

## Fifth Sunday

IN LENT / YEAR A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: PS 43:1-2

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

### READING I: Ez 37:12-14

God promises to restore the people to their homeland  
and to give them a rebirth of faith.

### PSALM RESPONSE: PS 130

"With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption."  
Psalm 130 is another traditional "penitential psalm."  
Like Psalm 51, it is used by the Church during seasons and rituals  
of repentance. It sings of another kind of "resurrection"—  
the restoration of someone who is suffering,  
who has experienced God's mercy, forgiveness, and redemption.

### READING II: ROM 8:8-11

Paul uses "flesh" to mean those who  
have not come to belief in Christ  
and "spirit" to mean those who have.  
For those who believe,  
the Spirit is at work restoring all of creation  
and raising it to the new life given us in Christ.

### GOSPEL: JN 11:1-45

The story of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus  
makes some points similar to those made  
in the previous week's Gospel:  
You need to see things from God's perspective  
in order to understand them. Jesus is the source of true life.  
Though he is "the Christ, the Son of God,"  
he is also very human, deeply touched  
by the sorrow of his friends at the death of Lazarus.  
God is acting through him not only in this miracle  
but also throughout his ministry  
("I know that you always hear me").

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: JN 11:26

Everyone who lives and believes in me  
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

### A REFLECTION FROM FR. GIESE

One of my favorite scripture passages for difficult times  
is found in the Book of Habbakuk, chapter 3, verses 17-19:

*"For though the fig tree blossom not  
nor fruit be on the vines,  
Though the yield of the olive fail  
and the terraces produce no nourishment,  
Though the flocks disappear from the fold  
and there be no herd in the stalls,  
Yet will I rejoice in the LORD  
and exult in my saving God.  
God, my Lord, is my strength;  
He makes my feet swift as those of hinds  
and enables me to go upon the heights."*

I read this at the conclusion of our weekly staff meeting  
recently and then adapted it to the current situation:

*"For though the classrooms of our school are empty  
and there are no children in the halls,  
Though there is no choir in the church  
to raise their voices in hymns  
and no congregation to lead in worship,  
to give praise to God together,  
Though there be no sign of peace to exchange,  
and there is distance to be kept,  
Though there is grave concern throughout the world,  
Yet will I rejoice in the Lord and exult in my saving God.  
God, my Lord, is my strength."*

It is my hope that you will find comfort in scripture  
and cause for rejoicing in your faith in God  
who gave us his only begotten Son  
to show us the way and to be the light of the world.

## SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

- ♦ The church will be open during the usual hours for prayer and devotion.
- ♦ The archdiocesan website has resources on how to receive spiritual communion:  
<https://adw.org/coronavirus-dispensation-and-prayers/>.
- ♦ Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. You can find the readings at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and a Sunday Gospel reflection on the archdiocesan YouTube channel, [www.youtube.com/washarchdiocese](http://www.youtube.com/washarchdiocese).
- ♦ The archdiocesan website has audio and written Stations of the Cross: <https://adw.org/coronavirus-dispensation-and-prayers/>.
- ♦ Visit <https://adw.org/tvmass> to see the archdiocesan Sunday TV Mass online, and for the schedule for cable and satellite providers which prodcast the Mass.

## LENT IN OUR PARISH

### CONFESSIONS & ADORATION

Confessions are heard every Wednesday in Lent from 6:45-8:00 pm. This time on Wednesday evenings at St. Jane also offers the opportunity for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament of penance, have been away for some time, or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. Visit [www.thelightison.org](http://www.thelightison.org) to view a walk-through of the process of Confession so that you feel confident and ready. Confessions are also heard at St. Jane each Saturday, 3:45-4:45 pm.

### SAINTS & STATIONS

Group Stations of the Cross have been suspended. However, Stations of the Cross booklets will be available on Fridays so individuals may pray the Stations. In addition,

### LENTEN VOCATIONS TREE

Please take a card and pray for your selected seminarian every day during Lent. Thank you for joining 79 parishes, two universities, and the Pastoral Center in praying for vocations in the Archdiocese of Washington this Lenten season.

### CRS RICE BOWL: OPPORTUNITY TO DREAM

Young people must be provided good nutrition to be able to pursue their dreams. Did you have the opportunity to dream? What can you do to give young people the opportunity to dream? Visit [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org) for more.

