



## Fourth Sunday

IN LENT / YEAR A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: IS 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### READING I: 1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

The prophet Samuel sees David's spirit  
and God's election of David,  
even though on the surface the young man  
does not appear to be the obvious choice  
to be the "Lord's anointed."

### PSALM RESPONSE: PS 23

Faith allows us to see beyond  
the dangers of "the dark valley"  
to the presence of God at our side.

### READING II: EPH 5:8-14

The light of Christ should not simply shine on us;  
it should shine out from inside us.  
We should "live as children of light."  
We should see things as God sees them  
and act in ways that please the Lord.

### GOSPEL: JN 9:1-41

Jesus sees things in the light of God,  
so he knows that problems like physical blindness  
are not the result of sin.  
But, as the former blind man discovers,  
once he has been given his sight,  
there is a kind of blindness that can afflict our spirit,  
which keeps us from seeing God's hand at work  
in our world and in ourselves.  
The former blind man does not suffer from such blindness,  
but those around him do.  
The very presence of Christ reveals  
those who suffer from blindness of spirit  
and those who "have eyes to see."

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: JN 9:11, 38

The Lord anointed my eyes:  
I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

### POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,  
keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide so that,  
as in Cana of Galilee, we may return  
to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows to lead us,  
through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge,  
Holy Mother of God.  
Do not disdain the entreaties of we  
who are in trial,  
but deliver us from every danger,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

(Adapted from Vatican News.)

## 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

Join us on Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) for Saints and Stations. This year we will focus on those saints who aid us in our spirituality:

March 27 | St. Pius X (Bro. Reginald Hoefer, OP)

April 3 | St. Faustina (Fr. Bonaventure Chapman, OP)

The evening begins at 7:00 pm in Caulfield Hall with a presentation on a saint. Soup will not be served. The evening concludes with Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm in church.

### 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

Meet Maria Ana. Maria Ana and her brothers receive one meal a day at school, so that they can focus on achieving their dreams. How was education important for your future? How can you ensure that all young people have a

chance to be educated? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.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.*

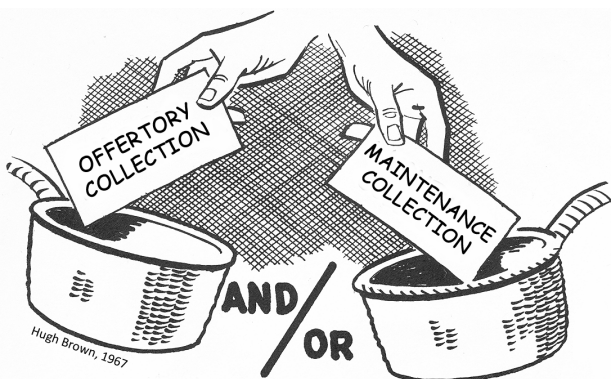
### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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:Office@stjanedechantal.org).

### 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.

## 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 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.

**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. 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.

**YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

We regret to inform you that we have decided to cancel our St. Patrick's Day Party planned for this Sunday, March 22. In light of the new guidelines from the CDC, we do not feel it is responsible to continue to plan an event amid the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please keep an eye out for future emails and posts, as we look forward to gathering with you all once the situation is under control. 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.

**SODALITY MORNING OF RECOLLECTION**

The Sodality Morning of Recollection scheduled for Saturday, March 28, has been cancelled.

**SACRED MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE**

The next event, scheduled for Sunday, March 29 at 3:00 pm, has been postponed; the new date TBD. The event will feature the Choir and Soloists of St. Jane Frances de Chantal together with Orchestra performing 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**

our annual Red Cross Blood Drive is still scheduled for

Sunday, April 5 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm in Caulfield Hall. Please consider donating! Types O+, O-, A-, and B- are in particular need. Registration and appointments will be managed online through the Red Cross website. To register, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Search by "St. Jane Frances de Chantal," and our event will pop up. Or, you can call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your appointment. Questions? Email [David.Hull@redcross.org](mailto:David.Hull@redcross.org). 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.

