Parish Mission Statement

As a branch of the one vine, as the family of our Lord Jesus, it is our mission to follow the way of the Lord, by extending welcome, embracing in healing love, and sharing the good news of the Gospel.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses: No Public Masses are currently being celebrated

Friday Mass: No Public Masses are currently being celebrated

Sunday Masses: No Public Masses are Currently being celebrated
Monday, March 30th
8:00AM  +Dorothy Ridgway
Tuesday, March 31st
8:00AM  +Honey Lynn
Wednesday, April 1st
No 8AM Mass
Thursday, April 2nd
8:00AM  +Frank Kapple
Friday, April 3rd
8:45AM  +Felicidad Nonlasco
Saturday, April 4th
No 8AM Mass
5:00PM  +Dorothy Ridgway
         Special Intention for the
         Unborn and their families
         +Emma Jurich
         +Mary O’Donnell
         +Jack Dutton
Palm Sunday, April 5th
7:00AM  +Ray Heilmann
9:00AM  +Tony and +Marie Bruno
         +Melissa Moore
         +Mildred Kazmierczak
         +Rolando Tomas Santiago
         +Diane Leal
11:00AM For The People of Our Lady of Humility

Readings for the week of March 29, 2020
Sunday:  Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]*Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-15 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Tuesday:  Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:  Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:  Gv 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:  Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:  Ez 37:21-28/Jer 33:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
27:66 or 27:11-54

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Sanctuary Light Intentions – 03/29/20 – 04/04/20
+Herbert and +Michael Siemens

Welcome to Our Lady of Humility Catholic Church
A Note From The Pastor...

I’m happy to report that last Sunday at 9 AM, there was a live broadcast of the Mass on my Facebook page, available to the public using the following link: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100013005573744. I’m told that at least 135 people viewed live with 437 views! You may use this link for future live broadcasts. Please know that I will livestream the Mass again this Saturday, March 28TH at 5 PM and Sunday, March 29TH at 9 AM. Quite honestly, I never intended to use live media, but I know how much it means to all of you to see Mass celebrated in the church where so many of you have attended for years. I hope this gives you a sense of connection with our parish.

I’d also like to inform you that the Archdiocese of Chicago is also providing weekend and daily Masses; you may use this link to view them: https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses

As I write this column, it has been reported that in some areas people are not observing the shelter-in-place guidelines. I do want to stress the importance for all of us to only go out when necessary; it will lead to saving lives. Otherwise, the virus will spread more rapidly, and we will overload our healthcare system all at once, causing many to die who otherwise could be saved with proper healthcare and equipment such as ventilators. There still is uncertainty regarding how the virus is transmitted; it appears that a majority can be infected without symptoms while passing on the illness to others.

I just received some updated guidelines from the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please know that the Archdiocese and I are aware of the pain and sadness of being separated from the sacramental life of the Church, especially the Sacrament of the Eucharist. However we are making this sacrifice to shelter-in-place for the common good, including our own good. Regarding individual confessions, they are not possible in any form, including drive-thru confession. For now, I especially ask those seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation to make a solemn, sincere Act of Contrition with a firm intention to go to Confession as soon as the stay-at-home order is lifted. If you do not know an Act of Contrition, simply google the phrase and pray it. Please know that God knows better than we do what is in our hearts; God takes our relationship with Him seriously. If you are sorry for your sins, repent with the intention to go to Confession after the stay-at-home order is lifted, the Lord will honor your desire and patiently wait for you in the sacrament.

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound is suspended until the governor’s stay-at-home order is lifted. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is possible with some qualifications. Only a select few designated priests under sixty years old with no comorbidity may anoint a COVID-19 patient. Non-COVID-19 patients may also be anointed. Funeral Masses and funerals are not possible at this time as our churches are still closed. However, funeral services at the funeral home or gravesides are possible with a limit of ten people attending and practicing social distancing.

Finally, a Plenary Indulgence has been granted due to the extraordinary nature of this pandemic. An indulgence removes some [partial] or all [plenary] temporal punishment due to sin. A Plenary Indulgence can be gained by the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfill the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible, when the suspensions are lifted. In addition, health care workers, first responders, family members and all those who, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus will obtain the same gift of the Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions.

Let us continue to pray for all the sick and those who care for them, and please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. May the peace of the Lord Jesus be with you always.

