

"To know, to love, and to serve God"



March 29, 2020: Fifth Sunday of Lent

MASS SCHEDULE*

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am & 5:00 pm;
 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm (both Vietnamese)

Monday-Friday (weekdays): 8:30 am & 12:15 pm
Wednesday & First Friday: 7:30 pm
Friday (except 1st Friday): 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)
Saturday: 8:30 am

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE*

Wednesday: 7:00 pm (includes Exposition, Holy Rosary, Benediction & Mass)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE*

Monday & Friday: 11:30 am—Noon
Wednesday: 6:30 pm—7:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am—10:00 am & 3:30 pm—4:30 pm
First Friday: After the 8:30 am Mass & 6:30 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Monday: 9:00 am—**Saturday:** 8:00 am

* Please listen to pulpit announcements & parish office recordings, and consult current bulletin & website homepage for schedule changes.

** Call Adoration Chapel Hotline for up-to-date information on Chapel schedule: 703-773-2033.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



Marriage: Congratulations on your engagement. Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date. It is best for us to hear from you as soon as you become engaged to set up your initial appointment.



Baptisms: We welcome your new child. Generally, baptisms take place at 12:15 pm the first and third Sunday of each month, with some flexibility based on circumstances. Baptism preparation instruction is required for first-time parents or parents who have not previously attended a class. Please call the parish office to begin the process of scheduling the baptism.



Holy Communion & Anointing of the Sick: God bless you. If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick at Fair Oaks Hospital, Sunrise Assisted Living at Fair Oaks, Dulles Health & Rehabilitation Center, Harmony at Chantilly, Arbor Terrace Fairfax in Chantilly, or at home, please call the parish office to arrange a visit.



Parish Registration: Welcome. To register as a parishioner of St. Veronica, please pick up a registration form in one of the church vestibules or in the parish office. Upon completion, you may drop the form in the Sunday collection basket, or mail it. If you are moving out of the parish or have a change of address, please let the parish office know.



Initiation of Adults & Children: The RCIA process leads adults into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office or email RCIA@stveronica.net for details.


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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 28

- * Terri and Grace O'Rielly
- * Jorge Obien +

Sunday, March 29: Fifth Sunday of Lent

- * Richard and Mary Irwin & Family
- * Helena Nguyen
- * The People of St. Veronica
- * Dorcas R. Hardy +

Monday, March 30

- * Barbara Seng
- * Diarmuid and Lisa Cahalane & Family

Tuesday, March 31

- * Mr. Louis LaVigne +
- * Kevin O'Rielly +

Wednesday, April 1

- * Anthony Sequoia +
- * Ana Riddell
- * Father John Kelly

Thursday, April 2: Saint Francis of Paola

- * Louis A. Zemanski +
- * Carlos P. Dizon +

First Friday, April 3

- * Mrs. Mary Jane Smith +
- * Ellen Kelly
- * Mary Eleanore Singer +

First Saturday, April 4: Saint Isidore of Seville

- * Ronald C. Hall +
- * The Poor Souls in Purgatory ++

Sunday, April 5: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- * Karen Munger
- * The People of St. Veronica
- * Leticia Hidalgo + and Simeon Antonio Hidalgo ++
- * Jean Pursel Lindsay +

WEEK AT A GLANCE

*By order of Bishop Burbidge,
all scheduled activities,
except Confessions,
are suspended until further notice.*

*However, the church remains open
ALL hours of the night and day
for Adoration of the Holy Eucharist in private prayer, .
Page 4 of this bulletin explains how
to reserve an hour to be with Our Lord.*

Limit of ten people in the church at a time, 6 feet apart.

