

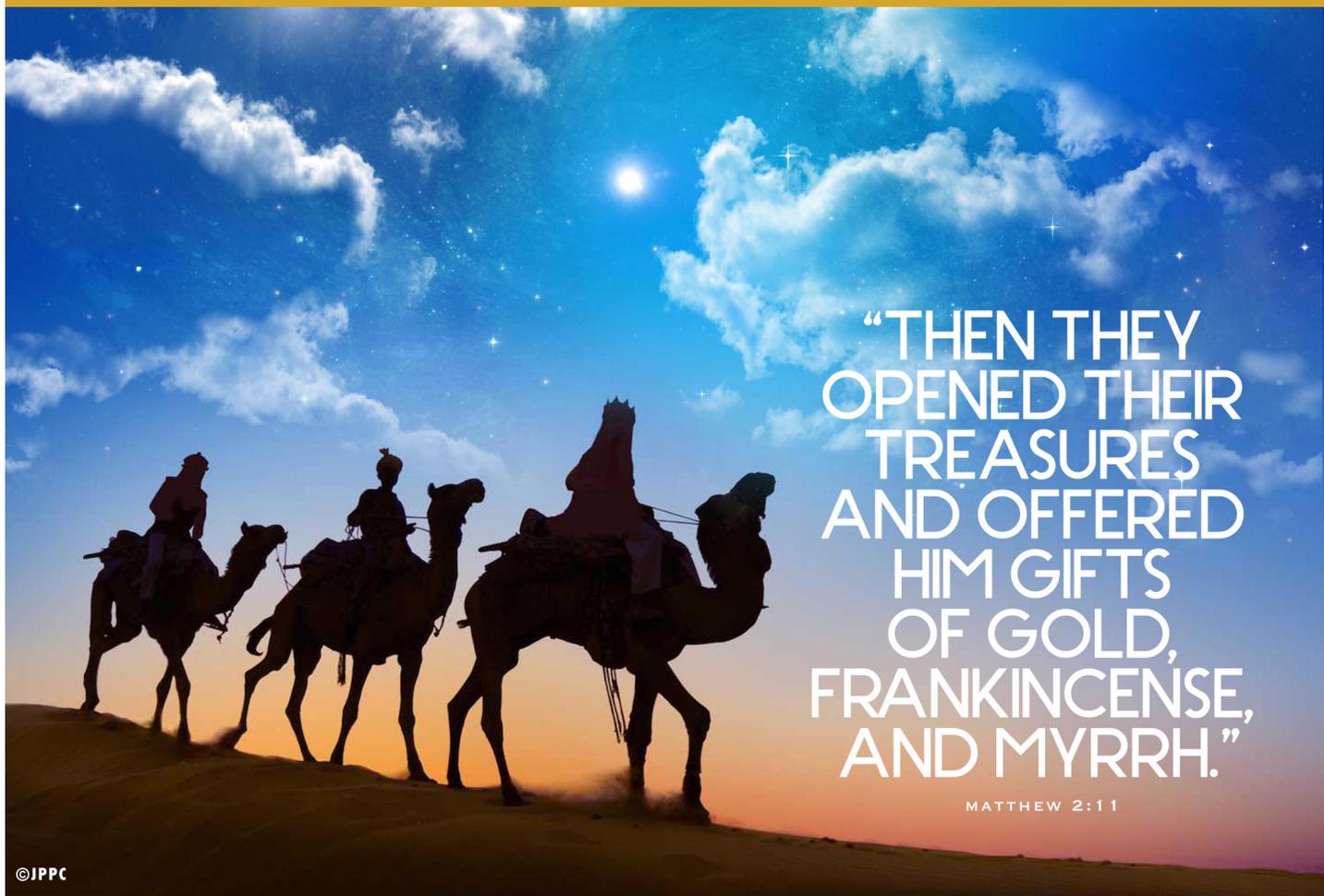
# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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*The Epiphany of the Lord*

*January 3, 2021*



“THEN THEY  
OPENED THEIR  
TREASURES  
AND OFFERED  
HIM GIFTS  
OF GOLD,  
FRANKINCENSE,  
AND MYRRH.”

