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22ND MARCH 2020
LAETARE SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Missal References

Next Sunday's Scripture

Next Sunday

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday

Wednesday

YEAR A

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Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year A

St Turibius of Mongrovejo
Th Annunciation of the Lord

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 23

***The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.***

... Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

***The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.***



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; he who follows me will have the light of life.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

This Week's Diary

Monday	Mass Adult Formation – Symbolon postponed indefinitely	9.00am --
Tuesday	Fr Justin's day of rest Gospel Sharing Griefshare Meeting	9.30am 7.00pm
Wednesday	Adoration and Benediction Mass	5.00pm – 6.00pm 6.00pm
Thursday	Men's Prayer Group Mass Deanery Clergy Workshop (Holy Trinity)	5.00am – 6.00am 6.30am 9.30am
Friday	Mass	6.30am
Saturday	Mass Confessions Mass (Sunday Observance)	8.00am 11.00am & 4.30pm 5.30pm
Sunday	Sunday Masses	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.15pm

Please pray for the Sick, especially

Parishioners

<i>Anthea Jack; Cameron Smith; Joy Lees; Sr Catherina; May Dormehl; Jenny Ducray; Gladys Cole; Caron Martins; Randy Tryon; Maria Dus; Lynne Brouard; Maryse Bowman; Gordon Urquhart; Milly van Gogh; Teresa Latouf; Daphne Rahmer; Gerrit Snyders; Daniel Singery.</i>	<i>Gladys Meyer; Pat Sturgess; Sandra Teodosio; Stella Gomes; Verna Cavanagh; Jean Leclizio; Mervin Moonsamy; Hannah Donaldson; Adrienne Paul; Debbie Macpherson; Amanda Ngongoma; Monique Saint-Georges; Bernie Patterson.</i>	<i>John Haswell; Jabu Ntuli; Carol Urquhart; Rosanne Maharajh; Peggy du Plessis; Ron Akal; Jenni Johnson; Jan Huiskamp; Eileen Chapson; Shirley Kuzmanich; Patrick Murgatroyd; Lynne Roberts; Nirasha Kannigadu; Viarium Gonsalves.</i>
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Relatives

<i>Tris Tillard's sister; Jo James' nephew, granddaughter & son; Hugh Elliott; Maryse Bowman's nieces; Louise Kin's sister; Alma Osborn's grandson; Sharon Ellis' sister; Annette Hoyer's parents; Heather Rorick; Stuart McGregor; Maude Quenet; James White; Marjorie Mawbey's niece; Nancy Chettiar's sister; John Bremner's nephew; Maryse Wardell's mother; Denise Irvine's daughter; Candice Houseman & Tracy Mendonidis' mother; Ann Appelgren's sister; Irene Helsdon's niece; Anna Kalinowska's mother; Titi Pitso's brother; Peter Squires.</i>	<i>Tottie Bremner's nephew; Fergus McDonnell; Michelle Lock's father; Michael Pearton; Lynne Tillard's brother; Richard Pearton's niece; Norlie McDonogh's sister-in-law & brother; Theresa Hoogewerf's aunts, sister & cousin; Ruth Florence's mother; Mary Ann Salvage's 4 brothers; June Tatchell's mother; May Dormehl's brother-in-law, daughter & sister; Rita Abraham's sister; Fr Des brother & nephew; Ben Morasutti's son Jo; Lisa Grant's father; Peggy du Plessis' brother, sister, daughter-in-law & granddaughter; Nomusa Mkhwanazi's brother.</i>	<i>Brenda Bennison; Michael Quarsingh's brother; Janice Cottingham's brother; Jean & Pauline Leclizio's son & daughter-in-law; Duncan Miller's father; Terry Beechey's brother; Bronwyn Murgatroyd's mother & son; Maureen Pistorius; Eleanor Scott's husband; Mark McCall's nephew; Rory McDonogh's niece; Jack Garbutt's son-in-law; Marie Claude Maujean's grandson Luc; Marcia Swanson's mother; Paddy Pirie's sister, Joy; Maureen Hutton's son & grandson; Margaret Beechey's daughter, Chantel; Natasha Venter's father.</i>
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LAETARE SUNDAY

Today is "Laetare" ("Rejoice") Sunday.

We celebrate with joyful anticipation the approach of the Feast of Easter.

HOSPITAL CARE Please advise the parish office if you or a family member will be admitted to the hospital so that we can provide pastoral care.