*Pray the Rosary Daily
Pray the Rosary Every Day*

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WORSHIP

FROM GREEN TO GOLD—MARCH 29, 2020

This column's name refers to the grace of God and to the colors of my favorite NFL football team. With all that has been happening, there is no sports news to report on, even though the baseball season should have opened this past week. In light of everything right now, sports seems so inconsequential. We continue to face very uncertain and strange times as we continue to have no public Masses, the school is closed for the year (although our parish school continues to teach via "e-learning"), many businesses have been shuttered, those who are working mostly are doing so from home, and "social-distancing" is the new norm. To date our church is still open, thankfully, and we have had continuous Adoration as well as our regular confession times. (See page 4 for more information on the need to secure adorers for unfilled hours.) In addition, our bulletin company informed us that last week's was the last one they would print until further notice, as they too have shut down. Thus we are posting this "bulletin" on our parish website, as usual, and will photocopy a few and leave them at the entrance of the church for anyone who stops in and wishes to pick up a copy. To date I have not heard that any of our parishioners have been infected by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, also thankfully. Nonetheless, we have maintained all the precautions mandated by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Diocese of Arlington. Regardless again, we face a rather dire situation and that is where we truly need God's grace.

Sadly as you may have heard, there will be NO public Holy Week services or Easter Sunday Masses. With the governor's Executive Order No. 53, there will be no public Masses until at least April 23rd. With this further restriction it is my hope and prayer that all of you are enduring this whole situation. In the midst of it no doubt we do need God's assistance and grace. Not being able to go to Mass and/or receive Holy Communion doesn't make it any easier. I know some of you are disappointed at the very least, if not downright angry at this lack of availability of "the source and summit" of our Faith, as the Church tells us. Nearly everything has been touched by this. No new Catholics will be baptized or make their Profession of Faith and be confirmed at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. We will have the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday (at 7:30 pm), the Liturgy of Good Friday (at 3:00 pm), and the Easter Vigil (at 8:30 pm). They will be live streamed so you can watch if you wish. We did post Masses from last Sunday (Laetare Sunday) and this past Wednesday, the feast of the Annunciation, on the parish YouTube channel, the link to which is accessible from the parish website home page. We will post Masses from this Sunday and next Sunday (Palm Sunday) as well as Easter Sunday on that same channel. We are doing this primarily to keep in touch with you. I do need to point out, for those who may not realize this, that these Masses do not fulfill the Sunday obligation to attend Mass. It is a great alternative, but it is not attending Mass, as you have to be physically present to it for that to occur. As you may recall our bishop has issued a dispensation from Sunday Mass for all Catholics in the Diocese of Arlington, so there is no sin for not attending Mass. Of course that is not even currently an option, so while it is wonderful to watch Mass on TV or a YouTube channel, it is NOT the same as actually being at Mass.

Because of the above our bishop has encouraged all Catholics to take time on Sundays to do something spiritual. This could include praying the Rosary, reading Sacred Scripture (the Bible), praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, stopping in church (as it still is open, maintaining the 10 person limit and six-foot distancing). I would encourage us to do the same. I mentioned here last week that there is a novena to Our Lady of Monte Berico. This devotion dates back to 1426 when the Blessed Mother appeared to a 70 year old woman, St. Vincenza Pasini. She lived in Vicenza, Italy which had been fighting a pestilence for over a decade. Mary promised that the people would be delivered from this plague if a church was built on the spot of her appearance. St. Vincenza took that message to the people but nothing was done and the plague raged on. The future saint nonetheless visited that spot every day. Two years later Our Lady again appeared to this woman and repeated her request. Now with a greater sense of urgency St. Vincenza pleaded with the bishop to heed this request. By this point seventy percent of the population had either died of the plague or left the area, so the bishop agreed. Immediately as the newly built church was consecrated the plague ceased. The Blessed Mother did also ask that the people continue to come to that church to pray and attend Mass, which they have done. For this reason Our Lady of Monte Berico has been connected to plague ravaged situations and this then is an ideal novena to pray during these currently difficult times. (Please find the Novena listed on page 8 in this "bulletin.")

I will introduce another saint to you here next week. But before closing this week, I want to mention how impressed I have been with the prayerfulness of many of our parishioners. Seeing you in church before the Blessed Sacrament is so inspiring. There truly has been a steady flow of people through the church all hours of the day. It really is beautiful! I know these are difficult times and not having Mass makes it even more difficult, but what a gift to have the opportunity to come to Jesus and pray before Him, spending time with Our Eucharistic Lord. I pray He will bless us, our nation, and our world during these trying days. One last note, so mundane in comparison to everything else, but I have to at least mention that we certainly need your continued financial support IF that is possible, realizing many of you may now be struggling as well in this regard. As always thank you for your prayers and generosity. May Our Lady of Berico and St. Veronica intercede for us, and please know that we are praying for all of you.