MATTHEW 2:11

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:15PM Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 6:00PM  
Daily, Monday to Friday: 9:00AM  
\*Special Schedules for Holy Days

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

The chapel will remain closed at this time for Perpetual Adoration. Please see page 4 regarding Eucharistic Adoration in our main church.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 to 5:00PM  
Confessions will also be heard upon request.  
Please call the rectory to make an appointment.

## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Sunday—CLOSED  
\*Monday– Friday 9:00AM—4:00PM  
Saturday—CLOSED  
(\*Please see details on page 2)



**Sunday January 3, 2021**

*Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12*

**7:30AM The Pryor Family / living  
(Joesph and Lesia Pryor)**

**9:30AM Michael Fanelli III (The Fanelli Family)**

**11:30AM Frances and Louis Frease  
(The DiRienzo - Paglione Family)**

**6:00PM Dominick P. Bartenope Jr. (Julie Young)**

**Monday January 4, 2021**

*1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25*

**9:00AM Hane and Sarkis Fahd  
(Najat and Emil Abinader)**

**Tuesday January 5, 2021**

*1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44*

**9:00AM Chafica and Tanios Eladm  
(Najat and Emil Abinader)**

**Wednesday January 6, 2021**

*1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52*

**9:00AM Georges Abinader (Najat and Emil Abinader)**

**Thursday January 7, 2021**

*1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22*

**9:00AM Juliet Sommer (Mariann and John Flahive)**

**Friday January 8, 2021**

*1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16*

**9:00AM George Furst (Pat Furst)**

**Saturday January 9, 2021**

*1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30*

**5:15PM George Kneier (The LaMantia Family)**

**Sunday January 10, 2021**

*Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11*

**7:30AM Jane Liwoch (Sue Ann Cook)**

**9:30AM Patti Miano (The Fanelli Family)**

**11:30AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners**

**6:00PM Adrien, Jaclyn, Margot, &  
Brielle Burka / living (Joseph and Lesia Pryor)**

*SANCTUARY CANDLE*

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of Parents Guarnieri and Amerine Families requested by Loretta and Bill Amerine.



**January 3, 2021**

**The Epiphany of Our Lord**

**Reading I: Isaiah 60: 1-6**

God radiates light inside the city, so darkness surrenders, so to speak, in Jerusalem. All the nations come together to rebuild the city, including people associated with Abraham from the Arabian peninsula.

**Reading II: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6**

Paul's great insight into the mystery of Christ is that He wills the Gentile nations to be full participants in the Church. Its very foundation is based on Christ and the prophets and especially the Apostles.

**The Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-2**

The magi were a group who did things like interpret dreams, or work in astrology and magic. Later tradition made them kings. Above all they represent the Gentile world coming to Christ. Their gifts have meaning, so gold represents kingship; incense divinity and myrrh suffering. Or they can be interpreted Virtue, Prayer, and Suffering.

**RECTORY HOURS**

The rectory office is open Monday through Friday from 9AM until 4PM. All other times will be by appointment only. For your protection, and the protection of the staff, we ask that all persons over the age of 2 wear a mask while in the rectory. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 215-493-3377 or [contact@stignatius.church](mailto:contact@stignatius.church) before you stop by as most things can still be accomplished with a phone call.

## Ministerial Staff

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Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass here for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the rectory to register.

## RCIA

Information is available for those who are considering becoming a member of the Catholic Faith. Please contact the Director of Religious Education, Annmarie Flanagan, at 215-493-5204 or 215-370-5701.

## BAPTISM



The Sacrament of Baptism is normally administered on Sundays at 12:45PM. Pre-Jordan class, for the first child only, is required for parents. Class is held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00PM in room 2B on the 2nd floor of the Meeting Center. Parents, please call the rectory to register for the class or for a Baptism.

## WEDDINGS

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Please call the rectory to make an appointment with one of the priests.