The Southern Cross Catholic Newspaper is available in the Baptistry for R12

Living Faith booklets for adults and children are available in the Baptistry at R25.00

Daily Lenten Reflection Booklets are available in the baptistry.

Letter from Fr Justin

A detailed letter explaining our parish response to the COVID-19 pandemic is available on our Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/FatimaParishDurban/ and should be on our parish website soon: www.fatima.org.za. Limited copies are available in the baptistry for those who don't have access to Facebook or the website.

Sunday Collections

The Sunday collection and Bishops' Lenten Appeal collection will not be taken up *during* Mass, due to COVID 19.

At the end of Mass, Ministers of hospitality will be at both entrances of the church with baskets for your offering.

You may use the Zapper QR code for your offering to the Church.

Those who wish to give to the Lenten Appeal, please place your offering into one of the purple envelopes available in your pew and place it into the basket on your way out of church.



Cardinal Napier's instructions regarding Communion

To reduce the danger of spreading COVID-19:

- The Sacred Host is to be received on the hand only.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood is to be suspended.

Other changes in the Mass, not from the Cardinal

- There must be no hand-holding during the Our Father.
- The Sign of Peace will be omitted.

Sunday Mass obligation

- Cardinal Napier states: "The Sunday obligation to attend Mass is lifted until further notice... no one should feel guilty for failing to attend Sunday Mass as a result of the restrictions that we are implementing."
- He encourages those who do not attend Sunday Mass to attend weekday Mass.

Mass schedule and number of participants

- Our current schedule of Sunday and weekday Masses will continue.
- There will also be a Sunday observance Mass at 5.30 p.m. on Saturdays until further notice.
- In accordance with the instructions of President Ramaposa and Cardinal Napier regarding the maximum size of gatherings, the number of people who attend each Mass must be kept below one hundred. Please follow the instructions of the Ministers of Hospitality.

Cancellations and Postponements

In order to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19:

- All Penitential Services in the Archdiocese have been cancelled.
- Stations of the Cross have been cancelled.
- The Durban Passion Play has been postponed.
- Alpha has been postponed.
- Men's breakfasts have been cancelled.
- Paschal meals on the church premises have been cancelled.

Holy Week and Easter

Special provisions for this year, subject to change:

- Attendance at all Holy Week and Easter services must be limited to one hundred per service or Mass.
- Palm Sunday processions are not allowed.
- Only priests may attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on 8 April.
- The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday night will exclude the washing of the feet.
- There will be no Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.
- There will be no touching of the Cross at the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday.

Children's Church suspended

There will be no Children's Church during the 9.00 a.m. Mass until after the school holidays. It will not begin again until someone volunteers to take over the leadership of this ministry. Please contact Fr Justin *as soon as possible* if you are able to assist. Greg Smith is happy to meet with you and to share what he and the team have been doing.

Adult Faith Formation – "Formed"

Our parish has a year's subscription to "Formed" which is a Catholic website (Augustine Institute) offering the very best Catholic content from more than sixty organisations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere, on computers, cellphones, tablets etc. There are hundreds of movies (e.g. on Our Lady and the saints), bible studies (e.g. Old Testament kings and prophets, Gospels, St Paul), sacramental preparation programmes, documentaries, adult faith formation programs (e.g. Symbolon, The Mass, Holy Land, The Last Things), group studies, daily devotions (e.g. Lenten reflections), youth programs (e.g. Why Believe?), children's programs, audiobooks and much more. There is also downloadable, printable material for group leaders and participants for every Sunday of the year. New programs are added regularly. It's all **free** to parish users because of our parish subscription. Simply go to formed.org and click 'Sign up'. *Know* your Catholic faith so that you will be equipped to *share* your Catholic faith with joy and confidence!

MORNING PRAYER Friday mornings at 6.15am - before the 6.30am Mass.

