

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 Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the reunion of Christendom and for the Holy Father's intentions of this month.

March: Prayer intention for evangelization – Catholics in China. We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Those who help prepare for and present the Mass each weekend:

Masses

Readers:

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TELEVISED MASS: THERE IS A MASS TELEVISED FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AT 10:30AM FOR ANYONE WHO IS UNABLE TO ATTEND ON SUNDAYS:
DISH OR DIRECT TV SUBSCRIBERS: CHANNEL 50 COMCAST: CHANNEL 23 IN SOMD

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St. Cecilia Church

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020



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Weekend Masses: 4:30 pm Saturday Vigil and 8:00 am Sunday Morning

Weekday Masses: 7:30 am Monday through Friday

Confession: 3:00-4:00 pm on Saturday or by appointment

Please contact Fr. Scott to arrange for **marriage** or **baptism** preparation and scheduling.

Food Pantry: Monday *and* Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30am – 12:00pm

The office will be closed on Thursdays, Holy Days, holidays, and for bad weather.

Please remember all who have asked for our prayers: Gerald Adkinson, Virginia Alice, Bradley Anderson and Ernie, Kristin and Casey Austin, Judy and Jim Ballantine, Ivan Barnes, Joyce Bean, Dorothy Berry, Leon Briscoe, Cathy Bush, Carla and Adam, Annie Carroll, Ted Carroll, Francis Carroll, Mildred Carroll, Robert Carter, Steven Carter, Sr. Colleen Clair, Nancy Cotter, Debi Clark, Joey Cosgrove, Jack Cullison, Celia DeVoe, Erica Dingle, Ed Dishman, George E. Fenwick, Norman Fenwick, Eileen Garvey, Mary Glynn, Mary Jean Goldsborough, Mary Gorman, Hannah Gravelle, Mary Jane Hall, Jeff Harris Family, Baby Hancock, James Hensley, Larry Hobbs, John Jovan, Bambi Kwiatkoski, Lynn, John Lolli, Adam Lumpkins, Helen Lococo, Shirley D. Major, George Matthew, Dennis MacQuilliam, Helen Miarowski, Bill Morris, James Morris, Cecilia Plymale, Eileen Peterson, Angie Prucha, Bill Rayle, Don Robinson, Frances Reddix, Clarence Rose, Ellen Rose, Jacob Remis, ZaNiya G. Rice, Joel Rivera, Kimberly Sariego, Fr. Marco Schad, Tiny Taylor, John F. Thompson, Susan Windburn, William Woodland, Lisa, Donna Burriss, Elaine McNeil, Tara Sewell, Doris Rose Yates, James Young, Eva Butler, Francis Birch, Evan Beck, Michael Hammett Jr., Andrew Farrand, Joe Dziewit, and Pauline Dziewit. We thank God for the many people He has healed, bodies, minds *and* souls.

Stewardship Report: March 15, Offertory - \$330.00

May God bless you for your unflinching generosity.

Mass Intentions for March

March 21 – For the intentions of Fran Hawkins

March 22 – For the intentions of St. Cecilia and St. Peter Claver parishioners

March 23 – For the peaceful repose of the soul of John Downey

March 24 – For the intentions of Katie Clair

March 25 – For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mary Lucille Sivak

March 26 – For the peaceful repose of the soul of Ada Spelz

March 27 – For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mary M. Preston

March 28 – Intentions of St. Cecilia and St. Peter Claver parishioners

March 29 – For the peaceful repose of the soul of Walter C. Thumm

March 30 – For the peaceful repose of the soul of Francis Taylor

March 31 – For the peaceful repose of the soul of Kathleen Harrington

By order of the Archbishop Wilton Gregory, all public Masses at St. Cecilia Catholic Church will be cancelled effective Saturday, March 14, 2020 until further notice. St. Cecilia and The Mother Mary Lange Chapel will be open for private prayer 24 hours each day. Father Scott will still hear Confessions on Saturdays from 3:00PM-4:00PM outside. He will also hear Confessions and meet with individuals by appointment. Please dress warmly if it is cold. **ALL** of Father Scott's appointment will take place outside unless he states otherwise. There will also be Adoration from 6:30AM - 8:00AM Monday through Friday and at Saint Peter Claver at 9:00AM on Saturdays. The church is available to pray the Stations of the Cross. There is also a spot to pray the Stations of the Cross outside. It is located in the wooded area between the church parking lot and Mattapany Road. Station of the Cross booklets will not be provided. This is to prevent possibly transferring the virus. Please use your phone or a personal booklet for Stations.

The parish office will still be answering emails and phone calls. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Email: stcecilia@md.metrocast.net Phone: 301-862-4600

If you would still like to make weekly contributions to Saint Cecilia, please drop your envelopes off at the parish office or you can mail it to P.O. Box 429, Saint Mary's City, MD 20686.

St. Cecilia's Food Pantry is closed until further notice, but it will reopen as soon as possible. If you are able, please consider donating nonperishable food items and hygiene products.

Hygiene Products -toilet paper, paper towels, disposable razors, toothpaste, bars of soap, deodorant.

Canned Meats –tuna, sardines, canned beef hash, beef stew, spam, chicken breast, chili, etc.

Fruit –applesauce, peaches, fruit cocktail, etc.

Soup –chicken noodle, vegetable soup, etc.

Vegetables –peas, sliced/whole potatoes, greens (collards, spinach), baked beans. Please, no mustard greens.

Canned Pasta–ravioli, spaghettios, beef-a-roni, etc.

Miscellaneous – mustard (20oz), ketchup (24oz), mayonnaise (15oz), salt, vegetable oil, cereal, oatmeal, grits, peanut, butter, jelly, complete pancake mix, syrup, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, pork and beans.

Online Devotions and Spiritual Resources

Stations of the Cross: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/stations-of-the-cross/scriptural-stations-of-the-cross.cfm>

Daily Mass: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

ADW (Archdiocese of Washington) website for Sunday Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception: www.adw.org/parishes-masses/sunday-tv-mass/

Uploads from the National Shrine:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=UUubahKRKNc4cj3sZSAmc-Nw>

EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) website for daily Mass times, Stations of the Cross, and the Holy Rosary with Mother Angelica as well as a host of other programs: ewtn.com/tv/schedule.

Temporary free access to the MAGNIFICAT: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

Temporary free access to MagnifiKid: www.magnifikid.com/free

Pastor's Keyboard: Recently, a Seminarian told me about a saint I had never heard of before; Saint Corona. St. Corona was a mere 15 years old when she became Christian during Aurelius' persecution around the year 165 AD. When it was discovered that she was a Christian, she was out comforting another Christian who was being tortured for his faith. She was immediately imprisoned and tortured. St. Corona was tied to the tops of two palm trees bent down to the ground. When the ropes holding the trees down were cut, the trees sprang away from each other and back to their upright position. The force was so strong that Corona's body was ripped in half. According to Roman martyr lore, this happened in today's Syria. She lived around 177 AD and she is the Patron Saint against plagues!!! Her feast day is celebrated in Germany and it is celebrated on May 14!

I want to encourage you to ask through the intercession of St. Corona that this modern-day plague be overcome quickly. Let us ask this every day. God places saints in our lives to aid and encourage us. While many may get sick, and some die, none of us will have to endure what she endured for the Love of God.

We do have to endure a lot during this difficult time. This is why we need to pray on our own, pray as a married couple, and pray as a family. Prayer truly does move mountains and can have a powerful impact in ways that we cannot see. Let us pray hard, trust much, and do our part to stay well and keep others safe.

Your Brother and Father in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Scott Woods