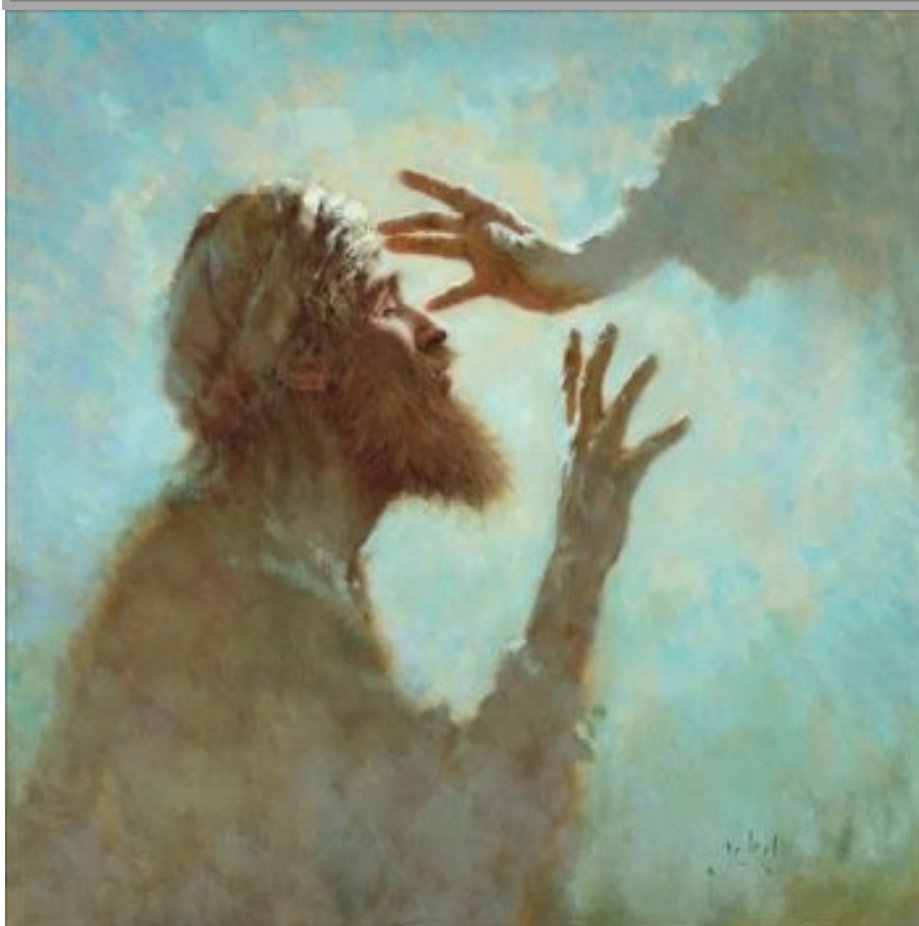


## DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

MARCH 22, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



See inside for more information regarding our Livestream Mass on Sundays, Church hours for private prayer and online prayer resources.

# The Healing of the Man Born Blind

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

### IN CONTROL?

We like to think we're in control. In some ways, we are. In other ways, we're absolutely not.

It takes something catastrophic like COVID-19 to remind us that, in many respects, we are simply not in control of life. We are dependent on others to meet our basic needs, for example, of food, safety, and health. We are also dependent on others for the necessary social interaction that keeps us from going stir crazy due to isolation or that keeps us from undue anxiety.

It's been pointed out by many recent commentators that now, more than ever, we need each other—at the very time when we are being asked to stay apart and avoid congregating to help keep the Coronavirus from spreading.

You've heard me say it in many homilies that we are built by God for each other. Unless we are those unique individuals who crave complete solitude 24/7 (they are few and far between), there is something in-built in us that requires us to engage in some amount of socializing. Without this interaction we get a little goofy. Life loses its luster.

Many of us satisfy this longing within the nuclear family. But there are also others, like myself, who have no nuclear family anymore and therefore must satisfy this desire for interaction through other venues, for example, getting together with friends for a night out, or golfing, or visiting the local library, or attending Mass on Sunday (this list can go on and on).