~ In Christ, Fr. Kleinmann

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

PERPETUAL ADORATION AT ST. VERONICA

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Veronica. In the absence of public Masses and our temporary inability to receive the Holy Eucharist, Father Kleinmann has opened **ALL hours for Adoration**. That now includes Saturday & Sunday! Please help to make sure that we have at least one committed adorer every hour to be with our Eucharistic Lord.



To secure an hour, go to this Sign up Genius: <https://tinyurl.com/rreele9>.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every hour of the day AND night on the main altar in the church, which allows plenty of space. Kindly sit in an empty pew and maintain 6 feet away from the nearest adorer. We ask that you help us adhere to the 10 person limit within the church. Hand sanitizer is available in the south vestibule. Feel free to bring your own antibacterial wipes. If you committed to an hour, be sure to sign the sign-in book on the table near the confessionals. Look for the free resource, "How to Make a Holy Hour." If you sign up for an hour between 9:00 pm and 8:00 am, contact 301-728-7855 for the security code to enter the church.

Many Catholics in other countries are denied the great gift of praying in His Presence. This opportunity is for us a tremendous blessing! Let's continue to offer our prayers and sacrifices for one another and our community.

ATTENTION PARISH APOSTOLATES AND MINISTRIES:

INTERESTED IN CONTINUING TO MEET?

Don't let suspension of activities on the parish grounds stifle your good works, spiritual growth and fellowship. Erin Johnson, our Youth Minister, is using Zoom, an online meeting platform that can accommodate up to 100 devices logging on at a time for face-to-face gatherings. Please contact her at youthapostolate@stveronica.net for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Colton John Faulk, Louis Michael Jerge, Logan James Slahetka, Owen Alexander Bashford, Augustus Ellis Bashford, and Gabriella Genevieve Bikah who were baptized at St. Veronica in **February**.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Dr. Wm. Todd Fisher
Chantilly Chiropractic Center
"Good Health Naturally"

Please see his ad in our bulletin, and support all those who make this bulletin possible. We are grateful for their support of our parish.

CONTRIBUTING TO ST. VERONICA

Please know that your continued generosity to St. Veronica Church is greatly appreciated.

For your safety and that of our parish staff, and in keeping with the distancing directives, parishioners who currently give with envelopes should mail their donations to the parish office, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly, VA, 20151, or place them in the Poor Box in the north vestibule. Please do not give them to the priests or another staff member.

If you are using an envelope from home that is larger than 3 x 6, or a blue visitor envelope that is available in the vestibules, please put these in the votive candle box as they will not fit in the Poor Box slot. Be certain that your name and the designation for your contribution is on the envelope. If you know your parish envelope number, please include this also.

Faith Direct is also available for one-time or ongoing contributions to the parish. If you use your bank account, and not credit/debit card, there is no fee to the parish. If you use a credit card, we ask that you consider adding the processing fee option to alleviate some of the cost to the parish. The link is on the parish website.

If you have any questions, please email Michele Sharon at msharon@stveronica.net.

~ Fast & Pray for Persecuted Christians ~

2020 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

Steadfast in Faith and Joyful in Hope

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is critical to our diocesan needs, and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work – works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people. Thank you!

CORNERSTONE

Sunday Offertory

Weekend of 3/22/2020	\$ 1,912
Special Offertory Donation	\$ 10,000.00
Faith Direct 1 of 5 Weeks/March (projected)*	\$ 12,468.89

Monthly Mortgage

Weekend of 3/22/2020	\$ 952.00
Faith Direct 1 of 5 Weeks/March (projected)*	\$ 3,945.48

Special Collections

Mother Teresa/Poor Box 3/22/2020	\$ 21.00
Faith Direct/March	\$ 1,435.00

401 Families Donating through Faith Direct

Thank you, and may God bless you for your continued support and generosity.