## THANK YOU

**To the many generous children and parents who donated gifts in this year's "Gift-Giving" Mass – Please accept my sincere thanks on behalf of everyone at St. Katherine Drexel as well as all those who will benefit from your generosity.**

**~Father Tom Whittingham  
Pastor, St. Katherine Drexel**



Parishioners are encouraged to let the rectory know when they are in the hospital, nursing home, or other medical care facility. Please contact the rectory if you or anyone you know might be ill, a shut in or unable to attend Mass on a weekly basis. The Holy Eucharist will be brought to anyone homebound.

## FISCAL CORNER

As of week 12, with 5 weeks left of the Parish appeal, 289 families have contributed \$106,790.71 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 71.19% of this year's goal and are \$13,309 behind last year's pace. We ask that you please consider a gift towards this most important appeal!

This is one of our largest sources of income, aside from our normal Sunday collections, and is greatly needed for the daily operation of our parish. We are seeing a small decrease in our total Sunday collections as well as facing a shortfall in the school due to Covid remediation. Additional cost for cleaning and sanitizing, additional staff for remediation, supplies and signage, as well as the reduction in enrollment in our PreK program will result in a larger than average parish subsidy. If you can help with this effort, it would be greatly appreciated! You should have received our appeal materials in the mail. If you have not, there are appeal envelopes located in the entrances of the church. Please return your donation by placing this year's appeal envelope in the collection basket at Mass, mail your contribution or drop it off directly to the rectory. You can even make a one time donation on our Parish Giving site. Please visit [www.stignatius.church](http://www.stignatius.church) for more information on e-giving. Thank you for your generosity!

### Weekly Collection

	<u>12/22/2019</u>		<u>12/21/2020</u>
<b>Sunday Offering</b>	\$ 14,181.00	356	\$ 12,633.00
<b>Online Parish Giving</b>	\$ 6,894.27		\$ 8,844.27
<b>Total Weekly Contribution</b>	<b>\$ 21,075.27</b>		<b>\$ 21,477.27</b>

**Due to the Christmas Holy Day, last weekend's collection will appear in next weekend's bulletin.**

*We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC*



**Help us to keep God's house clean.**

Please take a minute to make sure you remove any trash, tissues, Cheerios, or any other items you may have left in the Pew at the conclusion of Mass. We are working very hard to keep our Church clean, and it would be very helpful if everyone pitched in and cleaned up after themselves. Thank you.



Due to the projected spike in new Covid cases, we are now requiring masks be worn while in the Church. The ushers will be instructed to make sure everyone is wearing a mask while attending Mass. Please help to keep everyone safe and help to avoid another shutdown. If you do not want to wear a mask for yourself, please wear one to help protect your parish family members!

Please  
**P R A Y**  
*for the sick of our parish and  
 those that care for them*

**Lord hear our prayer for the sick in our community that they return to the comfort of good health:**

Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Baby Brianna, Lorraine C., Rich C., Ruthann Carroll, Roberto Carvajal, Brynn Clare Connor, Evelyn Conway, Stacie Crane, Mary C. Crawford, Rose Ann Grall, Jonathan Grubb, Madeline Guarnieri, Lou Gunkel, Charles Jacobson, Nathan Kilgore, Michael Kotwicki, Dave Maclay, Sean Marriott, Toni McConnell, Pam McGrath, Dorothy McMullen, Baby Eva McNamara, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Carolyn Rupperecht, Irene Schuka, Walter Shimp, Darwin Stout, Catherine Torres, Edward Torres, Anne Warchol.



Pray for our beloved deceased especially Frank Broyan, those who have no one to pray for them, and the Holy Souls in purgatory.



