

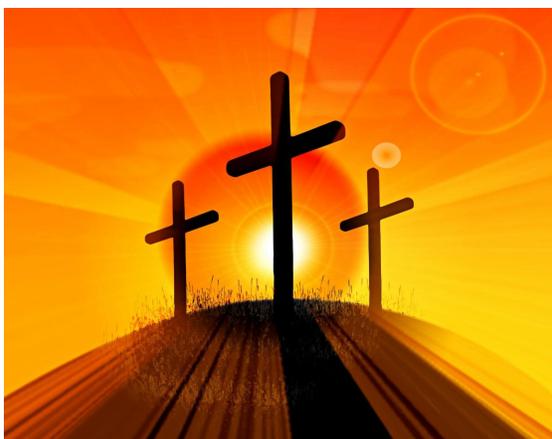
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LOVE ONE ANOTHER



God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son. – John 3:16

Holy Week Experience

Although Holy Week services will not be open to the public, we will be offering live streaming of all Holy

Week services!!

This is new!!!

The link to our website is below and if you go there on the given day and time listed below and navigate to the NEWS tab, you will find a link to the live streaming video. A recording will be available afterwards as well:

- Holy Thursday - live at 7:00 pm
- Good Friday - live at 3:00 pm
- Saturday Vigil - live at 8:00 pm
- Easter Sunday - live at 9:30 am

Food Pantry Needs

Laundry soap

Cereal

Pasta sauce

Canned fruit

Toilet paper

*Please drop off items outside the rectory door. We will have someone pick them up.

If you cannot get to a grocery store but would like to help...a donation is always acceptable.

Thank you in advance for your extra support!

**Our Pantry is open the 2nd & 4th
Friday from 1-3pm**

Our local hospitals are in need. Click the button below the attached document to view all information and access the links.

How you can help

Some heroes wear capes. Our heroes wear scrubs.

Donate funds to support our heroes



Relief Fund for Critical Care provides additional resources to our patients, families and communities, and further supports the physicians, nurses and team members who are working tirelessly.

Team Member Crisis Fund assists team members who are financially impacted by COVID-19.

How to donate: Click here: [Illinois](#) or [Wisconsin](#).
As always, 100% of your gift will be used for these purposes.

Supply donations



Health care workers need essential safety items on the frontline of this pandemic to effectively provide care. We are currently accepting the following items:

- **New masks** – Both N95 and procedural masks will be accepted. These masks can be found across many industries and have been deemed appropriate to use in the health care setting by the CDC. We will gladly accept any new and unused masks.*
- **Handmade masks** – hand sewn masks will be accepted as long as they follow these [instructions](#).
- **Hand sanitizer** – Personal-sized hand sanitizer that has been unopened. CDC guidelines encourage sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol composition.
- **Eye protection** – This includes any new or unused goggles, safety glasses or face shields.
- **Disinfectant wipes** – All brands of unopened premoistened wipes are accepted.

Questions? Contact COVIDAAHSupplyDonations@aurora.org.

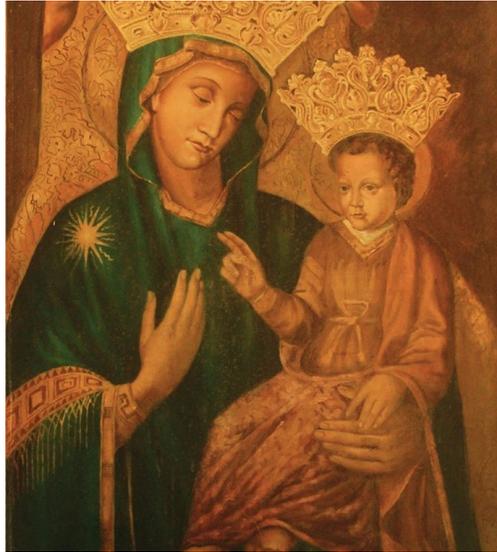
How to donate: Drop off items at your local Advocate Aurora Health hospital at the shipping/receiving dock.

Manufacturers willing to help: If you are a local or national manufacturer looking to support your health care providers, Advocate Aurora Health sincerely appreciates your partnership in keeping our communities and team members safe. Please email Brian.Barnum@advocatehealth.com.



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Pope Francis' Prayer to Our Lady Health of the Sick Beseeching Her Protection During the Coronavirus Pandemic



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
with steadfast faith
you participated in Jesus' pain.
You know what we need.

We are certain that you will make provision,
as you did at Cana in Galilee,
so that joy and celebration
may 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
so as to bring us by His Cross to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

*We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,*

O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

A special Holy Week message from Deacon Jim



April 6, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There are very few times in our lives when our faith is tested. Perhaps during our college days, within our places of business or through our social communities, we were challenged to defend our Catholicism to those who tried to demean it. Perhaps we had to endure some ridicule from individuals who referred to us as bead rattlers, overly pietistic or superstitious. In our family lives, we may have been confronted with a disease, loss of a loved one or a tragedy. It is our faith and confidence in Jesus that directed us through the fog of uncertainty. We take confidence in His word, which offers us hope and assures us of His presence with and for us.

I have encountered many individuals who told me that, during their darkest moments, they felt the power of prayers offered by family and friends on their behalf. I must admit, I have experienced the same. Cardinal Francis George, one of the brightest minds in the modern

Catholic Church – who was a friend and mentor – told me that when he lay dying in the hospital, he experienced the power of prayer and with it, a sense of calm and confidence in the Lord. He did not know whether he would live or die, but he knew that God was with him. In the Cardinal's situation, he survived. However, he told me that this sense of lasting peace from prayer was forever a part of his spiritual journey.

This must be the strangest Holy Week that most of us have ever encountered. Rarely have we ever experienced a challenge that affects the entire nation, as well as the entire globe. The Coronavirus has attacked the very way we live our lives, how we conduct our businesses, the way we meet socially – and, it has denied our recreational enjoyments. For the last weeks, even attending daily and Sunday Mass has been closed to ensure personal safety.

Watching television brings a magnification to the problem, as we watch the national and worldwide numbers rising like the temperature in the heat of summer. Now, we find ourselves during this Holy time – the Holy Triduum – reaching out to God and attempting, through our faith, to make sense of the pandemic. We are doing this collectively. All of humanity is challenged, and it strikes at the very core of our faith. It presents us with the ultimate questions of life itself.

In the Triduum, we journey with Jesus in the last days of His life, through His suffering, His death and His Resurrection (the Paschal Mystery). God's answer to all questions of life must be viewed through the lens of His Son, whose divine self-giving on the cross has restored our relationship with God and has assured us of life eternal. On the cross, we see a God whose love knows no bounds. We make our prayers with the sure and certain understanding that God hears us because He is with us.

We journey with Mary Magdala, Peter and John to the empty tomb. All of us must confront the tomb. It is our future, but not our end. However, it is our choice to either stay before the empty tomb, paralyzed by doubt and uncertainty, or profess the words of St. John, who stated, "He saw, and he believed." The followers of Jesus encountered the risen Christ. They were different. They were changed. They no longer worried about their life, but now their life in Christ.

Our encounter this Easter before the empty tomb will change us, as we hear the words of the angel: "Do not be afraid!" Let us open our hearts and minds to the living Jesus, and in our prayers find peace and trust in the Lord, whose love offers us eternal life.

This is a Happy Easter because upon leaving the empty tomb, we seek to

witness to Jesus in prayer as we LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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