As of 2/29/2020

Principal paid to date	\$ 3,476,906.60
Mortgage balance	\$ 4,937,693.57
Monthly payment	\$ 38,968.67

*Contributions via Faith Direct are deposited in the parish bank account once a month. The total deposit designated for Sunday Offertory and Monthly Mortgage has been divided by the number of Sundays for that month and added to the weekly totals.

EDUCATION, CATECHESIS, AND EVANGELIZATION

STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FAITH

Summary of Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

Televised and Live-Streamed Sunday and Daily Masses

Father Dyer's 9:00 am Mass and Father Kleinmann's 10:45 am Mass this **Sunday, March 29th** can be viewed on our YouTube channel, which can be accessed from the home page of our website. (Please be sure to subscribe to the channel.) See page 9 for the resource *How to Pray the TV Mass from Home*.

The Arlington Diocese co-sponsors a televised Sunday Mass with the Archdiocese of Washington at the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, available at 10:30 am on Sundays on two local TV stations as well as online. Go to <https://adw.org/parishes-masses/sunday-tv-mass/> for more information or to view the Mass.

Bishop Burbidge will live stream Mass on Wednesdays, 12:05 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More, <https://www.facebook.com/CathedralSTMVA/>. For Sunday Mass schedule, go to <http://tinyurl.com/r49nn7y>.

Eternal Word Television Network broadcasts Mass each day, including Sunday, at 8:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm, and midnight. The network also carries a variety of spiritual and educational programming for adults and children throughout the day and night. Go to ewtn.com/tv/weekly-grid for the complete schedule. The "Channel Finder" tab will help you find your local station.

⇒ When one is unable to receive Holy Communion, the Church encourages us to make a Spiritual Communion. This is the fervent desire to receive Our Eucharistic Lord when it is impossible sacramentally. The purpose is to keep the soul united with Jesus. It thankfully brings us special graces, although not sacramental ones, from God. The prayer to be said is: *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.*

Father Dyer Has Podcasts!

Go to Surprised by Grace Fr. Dyer for his ongoing spiritual reflections and homilies.

Some Online Prayer Resources

- * *Magnificat*, online Daily Readings, <https://us.magnificat.net/free>;
- * Live Divine Mercy Chaplet, Steve Angrisano, 3:00 pm daily, <https://www.facebook.com/steveangrisanomusic/>;
- * Live Silent Eucharistic Adoration, <https://tinyurl.com/tmmd4w4>.

Learn More about Your Faith for Free

FORMED.org now has a Faith at Home section with a plethora of Catholic resources including books, podcasts, studies, movies.

WEEKLY READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

First Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

First Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

THE HOLY FATHER'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

Evangelization: Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

BALTIMORE CATECHISM

Q. How do we know that the Saints hear us?

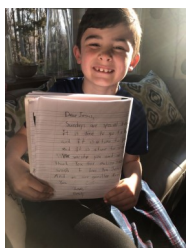
A. We know that the Saints hear us, because they are with God, who makes our prayers known to them.

Q. Why do we believe that the Saints will help us?

A. We believe that the Saints will help us because both they and we are members of the same Church, and they love us as their brethren.

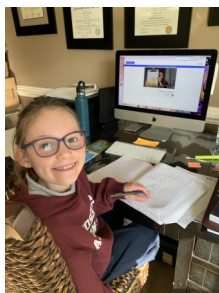
A Message From the Principal

Greetings. What an unexpected end to Trimester II. The good news is



we are in this together, and God has our backs! Hang in there, everyone. Always remember, you are loved and appreciated. Thanks for taking each day as it comes and just doing your very best. That's all we can do, our very best! Good attitudes mixed with a lot of prayer, some laughter, and respecting the new norm of social distance is our recipe for success. Also, renewed relationships with each other through phone calling, texting and emailing, sharing good news along with some of the challenges we are facing, including the solutions which are working for us. We've got this! We will be stronger

when this is all over.



During this season of Distance E-Learning, I thought the following 10 steps, which are being shared about through the social media, might be of help to share with your family. I encourage you to apply it to your individual situation you are facing.