Brian Basheda, Daniel Basheda, Matthew Bauer, Melissa Bishop, Christian Blaydon, Erik Bresnahan, Sara Brill, Mark Buckley, Michael Joseph Buckley, Brad Bullman, Evan Cumming, Brent Cummings, Kevin O'Brien Darby, Staten DeTemple, Andrew Dill, Ronald Ernst, Anthony Fuscarello, Rick Fuschetti, Jessica Garcia, Shane Gibbons, Stephen Greene, Jonathan Grubb, Edward Hill, David & Christine (Kawoczka) Krueger, Matthew Krall, Justin Kumor, Daniel LaMorte, Thomas LaMorte, Marty Alexie Leonard, Nels Alexie Leonard, Matt Leonardo, James Limer, Matthew Listner, Michael Lowe, W. Kyle Magrisi, Joseph Marchand, Greg Marolo, Matthew McGurk, Phil Melandez, Chris Merrick, David Morgan, Kevin Nash, Stephen Neder, Fred Olivari, John O'Rourke, John Parente, J.C. Peabody, Laura Perazzola, Gregory B. Procaccini, Jason Propst, Matthew Rieser, Brett Ryan, Luke Stapleton, James Tams, Scott Toro, John Worman.



**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, Andrew Lane, Philip Cheung, Erik Reyes, Anthony Albanese, and Juan Builes, to prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Help them form their personalities as credible witnesses to others. Bless them while they study Your word and the teachings of the Church, and give them generous hearts to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Amen

To learn more about our seminarians visit <http://heedthecall.org/poster/>



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE  
 DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD  
 ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
**HEED THE CALL**



**CHILDREN'S**  
 Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word has resumed with safety measures in place. All participants will be asked to wear masks/face shields. The children will be spaced six feet apart while we process downstairs at the start of Children's Liturgy and again while we process upstairs afterwards. In addition, we will set up the worship space on the floor of the auditorium to provide additional room to spread the children. The children will sit on individual mats that will be disinfected each week. Siblings will be permitted to sit next to one another, if they choose, but all other participants will be spaced six feet apart. For the time being, leaflets will not be distributed. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Alice LaMorte at [malamorte@verizon.net](mailto:malamorte@verizon.net) at any time. We look forward to an interactive Children's Liturgy with your children once again!



~A Legacy of Faith and Family~

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*St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, is a small private Catholic school founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1958. As part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we provide an academically rigorous, core curriculum, faith-based education to the families of St. Ignatius of Antioch parish and the surrounding area.*

*We emphasize academics, a wide range of activities, and the latest in classroom technology. We achieve a close family environment where students are committed to Christian values, high academic skills and a positive self-image.*

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From the Religious Education Office ... The PREP office is open from Sundays through Thursdays. I am in the Antioch Center (old rectory) on Sundays and weekday evenings.

## **Religious Education** PREP REGISTRATION:

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) is for children in Grades K to 8. PREP classes are being held remotely at the present time. Parents can find the lessons on the parish website. (Go to [stignatius.church](http://stignatius.church), and then click on PREP. The grade levels will come up, so click on the level you want. Finish up by completing the Interactive Session Review and send results to Mrs. Perini's email – [lperini@stignatius.church](mailto:lperini@stignatius.church) ). Each class's lesson will be available for 3 weeks only. Then the next lesson will replace it. Registered families can communicate with the teachers by email. If you missed registration, please stop in our office or call us (215-493-5204) to receive the registration form by email.

**Special Needs:** Parents, are you aware that we have a PREP class for students with special needs? If we could help to give your child a religious education in a small group environment, please call Annmarie at 215-493-5204.

**8th Grade Students:** Our program this year is Matthew Kelly's Decision Point. Parents, please encourage your 8th graders to continue their study of God and his Church. Confirmation is not graduation from learning about God; this is a lifetime commitment.

### **SACRAMENTS:**

**\*\*\*FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION:** If you missed the informational Parent Meeting for First Penance/Holy Communion, we will have a Zoom meeting on Thursday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. I will email you the link earlier that day. For those of you who were not at the in-person meeting, I will also email you the informational papers earlier that week. First Penance will take place on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. Mass and 12:00 noon Mass.