God Bless, Fr. Paul
March 29th, 2020

Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn’t. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, “Come out!” He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn’t negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn’t diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don’t cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?
Week At A Glance

**Sunday, March 29th**
No Masses or Activities—Parish/ School Buildings closed

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**Palm Sunday, April 5th**
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Blessed Palms to be distributed at a later date

Please consider online donations or donations via mail

While we know it is difficult for many of our parishioners during these days and weeks of dealing with the uncertainty due to the corona virus and the ever changing rules and regulations being put in place to try to help slow the spread, please be aware it is difficult for the church as well. We do continue to incur expenses and weekly contributions are the primary source of income to pay those expenses. If you are able, we would ask that you consider continuing your regular contributions so we can ensure we are prepared when we are once again allowed to offer Masses to our parishioners. Thank you to those who are already giving on-line!

Online donations can be made at www.Givecentral.org. Please be sure to search for Our Lady of Humility when using Give Central to ensure donations are sent to the correct parish.

We are keeping all of you in our prayers and hope to see everyone again soon!

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Knights Of Columbus
2020 Raffle Winner
03/23/20 – Andrew Rhomberg –
Pick 3 #013

Congratulations!

*Note: If you see your name printed in the bulletin as a Raffle Ticket Winner, and have not received your check, please contact Richard at: (847) 249-4813.*

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Looking for additional Lenten resources for yourself or your family?

Don’t forget there are many resources available on FORMED.org. If you haven’t signed in before, you can choose “sign up” and indicate you are a parishioner, then search for Our Lady of Humility and the site will walk you through the sign up process. This is free to our parishioners through the parish membership!

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Important Cutoff Dates From The Bulletin Editor

Please note with the upcoming Easter Holiday, the bulletin will need to be submitted early. The following cutoff dates are for any bulletin articles for the **April 5th – Palm Sunday Bulletin**, and for the **April 12th – Easter Sunday Bulletin**:

- For the **April 5th Bulletin (the Palm Sunday Bulletin)**, articles are needed by **Tuesday, March 24th**.
- For the **April 12th Bulletin (the Easter Sunday Bulletin)**, articles are needed by **Friday, March 27th**.

Articles can be dropped off at the Rectory, or E-mailed to: bulletinarticles@ourladyofhumility.org

Please note that e-mail is the preferred method, especially with articles being submitted for early bulletin submissions as it is much quicker to add articles in electronic format.

Thank You!
Mary and the Saints

Question: Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

Answer: One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in “the communion of saints.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.

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Some Saints to Consider During the Pandemic

Saints Cosmas and Damian: Patron Saints of Medicine
St. Luke: Patron Saint of Physicians, Surgeons, and artists
St. Raphael the Archangel
St. Peregrine: Patron Saint of Cancer and Other Serious Illnesses
St. Dymphna: Patron Saint of Stress, Anxiety and Mental Health
St. Corona: Patroness of Pandemics
St. Roch: Pestilence and Plague
St. Rosalia: Plague
St. Nicholas: Patron Saint for money problems (which many will suffer during this pandemic)
A Message from Catholic Charities

COVID-19 Update:

- Catholic Charities has suspended all senior group activities and adult day care amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Meals to go are available at Congregate Meal sites and Senior Centers.
- Food pantries and evening meal programs will continue to provide food as dictated by supplies and safe distribution protocols.
- Counseling and case management services are being provided remotely. Please call your case worker or program contact if you need assistance.

We have many, many partners to thank — government, individuals, corporations, vendors, volunteers, and donors — who are helping us continue to serve those most in need amidst this pandemic. We are immensely heartened and grateful for your support. If you would like to contribute to our efforts, we know the need will only continue to grow, and we appreciate your generosity. Catholic Charities also accepts donations of non-perishable food, clothing, and personal hygiene items. Donations may be dropped off at the St. Vincent Center at 721 N. LaSalle Street, Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or at our Regional Offices.

If you are struggling in any way, don’t hesitate to contact Catholic Charities. To get help, call 312-655-7700 or visit http://www.catholiccharities.net/GetHelp.aspx.

If you would like to explore other ways to support Catholic Charities during this time, please contact Andrew McKernin, Volunteer Relations Project Manager, at 312-655-7557 or amckernin@catholiccharities.net.

Our Lady Of Humility’s Food Pantry

We are in need of any items you are willing and able to donate at this time. We are in unprecedented times and are trying to ensure we are able to continue to serve those who are most needy in our community.

By mandate of the Archdiocese of Chicago, in conjunction with the State of Illinois based on CDC guidelines, our offices will be closed. Please drop off any donations at the entry to the Hayes Room and they will be collected for distribution.

