

# SAINT CHARLES PARISH COMMUNITY

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**March 29, 2020**

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LORD, hear my voice!

— *Psalm 130:1*

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## Reflections from Father Dave on March 25, 2020

*“Got to feed my fish today...we have six...their names are Sync, Blubby, Fish-fish, Noodle, and Burple...they are Tetras...Mine is named Sync.”* So said a text message I received from a young parishioner.

A few days ago I began writing these daily reflections just as an outlet, as suddenly I found myself without a Sunday community and no Mass. These writings have now become a regular part of my Lenten practice. (I’m not a big fan of writing; just ask our bulletin editor.) They’ve become a way to keep connected to my parishioners in this time of “social distancing.” I find that phrase very misleading, as we are called to physically distance ourselves from one another, but now more than ever we need to reach out and share what is going on in our isolations. A simple message shared on social media can change an entire day.

It is ironic that in the season of Lent many had planned to sacrifice social media as part of their Lenten practices, and now they take to it more than ever. All of us without exception do one thing the same: we push the “share icon” in whatever we have written or read. We SHARE. In this time more than ever before it becomes very important to remember: SHARE.

Today is the Feast of the Annunciation when God first announced to Mary the fulfillment of His dream to share his only begotten Son with us. Just think, exactly 3 months ago the churches were packed (no “social distancing” at that time). Families were together; students were home for the break, and handshakes, hugs, and kisses were the norm. This Feast of the Annunciation is where it all began. Now in these trying times, in the very midst of our Lenten season, families are together; our churches are empty; we are told to keep distant from one another: *“Don’t touch. Wash your hands.”* Yet the message of this feast day is that God desires to share His Son with us. It would take the “yes” of Mary, a young person, to make this a reality.

Sometimes we struggle and wonder where God is in all this darkness. God is with us, *Emmanuel*, we proclaimed just 3 months ago. That has not changed, and today we proclaim the name Jesus, *God Saves*. Remember, God’s message of salvation came through the promise of Mary *to share God’s love with the world*.

My day was made brighter, more hopeful, in the message of a young parishioner: *“Got to feed the fish today.”*

So I continue to share, in Faith, Hope, and Love.  
Father Dave



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

March 29 ~ April 4

Mon.	5:00pm	Shira Nafezi †
Tues.	5:00pm	Ramona Rodriguez Hogan †
Wed.	5:00pm	—
Thurs.	5:00pm	—
Fri.	5:00pm	—
Sat.	5:00pm	Mass for the People of St. Charles and St. Matthias

*Rest in Peace*

Jim Coop

**Remember in your prayers the people in our parish community who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering or homebound:** Barbara Peters, Pilarita Alvarez, Donald Rojas, Esther Hilferty, Bill Eppler, Sherrie Bayer, Patricia Snowden, Alma Brennan, Laurette Hollywood, Bob McCormick, George Wasmer, Peggy Saunders, Carmen Esquivel... *and let us pray for all that are impaired by the Coronavirus, and the health care workers who are on the front lines trying to stem the spread of this virus.*

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Thus says the Lord God: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (*Ezekiel 37:12-14*).

**Psalm** — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (*Psalm 130*).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (*Romans 8:8-11*).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (*John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*).

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**“Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”** Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 415-614-5684 or email: [vocations@sfarch.org](mailto:vocations@sfarch.org).

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Mass is live-streamed daily and recorded for \*online viewing.**

**Saturday Evening Vigil, 5:00pm**

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Weekdays Monday-Friday, 5:00pm**

**\*The videos will be posted to the St. Charles and St. Matthias websites:**

[www.stcharlesparish.org](http://www.stcharlesparish.org)

[www.stmatthiasparish.org](http://www.stmatthiasparish.org)

**Please check our website frequently as pertinent information may change... and be sure to read Fr. Dave's daily reflections.**

Parish staff will be available from Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm via email or phone. Our parish email is [parishoffice@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@stcharlesparish.org). The parish telephone number is (650)591-7349. Please leave a message when you call and your call will be returned as quickly as possible. Also, extensions/email addresses are listed on the back of the Sunday bulletin and on our website at [www.stcharlesparish.org](http://www.stcharlesparish.org).

**CATHOLIC TV SUNDAY MASS**

Each Sunday a Catholic TV Mass is aired on a number of TV channels throughout the Bay Area Dioceses, offered by Monsignor Harry Schlitt and Father Dave Ghiorso. The Catholic TV Mass focuses on our Catholic community for those who are homebound, residing in assisted living, hospitalized or imprisoned and unable to attend Mass at their parish churches. You may find these Masses in the San Francisco Area each Sunday on KTSF (CH 26) at 6:00am, or KOFY (CH 13) at 6:00am or online any time at [FatherHarry.org](http://FatherHarry.org).

**PRAYER**

The more you devote yourself in prayer the more you will do well in your work.

—St. John Baptist de la Salle



**Palm Sunday**

**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Drive by the corner of Tamarack and Belle after the livestreaming Mass at 9:00am and pick up your palms!**

## A Prayer for Our Uncertain Times

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

And during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.



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### Who was St. Isadore?

Saint Isidore of Seville, was a scholar and, for over three decades, Archbishop of Seville. He is widely regarded, in the oft-quoted words of the 19th-century historian Montalembert, as *"the last scholar of the ancient world."*

**Born:** 560 AD, Cartagena, Spain

**Died:** April 4, 636 AD, Seville, Spain

**Feast Day:** April 4



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**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.

## Mercy High School *Tools for School*

June 15 - July 10, 2020 - 8:30am - 3:00pm

Summer is just around the corner! **Mercy High School Burlingame** hosts **Tools for School**, a unique summer program tailored for incoming **6th, 7th and 8th grade girls**. With a long tradition of excellence in girl's education, Mercy offers a balanced mix of visual and performing arts classes, academic skills-building, and weekly educational field trips. Students will experience new activities, explore new topics, and visit exciting Bay Area attractions.

Tools for School helps to build a foundation of inquiry and love of learning, preparing students to develop their passions in high school. Interested families can learn more about classes, field trips, dates and cost on our website, [www.mercyhsb.com/toolsforschool](http://www.mercyhsb.com/toolsforschool).



### St. Charles Scripture Camp 2020

Please Save the Dates  
June 22nd through June 26th  
for Scripture Camp 2020!!!

**Rocky Railway:  
Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through.**