Right now, the list is curtailed in an effort to stem the rising tide of infections from the Coronavirus. That includes Sunday Mass.

Sunday Mass is not happening right now, except for televised or live-streamed Masses. That only partially

fits the bill as far as social intercourse goes, not to mention tapping into the power of heaven through our sharing in the Eucharist, which would be a whole 'nother topic!

While we are not celebrating Mass, we are opening our two churches for private prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. At the end of this column, you can see the new times when Sacred Heart and St. Philip the Apostle churches will be open for such private prayer visits.

### A DIFFERENT SORT OF SUNDAY

Last Sunday I spent the entire two hours sitting in church praying before the Blessed Sacrament. On a normal Sunday I wouldn't have two hours available in my schedule to pray in quiet. As a change of pace, I rather liked those two hours.

I got through Morning Prayer from *the Liturgy of the Hours*, something I do every morning. On Sunday I was able, because I had the time, to pray through it a bit more leisurely. I also was able after that to get through a substantial portion of a new book I'm reading on spirituality.

As I was engaged in private prayer in Sacred Heart Church, I also had one eye on people who were coming in to do the same thing. All total, there were a little over twenty people who stopped in for private prayer. Obviously, this sort of gathering has a different "feel" than the Mass. It's completely quiet. For those present, there is no formal start or end to the time they are there as would be the case if we were celebrating Mass. People come and go as they want. There's no publicly acknowledged opening to the time together and no definite public ending to it, like there is at Mass with the Opening Hymn and the Concluding Dismissal.

### AN OPPORTUNITY

It occurs to me that in this



extraordinary time when we are being encouraged to stay at home in the hope of stopping the rapid transmission of the disease, we can definitely rely on elements of our Catholic tradition to help us.

So, here's one example. We've all been taught to engage in personal prayer apart from the liturgy. All it takes is for us to carve out some time from our usual schedule, a quiet space away from distractions (easier said than done when you are a parent of small kids, unless its during nap time or at night), and we can use any number of resources for the content of the prayer.

That content can be the Rosary. It can be a compilation of prayers from our tradition using a prayer book. It could be reading a passage from the Bible, especially if you have a modern translation of scripture. It can be one of those meditation books put out by publishers, like the one we gave out at the beginning of Lent. It can be any combination of the above. It can even be silent, meditational prayer that has few or no words and simply more of an effort to tap into God's abiding presence, although this type of prayer takes practice and a certain routine that gets us to that wordlessness. I know a priest who practices a type of prayer using the daily newspaper. From his reading of news stories he then crafts his own petitions to God. All these types of prayer can be done individually. And except for the wordless meditation type, they can be done communally, as in the family.

Even in these challenging times, and although we are not in total control

(and never will be), we can exercise our spiritual muscles according to our Catholic tradition and in this way let God's power flow through us, helping us to cope, be strong and filled with hope.

We might even pray not so much for ourselves but for others, staying close to one another even as we are apart, drawing close through the medium of prayer and the power of God.



## ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER

There are so many online resources available to Catholics today, which will certainly help our prayer life during these difficult times. Please review the following list and consider checking some of them out!

### iBreviary

This APP is available for your phone or iPad. You can even visit their website to learn more about it (<https://www.ibreviary.org/en/>). This APP provides you with the full texts of the Liturgy of the Hours (known as the prayer of the Church), the complete Daily Missal to follow along with the Mass, as well as all the major Catholic prayers.

## Manyhailmarysatatime

This Instagram account is a great one to follow if you miss praying the rosary with others. Join over 33,000 other people in reciting the rosary every day at 6:45 a.m. central time.

### USCCB

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers a wealth of resources on their website ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)). You can also follow them on Facebook and Instagram (@usccb). You can find daily scripture readings, church documents, reflections and prayers during the Coronavirus, and much, much more.

We'll continue to offer you more resources in the weeks ahead.