1. Create a Schedule: Without school, work, sports, and other activities to attend, our days at home can easily be filled with mindless entertainment and distraction. Make a plan. Set a schedule that includes a time to pray, a time to study, a time to do chores, and a time to play. Stick to the schedule! You'll be happy you did.

2. Get Dressed for the Day: Don't fall for the temptation to stay in your pajamas all day. Act as if each week day is a regular school day. Take a shower, get dressed, even put on your watch and shoes! You'll feel more motivated to get your school work done.

3. Eat Healthy Meals: Don't fill up on junk food and empty snacks. Set some meal and snack times. Help your parents in the kitchen. Cooking at home and eating healthy is always important but is especially important now.

4. Get Some Exercise: Go outside and take a walk or a run. Play sports with people in your household. Workout to an online exercise video. Set a time for exercise every day.

5. Set a Bed Time: Don't give in to the temptation to stay up really late watching videos or playing games. Enjoy a different schedule on the weekends.

6. Include Regular Prayer and Spiritual Reading: This is so important! Our relationship with God is key and He wants to be with us in the midst of these uncertain times. Set aside time every day, right from the start of this time at home, and pray.

7. Keep the House Clean and Organized: With everyone in the family at home, the house is likely to get messy every day. Stay on top of this and be a real help to your parents. Do the dishes, keep your room tidy and help with laundry. Keeping your home environment organized and clean will help everyone to be more relaxed and comfortable.

8. Practice Online and Technology Safety: Be sure that you ask permission from your parents for anything that you want to do online or through social media. More people will be online during these days including people who do not have good intentions. If something doesn't seem right, stay away from it. Always be open and honest with your parents about your activities online.



9. Take Time Away from Screens: Make time for silence. Enjoy nature. Help your family with yard work or spring cleaning. Do something fun with your parents and siblings away from screens. Your brain will thank you.

10. Enjoy this Time with Your Family: Be cheerful and have fun with your family! Use this opportunity to deepen your bonds with your siblings and parents. This time together is a real blessing!

God Bless You all! Keep each other in prayer

APOSTOLIC SERVICE, PRAYER, AND FELLOWSHIP

youthapostolate@stveronica.net :Young Hearts on Fire with the Love of Christ.

A dynamic youth ministry for young people in grades 6-12



How do I find out more information about youth ministry at St. Veronica?

We send out regular email updates to parents. If you would like to be on our distribution list, please let us know. We are also posting up to date information on our web page on the parish website.

Are youth activities cancelled during the COVID-19 situation?

At this point in time, all in-person youth activities have been cancelled until further notice. However, we are so excited to share that we are still holding many gatherings online! We invite all youth in grades 6-12 to join us! We are using ZOOM video conferencing as our platform and do so with the permission of Fr. Kleinmann and within the safe environment guidelines of the Arlington Diocese. Zoom can be used on a computer, laptop, tablet, phone, or other smart device. Our current schedule of events include a weekly family rosary, devotionals for high school and middle school youth, IGNITE Middle School Ministry, and more! Contact us at youthapostolate@stveronica.net if you have any questions about how to join our Zoom ministry meetings. You will need to email us to receive the meeting link and password for the gatherings.

Bonds of Love: Dear Parish Family, Youth Apostolate would like to invite everyone to participate in our "Bonds of Love" spiritual exercises over the coming weeks. Here's what we need to do. In these days of uncertainty, and for as long as the social distancing protocols have us physically separated, we invite you to join us in our efforts to remain spiritually connected. Every day, as a community, we have the opportunity to engage in spiritual and corporal works of mercy, acts of love where we can extend mercy to one another. We would like to create a physical representation of all of the works of mercy that we will each complete as we pray for one another. Therefore, we are asking everyone to create a paper chain representing their prayers, sacrifices, and works of mercy offered for an end to the COVID-19 situation and all other related intentions. Each day, write down your works of mercy on thin strips of paper, attached them together using staples, tape, or glue to make a chain. Keep adding to your chain every day. At the end of the COVID-19 situation, we will hold a great celebration where we will all come together and attach our individual prayer chains into one long physical expression of our union in these difficult times. Use whatever color or style of paper you want . . . just keep praying and engaging in works of mercy! Let's see if we can make a chain long enough to surround our parish building! Contact us at youthapostolate@stveronica.net for more information or inspiration.