### LENTEN LESSONS ON THE MASS

Deepen your faith this Lent with 40 lessons on the Eucharist and the Holy Mass—the source and summit of our faith. Sign up to receive a Lenten Lesson in your email inbox each day, then read or listen to Fr. Rocky Hoffman's one-minute lesson while you brush your teeth, on the way to

work, or at the dinner table. Sign up at <https://RelevantRadio.com>.

## IN OUR PARISH

*Can't find the bulletin you brought home from church?  
Want to keep up on what's happening in the parish  
even when you are away on vacation or sick in bed?  
Visit our parish website, [www.stjanedechantal.org](http://www.stjanedechantal.org)  
to view a copy of the bulletin and for more information on  
parish events and organizations.*

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

St. Jane de Chantal Parish welcomes those who have recently registered in our parish. If you attend Mass at St. Jane Frances de Chantal regularly, we encourage you to register as a member. Please complete a registration form, which can be found at [www.stjanedechantal.org](http://www.stjanedechantal.org), scan it, and email it to [parish.office@stjanedechantal.org](mailto:parish.office@stjanedechantal.org).

### THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN

At this time, the new Executive Order from the State of Maryland allows parish offices to remain open. While some staff is working from home, someone will be in the office to answer calls and emails. If you have a question or concern, please call 301-530-1550, or email [parish.office@stjanedechantal.org](mailto:parish.office@stjanedechantal.org). If you know the email address for a staff member, you may email them directly.

### LIVE-STREAMED MASS FROM ST. JANE CHURCH

Thank you to all who joined our internet congregation this past Sunday. We apologize to those who were not able to view the Mass. We hope to have the glitches worked out by our next live-streamed Mass, scheduled for Sunday, March 29, at 10:00 am. We have posted a recording of the March 22 Mass on Youtube (<https://youtu.be/0NRkqffoX4E>), and my sermon for the Fourth Sunday of Lent is posted on our parish website (<http://stjanedechantal.org/media/sermons/fourth-sunday-in-lent/>).



ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH  
Sunday, March 29, Live-Stream Mass  
10:30 am

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCURFx0PSNBf3HXZA5XMh-MQ?](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCURFx0PSNBf3HXZA5XMh-MQ?view_as=subscriber)  
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**PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY**

The April 2-4 sessions for our parish photo directory have been cancelled. Parishioners with appointments on those days should have received notification via phone call or voice mail. Once Lifetouch studios are back in operation, we will work with them to set up a new series of photo sessions.

**NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC**

St. Jane's Director of Music and Liturgy, Jeffrey Porter, will be part of the pre-concert lecture for an upcoming concert of the National Philharmonic. On May 30, they will perform Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*. The concert begins at 8:00 pm at Strathmore. The pre-concert lecture begins at 6:45 pm. St. Jane parishioners will receive a 20% discount on tickets by using the code STJANE20. Tickets are on sale at the Strathmore box office online at [nationalphilharmonic.org](http://nationalphilharmonic.org) or call 301-581-5100. This is part of our outreach to the larger community by the Evangelism Committee.

**LIGHTBULB EXCHANGE**

Come to the Lightbulb Exchange event rescheduled for Sunday, May 31, from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon in Caulfield Hall. Anyone who brings in three incandescent or CFL lightbulbs will receive in exchange three LED lightbulbs. You will learn how LED bulbs can save your energy costs, and lighten your load! The St. Jane Frances de Chantal Environmental Committee has arranged for this event with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection.

**YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

Keep an eye out for future emails and posts, as we look forward to gathering with you all once the current health crisis allows. For those that haven't yet, please fill out our short survey via Facebook (@stjaneyaf) to help us plan future events so we may make the most out of a truncated calendar. As always, email [stjaneyaf@gmail.com](mailto:stjaneyaf@gmail.com) if you

have questions or concerns.

