



MAY 3, 2020  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Catholic Church

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## WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

by Fr. Kevin Kenney

What are we to do? This question has been asked many times these past few months. Every day I have to say, "I do not know for sure, except we need to be patient." Peter writes in his letter, "If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God." Thank you for being patient during this pandemic and following the order of Governor Walz and Archbishop Hebda to stay home. I am sorry we missed being together during the Triduum, Easter Sunday and the Octave of Easter. The readings were very poignant and I truly believe that Jesus is carrying all of us through these days. We do miss seeing you and one day we will be back together.

The Saint Olaf building continues to be open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm. We have Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament for thirty minutes at 7:00 am and 12:00 pm Monday through Friday. We continue to hear confessions at the regular scheduled times. Foot traffic has not been as heavy as I thought it would be so I thank you for listening to the Governor and Archbishop's order to "Stay Home." I try to take a walk every evening and the other night I was walking by 10th and Marquette and noticed the word "HOPE" spelled out in the windows of the Hilton Hotel. It brought "joy" to my

heart and a smile to my face. "Hope" is what sustains us in joy and "hope" is what keeps shining the light on tomorrow.

We do not know what tomorrow will bring or when we will be open for "public Masses" but we have taken the initial steps to make a plan for when we will offer Mass again. Our way of living has changed and so will our way of being in Church. Worship will be the same as we thank God that we are back together but limitations for now will be put in place to keep us all safe and healthy. We will communicate these limitations to you when the time is appropriate.

You might be wondering about your Easter Duty. You might be saying, "What Easter duty? I colored the eggs and found my basket. What more is there?" Our Easter duty as Catholics is one of the Precepts of the Church. Now, don't tell me you do not remember the Precepts of the Catholic Church? The Precepts of the Church describe the minimum effort we must make in prayer and in living a moral life. As Catholics, we are called to move beyond the minimum by growing in love of God and love of neighbor. The Precepts of the Church are as follows: attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, confession of serious

sin at least once a year, reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season (Ash Wednesday until Pentecost), observance of the days of fast and abstinence, and providing for the needs of the Church. Most of us do these without really thinking about it but they are still relevant to us. Directives from the Office of Worship in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul/Minneapolis state that, "The obligation to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, usually during the Easter Season still holds unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time." The suspension of Mass is a just cause and you may fulfill this obligation later when public Masses resume. You may have already fulfilled this obligation when you attended Mass before the suspension. The precept to provide for the needs of the Church is greatly appreciated at Saint Olaf from all who continue to send in their envelopes and donations either by mail or electronically. Your contributions allow us to continue the ministry of serving as a living sign of Christ's saving presence in the heart of the city. Thank you!

What are we to do? Continue to pray and to be loved by Jesus Christ! May we look for and see the Good Shepherd whom we trust to lead us and guide us. Alleluia!



## EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT [SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS](http://SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS)

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

May 03: Acts 2:14, 36-41; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10  
May 10: Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33; 1 Pt 2: 4-9; Jn 14:1-12

### THE MAY DAY FAMILY VIRTUAL ROSARY PROCESSION

Join Archbishop Hebda, Bishop Cozzens and the whole Archdiocese as we pray the Rosary, this Sunday, May 3 at 2:00pm. Join in online at [www.archspm.org/rosary](http://www.archspm.org/rosary) as we pray for healing and compassion through our Blessed Mother. If you cannot connect to the internet I invite you to pray the rosary at 2:00pm to join in solidarity with the Archdiocese. Our Mother, health of the sick, pray for us!