**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 Tomscheck at [ctomscheck@dechantal.org](mailto:ctomscheck@dechantal.org). Applications and enrollment material are available as part of school tours. For more information, visit [www.dechantal.org](http://www.dechantal.org).

**KIDS HEART CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to our amazing school and community for raising \$21,110 for the American Heart Association. Joey McCormick was the top fundraiser and Andrew Fantis was the second. Room 13 won the pizza party, Room 2 won the ice cream, and Room 12 won lollipops. Lastly, we had three

**WE NEED YOU TO MAKE OUR DIRECTORY COMPLETE**

Lifetouch is photographing all of our parishioners for a new St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish directory.

Visit

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b6t9qzqm/>  
to schedule your session.

**Additional appointments have opened for Thursday—Saturday, April 2-4.**

If you are unable to schedule your session online, contact the parish office (301-530-1550) for assistance.



classrooms, Rooms 12, 16, and 19, win a basket full of recess equipment for having 100% of the students register online. Thank you to everyone for all of your support!

### ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to seventh grade student, Austin Medina, for winning the 2020 De Chantal school spelling bee! He won the spelling bee in record time with the word "accordance." There was tough competition between the 28 class finalists representing third-eighth grades. Seventh grade student, Allie Rhea, took second place, and seventh grade student, Christopher McCord, was third place. Austin will represent St. Jane at the regional spelling bee.

### FIELD TRIPS

Before school closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Kindergarten visited Adventure Theatre to see the live showing of *The Snowy Day*. The kindergarten was excited to experience snow, even if it was the fake stuff! The third grade went to Madame Toussaud's Wax Museum and participated in a scavenger hunt in preparation for their own Wax Museum in April. The eighth grade classes went to Blessed Sacrament School to meet the author, Caitlin Alifrenka, who wrote the book *I will Always Write Back*. The eighth grade classes read and analyzed the book in class, and were excited to be able to ask the author questions in person about this fantastic true story.

## 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/>.

### THE WAY RETREAT FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring a retreat for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a women's retreat on April 3-5. This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. This retreat is free for all participants. For more information on this or 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.

### 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).

## STEWARDSHIP

*The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him.*

*The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle.*

*Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?*

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

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, March 28/29, will benefit St. Martin's Cloak. In the spirit of St. Martin, who tore his military cloak in half to share with a beggar, St. Martin's Cloak provides financial and other assistance to those in need, particularly those in our parish. Financial assistance is completely confidential. St. Martin's Cloak partners with various religious and civic organizations in Montgomery County to provide this emergency support. For more information and/or to join this ministry of assistance, contact the Chair, Paul Eder, at 301-956-6273. You may make your gift online at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/30>.

<h2>5 WAYS TO GIVE</h2>			<h2>to St. Jane de Chantal Church:</h2>		
<b>ONLINE</b> <a href="https://membership.faithdirect.net">VISIT FAITHDIRECT.NET</a> TO MAKE A ONE-TIME GIFT	<b>ENVELOPES</b> CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO REQUEST ENVELOPES	<b>RECURRING</b> THROUGH FAITHDIRECT.NET OR YOUR BANK'S BILL PAY			
	<b>TEXT-TO-GIVE</b> TEXT \$ AMOUNT TO 301-485-5127	<b>MAIL</b> 9701 OLD GEORGETOWN RD BETHESDA MD 20814-1795			

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 22****MONDAY, MARCH 23****TUESDAY, MARCH 24****WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26****FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

7:00 pm..... Presentation on a Saint.....CH

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

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

**POPE FRANCIS**

"I am thinking of families who are cooped up. May the Lord help them to discover new ways, new expressions of love, of living together in this new situation. It's a beautiful opportunity to creatively rediscover affection. Let's pray for families so that the relationships within the family at this moment might flourish always for the good."

Pope Francis, homily,  
16 March 2020,  
Casa Santa Marta.

**READINGS** **Mar. 29**

Reading I  
Ez 37:12-14

Reading II  
Rom 8:8-11

Gospel  
Jn 11:1-45

**INTENTIONS**

Sun., March 22 – Sat., March 28

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 23 – Sun., March 29

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