**SACRED MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE**

The next event, scheduled for Sunday, March 29 at 3:00 pm, has been postponed; date TBD. The Choir and Soloists of St. Jane Frances de Chantal have worked hard to prepare for this concert, and hope to present it later in the Spring. Together with Orchestra, they will perform Michael John Trotta's moving work *Seven Last Words – Septem Verbum Ultima*. This concert will also feature original poetry for the Passion by Director of Music and Liturgy, Mr. Jeffrey Porter. Our Fine Arts Series, Sacred Music in a Sacred Place, relies on the patronage of parishioners and Friends of Music at St. Jane. This is a very ambitious undertaking. If you wish to give a gift to help underwrite the cost of the concert, you can send donations made out to Friends of Music at St. Jane to the church address. Plan on attending this emotional and very moving musical experience in commemoration of the Passion of Christ.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

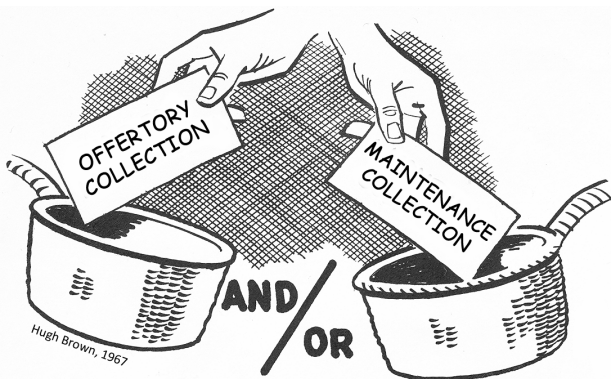
The Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for Sunday, April 5 at St. Jane has been cancelled. The main donation center will still be operating and there is still a great need for blood donations. Visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> to schedule an appointment. Your donation is much appreciated!

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

... those who are sick, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, especially John and Pat Krisko, Pierre Benjamin, and Leonard Moreno.

**IN OUR LITURGY & MUSIC MINISTRIES**

Visit the Music Ministries page at [www.stjanedechantal.org/ministries/music-ministry](http://www.stjanedechantal.org/ministries/music-ministry) for information on the many music ensembles at St. Jane.

**TO GIVE OR NOT TO GIVE**

THIS IS A DECISION  
**YOU** MUST MAKE

**PLEASE HELP US MAINTAIN PARISH OPERATIONS DURING THIS TIME OF WORRY**

Our priests and staff remain on duty to assist you with your pastoral care, and their salaries will continue to be paid.

Parishioners and visitors continue to visit our church for prayer and devotion during regular hours, so some lighting and heat is being maintained.

Our parish maintenance staff is working to deep-clean the school and common areas of the church and Seton Center, which has increased the cost of regular maintenance.

**Please prayerfully consider signing up with Faith Direct!**

By giving electronically through Faith Direct, you can ensure that our parishioners are cared for and our church is safe, even if you are unable to be present. To enroll, visit Faith Direct's website, [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net), or call toll-free, 1-866-507-8757; our parish code is MD30. You can also fill out and mail a Faith Direct enrollment form, which can be found in the gathering space of church.



## IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Visit the Faith Formation page at [www.stjanedechantal.org](http://www.stjanedechantal.org) for information on the various programs, registration forms and calendars.

## IN OUR BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Check out the St. Jane de Chantal School website at [www.dechantal.org](http://www.dechantal.org) to get information on admissions, see what each classroom is studying, and more.

### SCHOOL TOURS

Families interested in the 2020-21 school year are encouraged to take a school tour, when schools have reopened; contact Catherine Tomsheck at [ctomsheck@dechantal.org](mailto:ctomsheck@dechantal.org). Applications and enrollment material are available as part of school tours. For more information, visit [www.dechantal.org](http://www.dechantal.org).

## IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

For more information on vocations, education, family, youth, social concerns, & other events in the Archdiocese of Washington, visit [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org). The website also has a media center, which includes social media tools, a YouTube channel, and apps.

### ARCHDIOCESAN DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM

Permanent deacons are called to a special ministry of service through which they assist the poor, the hungry, the sick, the homeless, immigrants, and others. As ministers of God's Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel at Mass, preach, and teach. They also exercise various liturgical roles, including baptisms, witnessing marriages, and preside at funerals, wakes, and graveside services. The Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation of the Archdiocese of Washington will begin a new cycle of preparation of men for the diaconate in October 2020. The initial selection process for this class, a series of "Come and See" events around the Archdiocese, has been cancelled. Interested men may still contact Deacon Charles Huber, Assistant Director of Formation, at 301-853-4582 or [HuberC@adw.org](mailto:HuberC@adw.org). Qualifications and an Inquirer's Information Form are available at <https://adw.org/vocations/deacons/formation-program/>.