### MOTHER'S DAY ENVIRONMENT AND FLOWERS

Due to the pandemic this year we will not be having a collection for the church environment in honor/memory of our mothers. We still hope to lift our Mothers', both living and deceased, in prayer. Please send any remembrances of your mothers into us and we will add them to our Prayer Chest and offer those prayers during the Masses on May 10th. Send your prayer remembrances to: [vstillwell@saintolaf.org](mailto:vstillwell@saintolaf.org), call the parish office at 612-332-7471, or mail them to the parish office, 215 South 8th St, Minneapolis, MN 55402

### VISIT THE SAINT OLAF WEBSITE AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

Please visit the Saint Olaf website for updates on the Coronavirus and its impact on Saint Olaf. The main page has the latest information posted as we learn of any revisions or updates. If you would like to watch Sunday and Weekday Mass please visit the Saint Olaf website. Click on the word Media. Scroll down and click on "View This Week's Mass Broadcast". Click on the Mass broadcast you wish to view. The most recent broadcast will be shown at the top. Watch daily Mass on the Saint Olaf website in English or Spanish.

### NEED A PRAYER, ARE FEELING DISCOURAGED, OR NEED TO SPEAK TO A PRIEST

If you need a prayer, someone to talk to, or need to hear another voice, please give us a call, we are here for you, 612-332-7471.

### FR. KEVIN WEEKDAY LITURGICAL COMMENTARY ON THE READINGS

Fr. Kevin is posting a daily reflection on the readings. Visit [SaintOlaf.org](http://SaintOlaf.org), page down to find and click on the picture of Fr. Kevin with the subtitle, Fr. Kevin's Weekday Liturgical Commentary. Click on the daily link to view his commentary for your prayer and reflection.

### SAINT OLAF IS NOW ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

Search for Saint Olaf Catholic Church, downtown Minneapolis on Facebook and [saint\\_olaf\\_church](https://www.instagram.com/saint_olaf_church) on Instagram. Like and follow us to see our daily posts and see what we are up during this time. Watch for the daily Mass videos that are posted in English and Spanish every day. Let us bring Saint Olaf to you during this time!

### WHERE DID THE PIANO GO?

The piano restoration project has finally begun, with funds already had in reserve. We hope to have it completed in time for the celebration of the feast of our patron, Saint Olaf, on July 26. Stay tuned for a more detailed update in an upcoming bulletin in June!

### MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are still available. We continue to celebrate two Masses Monday through Friday and one on Saturday. Many Masses remain open for a Mass intention. Please call Beth Frey in the Parish Office and she will be happy to schedule a Mass Intention for you, 612-332-7471.



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT [SAINTOLAF.ORG](http://SAINTOLAF.ORG)



We encourage all of our parishioners and guests to follow Governor Walz's "STAY AT HOME" mandate, currently in place through May 4th, 2020. Please stay at home.

Saint Olaf will open for Reconciliation with our regular schedule in the Main Church. The Main Church will be open for Adoration and private prayer during the regular daily Mass times.

DAY	TIME	MAIN CHURCH
Monday-Friday	7:00am-7:30am	Adoration
Monday-Friday	7:30am-till line ends	Reconciliation
Monday-Friday	12:00pm-12:30pm	Adoration
Tuesday, Thursday	12:30pm-till line ends	Reconciliation
Saturday*	12:30pm-till line ends	Reconciliation
Sunday	Closed to the Public	

\*Saturday is for **Reconciliation Only** at north entrance off surface parking lot.

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL GOAL REACHED!

As of April 24, Saint Olaf has reached and surpassed our goal of \$76,809. Thank you for your generosity in support of the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation. Pledges and gifts of \$80,192.50 from 138 donors have been given toward Saint Olaf – and we are very grateful. The 20 ministries and programs supported by the Catholic Services Appeal will benefit from your generous support, especially during this time of pandemic.

### TEXT-TO-GIVE IS AVAILABLE NOW AT SAINT OLAF

Saint Olaf now offers a Text-to-Give option. You can use your smart phone to easily give a one-time donation or set up recurring donations. Check out the Saint Olaf website for a complete set of instructions on Text-to-Give.

- Text the word "GIVE" to 612-800-0603. (This is Saint Olaf's Unique TEXT-TO-GIVE number).

### ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK 42

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
April 13 - 19	\$22,215	\$17,700	\$4,515
YTD through Week #42	\$1,105,115	\$1,094,418	\$10,697

*Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.*