## LIVESTREAM MASSES

### SUNDAY MASS

A livestream Mass from Divine Mercy at Sacred Heart Church will be available to you on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. (Note this new time.) The Sacred Heart Church site was chosen as it already had the video capability available to us. You can visit the homepage on our website at [www.divinemercynorthshore.org](http://www.divinemercynorthshore.org) to find the link for the livestream Mass. You will be able to watch this Mass anytime after 9:00 a.m., as it will be recorded.

### WEEKDAY MASS OPTIONS

Parishioners have several options from which to choose. Here are two we recommend at this time: (Note: Hold down your control button when you click on the links below.)

1) Daily Mass at 10:00 a.m. from St. James Chapel from the Archdiocesan offices in Chicago  
VISIT: <https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses> OR <https://youtu.be/jBR1LjX2fo>

2) Daily Mass from Loyola Academy at 8:00 a.m.  
VISIT: <https://www.goramblers.org/daily-mass>, and scroll down to Daily Mass.

## CHURCH HOURS FOR PRIVATE PRAYER WEEKDAYS

Sacred Heart Church and St. Philip the Apostle Church will be open Monday through Saturday for private prayer from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. On Saturday mornings, confessions will be heard at both Churches from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

### SUNDAYS

Sacred Heart Church and St. Philip the Apostle Church will be open for private prayer on Sunday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

## OFFICE HOURS

We realize it is important to be here for our parishioners. Our office hours remain the same for the time being.

The main office for Divine Mercy at Sacred Heart Church will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The St. Philip the Apostle Church office will be open on Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you would like to stop by to request a Mass intention, drop off your envelope, or visit with a priest, we will be here for you.

## E-GIVING

We ask you to keep in mind that we rely on the generosity of those who contribute to our Sunday collections. Without Masses and their collections, we lose over fifteen thousand dollars a week of in-pew collections. The collections enable us to minister to our parishioners as well as those we serve in our outreach efforts. Granted, the world has changed for the time being, but the needs continue to exist, albeit in a new and changing way. Thank you so much for supporting the parish during this time.

You can help us by signing up for e-giving [here](#).



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



### RESPECT LIFE

That those who thirst for the waters of life -- the unborn children, the terminally ill, the marginalized and oppressed -- may be set free and embraced in love, we pray to the Lord.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Given the Coronavirus protocols from the Archdiocese, the Stations of the Cross at Divine Mercy have been cancelled.

**Divine Mercy Parish  
is a Welcoming Community  
that Inspires Disciples of Jesus  
to Share God's Love  
and Transform the World.**

### HOW TO FAST THIS LENT: IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

"Not as man sees does God see,  
because man sees the appearance  
but the Lord looks into the heart."  
1Samuel 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.



### THE TRI-PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE CANCELLED

Please know that as an alternative, Confessions are being heard at both Sacred Heart Church and St. Philip the Apostle Church on Saturday mornings between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m.



### POPE FRANCIS

In this situation of pandemic, in which we find ourselves living more or less isolated, we are invited to rediscover and deepen the value of communion that unites all the members of the Church. United to Christ, we are never alone, but we form one single Body."

### CENTERING PRAYER SESSIONS AT HOLY SPIRIT CONVENT

Given the directive from the Archdiocese, all sessions of the Centering Prayer workshop have been cancelled. Watch for new sessions later in the year.

Questions? Contact Sr. Leonette Kaluzny at either 847-881-8424; 847-441-0126, or  
[leonettekaluzny@aol.com](mailto:leonettekaluzny@aol.com).

**MEMBER ENGAGEMENT  
SURVEY**  
DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT  
YOUR SURVEY!

**Every voice is needed. Please  
participate.**



**GROWING AN  
ENGAGED CHURCH**  
MEMBER ENGAGEMENT



**GALLUP**

**MEMBER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY**  
Frequently Asked Questions

**What is the purpose of this survey?**

The Member Engagement Survey will give us a collective view of the spiritual health of our parish. The data will show us where we are doing well and help us see the areas that need our attention to make us a stronger parish.

**What does the survey entail?**

The survey features 25 items carefully chosen to measure engagement and spiritual commitment that are essential to spiritual health. The survey will only take approximately five minutes to complete.