WORDS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

"If the government of a country leaves the Church in peace and gives liberty to our Holy Religion, it will be blessed by God".

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CONTINUES

From **now** through April 5th, the Lenten 40 Days for Life Campaign – 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion – will occur outside abortion mills throughout the world. Because the nearest high volume abortion mill is located in Falls Church, 40 Days for Life is again asking St. Veronica's parishioners to commit to offering intercessory prayers for one hour each weekday before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for families harmed by abortion. Also, join Steven Grist each Saturday morning, 9:00 am to noon in a peaceful prayer vigil outside the mill on 900 S. Washington St., Falls Church.

To sign up, please contact Steven Grist at 703-973-6528 or steve.grist@cox.net, or go to <https://40daysforlife.com/>.

SHARE GOD'S LOVE: LENTEN CROSS

St. Veronica parish invites you to participate in the Lenten Cross of Mercy to support of the mission of the House of Mercy in Manassas. The Lenten Cross, found in the north vestibule, provides us with an opportunity to take part in prayer and almsgiving during Lent. It contains a variety of tags, for either spiritual or corporal works of mercy. Please

select one or more tags and help make Christ's mercy visible for those in need in our community. Return material items to the foot of the cross and monetary items to the parish office or mail them to the House of Mercy in the envelopes found at the foot of the cross.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome on behalf of St. Veronica Church to the following individuals and families who joined our parish in **February**: Nick & Stephanie Anderson; Oscar & Diana Gonzalez and family; Nicole Harmon; Dylan Hunzeker; William Hunzeker; Agnes Brooks Kane; Michael & Monica Lee and family; Sean & Paige O'Reilly; Julio Pohl Garcia Prieto; Mishkin & Mary Ann Santa and family; Christina Shushani; Rick & Amy Trinidad and family.

PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY

We continue our daily prayers for priests by praying each day this week for:

March 29	Rev. Justin Puthussery
March 30	Rev. William Quigley, C.I.C.M.
March 31	Rev. Luis Quiñones
April 1	Rev. Joseph Rampino
April 2	Rev. Peter Reynierse
April 3	Rev. M. Paul Richardson
April 4	Rev. Robert Richter

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MONTE BERICO

O Most Holy Virgin, Mother of God and my Mother Mary, I thank you that you have deigned to appear on Monte Berico and I thank you for all the graces you grant here to those who turn to you. Nobody ever prayed to you in vain. I, too, resort to you and beg you for the Passion and Death of Jesus and for your pains: welcome me, o'merciful Mother, under you mantle, which is a maternal mantle; grant me the particular grace that I ask of You [your petition here] and protect me from all evil and especially from sin which is the greatest evil.

Oh make, oh Mary, my Mother, that I always enjoy your loving protection in life and even more in death and then come to see you in heaven and to thank and bless you forever. Amen.

Madonna of Monte Berico, pray for us.

O sweet Virgin, pious mother of love,
Like the Ave rising from the heart.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria

Ave, ave, ave, Maria

O Virgin, shine as a star in the sky,
Motherly defend your faithful children.

Ave, ave, ave Maria

Ave, ave, ave, Maria

HOW TO PRAY THE TV MASS FROM HOME

Creating a sacred space to reverently watch the mass in your home

Create a prayer altar under your TV or streaming device. Consider setting a crucifix or other sacred art in the prayer space.

Open your bible to the gospel of the day and place it on your "home altar" to remind you that the Word of God is among you.

Light a candle to symbolize the beautiful light that shines in the darkness and to help your home resemble the Church.

Set up chairs like a pew to help you engage in the mass and keep you from passively watching from the couch.

Get dressed as you normally would when attending mass. Keeping this routine is especially helpful for children.

If you have holy water at home, bless yourself and your family before you begin the mass.

Take a few moments of silence to transition from the busyness of your home to the sacredness of the mass.

Fully participate by standing, kneeling, sitting and responding according to the rubrics of the mass.

Engage in community by having coffee and breakfast with your family after mass or by calling your loved ones to connect.



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for more family resources:**

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