For the time being, please recycle all of your plastic and paper bags, we have an overabundance of them right now.

Thank you for the continued generosity!
Greetings from the Business Manager

During these unprecedented times where we are asked to stay at home for the good of ourselves and others to help slow the spread of this horrible disease, many things come to mind...

First, I believe this is an opportunity for each of us to grow closer to Jesus. What a great time to reconnect with Him. I have found that we, as a family, have started praying more together now that we are all home together. Each day, we try to pray the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please know that all of our fellow parishioners and friends are in our prayers each day, as are our leaders in government who are all trying to do their best to slow the spread of this disease. We also pray for all those who are working in essential jobs during this pandemic, from the doctors and medical staff all the way down to the delivery drivers, grocery store workers, daycare providers and others who are working every day to care for both the sick and the healers on the front lines as well as those who have lost jobs and are struggling.

I hope to try to print some pictures of the Stations of the Cross and pray together with Mike and the kids each Friday. This may be something to consider doing with your family as well. If you sign in to Formed.org under the parish membership, you can play the Stations of the Cross and pray along. In the coming days, we plan to explore more of the offerings on the site as well.

We will watch Father Paul’s live stream of the Mass on Sunday morning’s (and even though I will likely be teased, I will play an opening and closing hymn via my Spotify app, because I miss the singing).

I think about those who are homebound and unable to have visitors at this time and how lonely they must be. I admit to being a bit of a hoarder of crafting supplies, so I hope to start working with my family to make some cards to send out either to the homebound or those in nursing homes just to let them know we are thinking of them and praying for them.

I also think of our teachers, who, like we parents, are learning new ways of teaching every day as we struggle to work with e-learning to ensure our kids continue learning each day.

Yes, I do think about parish and school finances and pray that we will continue to be able to pay the bills so we can return stronger than before. Last week was really rough as it was the first weekend we were not able to offer Mass. I have faith that our parishioners will come through if they are able to continue supporting the parish either by mailing in contributions, or preferably by utilizing our online giving platform which can be found on the parish website. When using online giving, the parish receives the money in approximately 2 days and it is directly deposited to our bank account. We are putting a hold on garbage and cleaning services (please note we have had the entire campus disinfected during the past weeks and are working diligently to ensure we are continuously cleaning high touch areas) and have reduced the heat settings in the buildings that are not being used. We will continue to monitor ways to cut back on expenses, but please know we try our best to keep our costs to a minimum at all times.

Finally, I look forward to a return to a new normal, which will include a stronger prayer life and the ability to gather again to celebrate Mass here at Our Lady of Humility with all of you!

Stay Well, Laura Jones
Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap your arms around our world
and hold us in your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.

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Thank you!

Let us love, since that is what our hearts were made for.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30PM

Sacrament of Marriage:
An appointment, at least 6 months in advance (Diocesan Policy), is made with the Pastor prior to setting a date. Catholic persons will have to obtain new Certificates of Baptism.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Baptisms are scheduled the 1st Sunday of every month. Attendance is required at a Preparation Session. Please call the Parish Secretary for arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick:
Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is in the hospital or sick at home, and wishes to receive the Anointing of the Sick. Phone the Rectory for home communion calls.

Welcome New Parishioners:
We would like you to become a parishioner. Registration packets are available at each Church door.

The Rosary:
Prayed Daily at 7:30AM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (during the summer only) before Mass. On Fridays (during the school year) prayed at 8AM before Mass. Prayed on Sundays after the 7AM Mass.

Handicap Accessibility:
There is an access ramp on the west, and a lift on the east side of Church. Handicap parking is available.

Quinceaneras:
Call the Rectory 9 months prior to setting a date. It is required that you are Registered Participating Parishioners for at least one year prior to requesting a date for the Quinceanera celebration.

Eucharistic Adoration:
Thursdays 1-6PM.

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Deadline for all Bulletin submissions is 4PM on Wednesdays 11 days before you want the Article to appear. (For example: Wednesday, January 12th, for Sunday, January 23rd.)

Sunday Masses: 5PM Saturday, 7AM, 9AM, and 11AM Sunday
Weekday Masses: 8AM Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
Friday: 8:45AM (During School Year) 8AM (During Summer)

All Are Welcome!

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Please Remember In Your Prayers


For The Deceased:
Jill Olson

Marcy Hathorn (Mother of Dawn Klasinski)

If someone is in need of healing prayers, please call the Rectory at (847) 872-8778 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9AM and 3:30PM. Thank you!

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