**Who should complete the survey?**

We are asking all parish members aged 18 and older to complete the survey. In addition, any person who considers him or herself part of our parish, regardless of whether he or she is a member, is invited to respond to the survey.

**Where do I complete the survey?**

You can complete the survey online from March 7 through March 29 using the following link: ([Click here](https://survey.gallup.com/divinemeracywinnnetka)) (<https://survey.gallup.com/divinemeracywinnnetka>) beginning March 7 and ending March 29.

**How will the survey results be used?**

The leadership team will receive the compiled results from Gallup and use them to gain additional insight into how the members feel about our parish. We will use the results to identify specific actions we can take to further meet the spiritual needs of our members.



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## FINANCE

### FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF March 15, 2020

(Combined St. Philip / Sacred Heart Church Sites )

YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection	\$742,823
Collections dropped at office/mailed in this week	\$4,055
Give Central E-Giving this week	\$4,528

YTD 2018-2019 Sunday Collection	\$789,185
In-Pew Collection last year this week	\$9,590
Give Central E-Giving last year this week	\$4,568



#### CAN YOU HELP US?

Your donations and support are critical to funding our operations, including, but not limited to salaries, utilities, ministries, maintenance on our aging buildings, support for outreach efforts, IT support, etc.

Now, in the age of COVID—19, with Masses suspended indefinitely, your donations and support are especially critical. Did you know that approximately 75% of our collection income is **not** online? Of course, some parishioners have set up automatic bank debits so that we receive checks from your banks,

but we still rely heavily on the Sunday collection basket!

If you already are an online donor, we thank you!

If not, it is now easier than ever to sign up. You can either visit the [givecentral.org](http://givecentral.org) website and follow the prompts, or NEW for Divine Mercy this week, you can **TEXT TO DONATE!** Just text this number:  
**847-865-9295**

In the body of the message, type in the keyword: **givemercy** (all one word, no spaces). This will take you

to a link to give central. You will then be prompted to input your donor info. It's safe, secure and so easy.

Alternatively, please also consider mailing your donation directly to Divine Mercy Parish, 1077 Tower Road, Winnetka, IL 60093.

Thank you! We appreciate your support as we stand together to help each other through these trying times.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



### SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners should know that you may contact the parish office **at any time** to request that someone be anointed. Arrangements can be made for a priest to visit someone who is seriously ill or in danger of death by calling the main parish office at 847-446-0856. You may still call after normal business hours, as a service with a live operator will answer your call, take all of your information, and immediately contact one of our priests for you. Be assured your call will not go unanswered.







## **LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!**



While we are away from the school building, our students are still learning, still celebrating St. Patrick's Day, and still finding ways to keep their connection to our school community.





## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)



We want all of our families to know how much we are thinking of and praying for you all during this unprecedented time. We know you have so much on your plates with children home, remote learning set ups, new parent work-at-home routines, upside down schedules, and, to top it all off, a houseful of hungry people. Our hope is that we may find ways to deepen your faith and lift you up during this time. To that end, we'll continue to send you readings, activities and ideas that catch our eye or touch our hearts. Please also send us your intentions, moments of gratitude, a prayer, poem, reading or homily that moved you. We'd love to share them with your Children's Ministry family. We are all in this together. We'll keep you posted on the latest news about when we can resume. In the meantime, God's blessings to you and yours.





## PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



Lord, we lift up our prayers to you for all those suffering from the Coronavirus, their loved ones, and all those health care professionals taking care of those who are sick.

@catholicbishops

### 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,  
please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now  
as if you were already there  
and I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me  
to be separated from you.  
Amen.

### MINISTERS OF CARE

Our Ministers of Care currently are prohibited from visiting Nursing Homes in the State of Illinois. If the Minister would still like to serve in hospitals, they must comply with protocols established by the hospitals.

Home visits are discouraged, but out of respect for the relationship between the Minister and the homebound parishioner, if they both feel comfortable with the situation, they may continue to meet. Keep in mind the following guidelines from the Archdiocese.