### POST ABORTION DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING

Have unresolved feelings about your abortion experience? Returning guilt, shame, regret, or sadness? You just don't feel forgiven? Come to an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing, Saturday, April 25, 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. For more information and to register, call 301-982-2008 or email [hope@adw.org](mailto:hope@adw.org). Location and contacts are confidential due

to the personal nature of this experience.

### ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILARIAN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

The annual ADW Jubilarian Celebration of Marriage honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years. This year the Mass will be held on Sunday, June 28, at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with his Excellency, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, as the celebrant. Register by May 18 by contacting the St. Jane parish office at 301-530-1550 or parish. [office@stjanedechantal.org](mailto:office@stjanedechantal.org).

### THE WAY RETREAT FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington sponsors retreats for survivors. For more information on future retreats, for men and women, visit [adw.org/the-way-retreat](http://adw.org/the-way-retreat). To register, email [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org) or call Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466.

## STEWARDSHIP

*When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives — our gifts as well as our sufferings — can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves.*

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Thank you to all who have been mailing your contribution envelopes to the parish office. If you use the offering envelopes mailed to you each month, please use the white self-addressed envelope that comes with the packet to mail your contributions to the parish office. If you do not have the self-addressed envelope, mail your contributions to 9701 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

### POOR BOX

The Poor Box next weekend, April 4/59, will benefit the Monsignor Christopher Fund. Our parish school may be closed due to COVID-19 health concerns, but, our students are learning just as much and our teachers are working just as hard from home. Our school families value Catholic education, but, in the current economy, some may need help paying tuition. The Monsignor Christopher Fund provides need-based scholarships to our parish school. You can help support students in our "Best of Bethesda" school by making a gift online at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/30>.

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GIVE

to St. Jane de Chantal Parish & School:

### NON-CASH

STOCK TRANSFERS, DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS, & IRA CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS;  
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DESIGNATE INTENTION

### ENVELOPES

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE  
TO REQUEST ENVELOPES

### ONLINE

VISIT [FAITHDIRECT.NET](http://FAITHDIRECT.NET)  
TO MAKE A ONE-TIME GIFT

### TEXT-TO-GIVE

TEXT \$ AMOUNT  
TO 301-485-5127

### MAIL

9701 OLD GEORGETOWN RD  
BETHESDA MD 20814-1795

### RECURRING

THROUGH [FAITHDIRECT.NET](http://FAITHDIRECT.NET)  
OR YOUR BANK'S BILL PAY

C = Church ♦ CH = Caulfield Hall ♦ CGS = Gathering Space ♦ CLL = Church Lower Lobby  
 CRH = Christopher Hall ♦ SMR = Scanlan Meeting Room ♦ DCR = De Chantal Room  
 MR = Music Room ♦ NMR = Nalls Meeting Room ♦ RBR = Rectory Board Room  
 SCH = School ♦ SC = Seton Center for Religious Education  
 AF = Athletic Field ♦ PG = Parish Grounds

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

10:00 am..... Mass ..... ONLINE

**MONDAY, MARCH 30****TUESDAY, MARCH 31****WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

6:45 pm..... Confessions &amp; Adoration ..... C

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2****FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

7:30 pm..... Stations of the Cross ..... ONLINE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

3:45 pm..... Confessions ..... C

**POPE FRANCIS**

Lent invites us  
 to reflect on  
 the meaning of life,  
 sure in the knowledge  
 that only in and  
 with Christ  
 will we find the answer  
 to the mystery of  
 suffering and death.  
 We were not created  
 for death,  
 but for life  
 in abundance:  
 eternal life.

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**READINGS****Apr. 5**

Procession  
Mt 21:1-11

Reading I  
Is 50:4-7

Reading II  
Phil 2:6-11

Gospel  
Mt 26:14—27:66

**INTENTIONS****Sun., March 29 – Sat., April 4**

Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	12:00 pm
	5:00 pm
Monday	8:30 am
Tuesday	8:30 am
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	8:30 am
Saturday	8:30 am
	5:00 pm

*Someone from  
the parish office  
will contact  
those who have  
requested intentions  
regarding scheduling.*

*If you have not heard  
from the office,  
call 301-530-1550.*

**ALTAR SERVERS****Mon., March 30 – Sun., April 5**

Monday	8:30 am
Tuesday	8:30 am
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	8:30 am
	7:30 pm
Saturday	8:30 am
	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	12:00 pm
	5:00 pm