Mass Intentions

22nd March 2020 – 29th March 2020

Sunday	7.00am	Deceased Rees & Bollen Family Members RIP (<i>Peter & Jenny Ducray</i>)
	9.00am	Sheila Power RIP (<i>Megan Shorey</i>) and Special Intention (<i>Norma Southwood</i>)
	5.15pm	Pro Populo
Monday	9.00am	Catherine Kent RIP (<i>Rory & Norlie McDonogh</i>)
Wednesday	6.00pm	In Thanksgiving – Isabel Akal (<i>Marcelle Tschudin & Alain Tschudin Jnr</i>)
Thursday	6.30am	Pious Lists
Friday	6.30am	Celebrants Intention
Saturday	8.00am	In Thanksgiving – Isabel Akal (<i>Michael & Claudette D'Ercole</i>)
	5.30pm	For the sick and housebound of the parish
Sunday	7.00am	Pro Populo
	9.00am	Duarte Nuno Costa Vieira & Gilda Menezes de Freitas RIP (<i>Anonymous</i>)
	5.15pm	Holy Souls RIP (<i>Sandra Teodosio</i>)

Society of St Vincent de Paul Notices

SSVP GRAB-A-BAG PROJECT

SSVP requests donations from today, to be able to buy maize-meal, 10 kgs; sugar beans, 2kgs; and blankets. **Delivery date is 9 May.**

SECOND HAND CLOTHES

The SSVP is also asking for donations of unwanted or second-hand clothing and footwear to take up to the Bergville and Estcourt parishes. Donated clothing can be left at the parish office, during office hours.

APPEAL FOR FOOD

Please bring **at least one** of the following food items to Mass and place it in the Food Basket before all Sunday Masses. *Cup a Soup packs, 1kg mealie meal, Baked Beans in tomato sauce (410g), Pilchards in tomato sauce (410g), etc*

SSVP Bank Details:

Account Name	Society of Saint Vincent de Paul		
Bank	First National Bank	Account No	62033860786
Branch	Durban North	Branch Code	220426



SSVP has also gone digital!! – This is the **Zapper code** for **SSVP** which allows you to donate either **R100** or **R150** or **R200** or your own amount.

Prayer

God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful,
out of love for us You sent your Son into the world
as the doctor of our souls and our bodies,
look upon your children who,
in this difficult time of confusion and dismay
in many regions of the world turn to you
seeking strength, salvation and relief,
deliver us from illness and fear,
heal our sick, comfort their families,
give wisdom to our leaders,
energy and reward to our doctors, nurses and volunteers,
and eternal life to those who have died.
Do not abandon us in the moment of trial
but deliver us from all evil.
We ask this of Thee who, with the Son and the Holy Spirit,
live and reign for ever and ever.

Mary, mother of health and hope, pray for us!
St Joseph, pray for us!



Fourth Sunday of Lent

22nd March 2020

Year A

Céline Mangan, OP

Commentary

First Reading (1 Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13)

Looking back over their history, the people of Judah always marvelled at the choice of David as king since he did not seem to be even in the running for the position.

The prophet Samuel recognised that, even though he was only a boy and that his older siblings were much more prepossessing, he was indeed the Lord's choice and so he anointed him as king.

'Take no notice of his appearance,' the text has the Lord say to Samuel about each of the others.

How often do we judge by appearance instead of looking for the qualities of the person?

Second Reading (Eph 5: 8-14)

We have all experienced the wonder of coming out of a darkened room into blazing sunshine. Today's Second Reading uses this image for the transition from the sinful life lived before conversion to a life lived in the presence of Christ.

Standing in the light of that presence the darkness in us is exposed and at the same time transformed. The baptismal hymn quoted at the end of the reading calls on us to 'wake up' and live in that light.

Gospel (Jn. 9: 1-41)

The theme of light and darkness is also central to the gospel reading.

The passage begins by asking if there is a link between sin and physical blindness. Jesus refutes this and, by means of progressive questioning, makes us realise by the end of the passage (*in the longer version*) that sin is linked rather to spiritual blindness, the kind that thinks it knows what God and religion are all about: 'Blind?'

If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Romans 8: 8-11

John 11: 1-45

Streetwise

The Sisters who look after the children at Streetwise, also help feed around 40 – 60 people every week, with a simple meal of mealie meal with a tomato and onion sauce. They often don't have enough, so they are asking for 2kg mealie and/ or tins of tomato and onion.

If you can donate these items, you can drop them off at the Parish Office during the week.

Weekly Bulletin Notices

Those groups that wish to have a notice in the Sunday bulletin, please ensure that all details are emailed to Ana on admin@fatima.org.za by 11:00 am on Wednesdays.

Car Park Courtesy

If your parked vehicle is blocking the way, ***please move it without delay after Mass.***

When opening vehicle doors, especially on a slope,
please don't allow them to swing open and hit adjacent vehicles.