- Wash hands or use a hand sanitizer once you enter the home.
- Avoid any physical contact with the person or family during the visit.
- Use a hand sanitizer again before distributing Communion.
- If the communicant usually receives Communion on the tongue, strongly encourage him or her, for your safety as well as his / hers, to receive Communion in the hand.
- Maintain social distance (six feet) with everyone in the room, except the patient.
- Do not offer comfort with any physical contact.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Note: Please ignore any emails from Ministry Scheduler Pro. It has been technologically difficult to cancel the automatic emails. **Just know that ALL liturgical ministry assignments are suspended until further notice.**

### PLEASE PRAY

#### For Those Who Are Sick

*The following people suffer from illness or chronic conditions.  
They have asked for the prayers of our parish family.  
Please remember them to the Lord.*

Mark Agnew, Jeannie Ambrose, Michael Anderson,  
Jim Baisley, Dorothy Banas, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback,  
Sande Bolan, Paula Brady, Dennis Braun, Wendy Braun,  
Luciana Butera, Milly Calabrese, Kierre Caldwell, Patt Carlson,  
Patricia Catarello, Teresa Chapman, Kelly Bolan Chevalier,  
Sheila Devlin, Tim Doll, Rick Doucette,  
David and Mary Ann Duerwachter, Maureen Dwyer,  
Timothy Feeney, John Flynn, Lisa Franke, Lydia Gatton,  
Benjamin Grillo, Philip Hall, Laura Hendricks, John Hoerster,  
Nancy Holihan, Mario Iturino, The Jatis Family, Becky Jones,  
Philip Jones, Marge Kalsch, Edward Kennedy, Ginny Kunkel,  
Gina Quirk Lazicki, Anne Lesniak, John Madden, Drew Mans,  
Jackson Mans, Beth O'Brien, Sally O'Malley, Ennio Rossi,  
Mary Sabo, Donna Sabido, Dick Schager, Catherine Scheid,  
Mary Shepherd, Judy Sokal, Heather Stepan,  
Mary Tatro, Linda Walsh, Patty Wilson, Julie Wright,  
Lisa Zitella and Dr. Jerome Zwierzycki

#### For Those Who Have Died

May the souls of the faithfully departed,  
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
**Olive Scannell Bryson**, mother of Mary Doug Brown and  
grandmother of Caitlin Eck

## MASS INTENTIONS

All Mass Intentions offered at Sacred Heart Church and St. Philip the Apostle Church for the past and coming week will be offered at the Sunday Livestream Mass at 9:00 a.m. on March 29, 2020.

### SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Pauline Corley, Marge Livingston, Gloria Sundblad, Mary Prindville, Andrew Berghoff, Brian John Blair, Robert Hutchings, Genevieve Conway, Frank & Teresa D'Astici, Terry Franke, Betty Duncan, Joseph Cosgrove, Blessings for the People of Ireland, Gerald DeMario, Jim O'Toole, Rowland & Rosemary Hoffman, Don O'Meara, Uta De Tapan Staley and the Parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish.

### SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR THIS WEEK:

Dan Kadjan, Mary Beth Reynolds, William Finn Madden (Birthday Blessings), William Goodrich, Stefan Jankowski, Dan Kadjen, Living and Deceased Members of the Henry and Irene Berning Family, Mary Kane (Birthday Blessings), Gladys Niedringhaus, Chris Thordarson, Lisa Dalton Berghoff (Birthday Blessings) & John F. Flynn, Jr. and Brian John Blair

## THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

All meetings at Divine Mercy Parish are currently suspended until further notice.

## SACRAMENTS

*Please call the Parish Office for current information during this crisis.*

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday—8:00-8:30am (SH)  
Saturday—8:00-8:30am (SP)  
or by appointment

### BAPTISM

By appointment. Please call the main parish office or visit our website for the requisite forms.

### MARRIAGE

Contact the main parish office 6 months prior to the anticipated date of the marriage.

### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the main parish office to arrange for the sacrament for the seriously ill and homebound.

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