### **CONFIRMATION:**

**\*\*\*If you missed the Zoom Parent Meeting for Confirmation, I did send out the kids' paperwork that is due no later than January 31. If you need me to email it again, just let me know. Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., with Bishop John J. McIntyre.**

## THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

As the calendar year closes, the Social Action Committee would like to thank you, our friends and fellow parishioners, for your continuing support of our causes, helping the less fortunate in our community. The generosity which you have shown to our Thanksgiving Food Drive, Coat and Sweater Drive, and School Drive was overwhelming, and the support you give monthly for the Advocates for the Homeless Program is so appreciated. A recent donation of 13 pairs of waterproof boots and sweatpants provided much protection for many homeless during this cold winter. Monthly Mary's Cupboard donations continue and Catholic Social Services knows that we will respond whenever they have a situation needing immediate help. Your donations to our periodic collections have allowed us to continue these programs, and this year, your support of the Emergency Relief Fund provided much financial relief during the pandemic. We are extremely grateful for all that you give and wish you all the joys of this beautiful Christmas season and a Happy New Year.

## VOCATIONS RETREAT

Are you discerning religious life? The Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity will be hosting a virtual discernment retreat January 29th and 30th for single women, ages 18+ that are considering religious life. Join MSBT sisters in prayer, reflection and hear MSBT sisters share their stories on mission. To register go to <http://www.msbt.org/rise-up-journey-with-jesus-2021/> or for more information email [voc@msbt.org](mailto:voc@msbt.org).



### St. Ignatius of Antioch

Catholic Cemetery  
& Columbarium

Our Outdoor Columbarium Niches, located in the memorial circle in the center of our cemetery, are now available for sale. Double granite front niches are intended to be used for the cremated remains of two persons behind a marble shutter. If you have any questions, or are interested in purchasing a niche, please visit our parish website at [www.stignatius.church](http://www.stignatius.church) or call the Rectory at 215-493-3377.

## ROSARY

All are invited to recite the rosary after the 9:00 Mass. For those who can stay longer, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is also recited.



Exposition will be held Monday thru Friday from 10AM to 8PM. The restrictions for church attendance such as social distancing and wearing of masks apply. To assist with church sanitizing we are designating the front 3 pews for this devotion. We hope to resume 24/7 Perpetual Adoration in the Chapel when it is advisable. In the meantime, let us pray for each other and may God continue to bless you and your families.

For information on chapel closings/openings, please call 215-550-5638 and listen to the message.



## ADULT *Faith* FORMATION

Our programs have been compromised by a pandemic. Many of our personal lives have been compromised by a pandemic. There are several more months that we will have to suffer through modifications to many aspects of our lives, but, there needs to be NO modifications to our prayer lives. In fact, our prayer lives should increase; our time with the Lord should increase; our time reading Scripture should increase. This is a time of 'correction'. This is a time that many of the things that kept us busy running around, sometimes without thought, a sort of 'auto-pilot', kept us from some of our spiritual needs. Perhaps this is a time for taking on virtues- patience, kindness, prudence, justice, temperance, fortitude, courage, modesty, wisdom, understanding, counsel, piety, knowledge and fear of the Lord. As Thomas Paine has written 'these are the times that try men's souls'. So, in the spirit of doing our best, we will be starting a men's bible study on Galatians on Wed. Jan. 13, 2021 at 7 PM via Zoom. We will also have a Sat. program viewing of the movie 'Unplanned', the true story of Abby Johnson starting at 9:30 AM, again a Zoom program. This in honor of the Jan. 22 anniversary of Roe v. Wade legalizing abortion in the U.S. Join us and pray, pray and pray again. Pray for God's will to be done. Pray for an end to the pandemic. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

## FOOD COLLECTION

With your help, the Social Action Committee continues to support Mary's Food Cupboard at Catholic Social Services. Please consider donating to our collection on the second Sunday of each month. There are burlap bins at each church entrance labeled "Food Collection" to accept your donation of non-perishable food items, paper goods and baby needs. Donations may also be dropped off anytime in the baskets provided at the Adoration Chapel.

## Respect



On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion. Estimates show about 59, 902,500 surgical abortions since then. Abortion would be the number one cause of death if counted. There are more abortions performed in the U.S. every year than combat deaths in ALL of our wars from 1775 to 2019! These numbers do NOT include chemical abortions secondary to the hormonal pill and IUD which also cause abortions!

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world." Our U.S. Constitution in the bill of rights grants the 'right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness' and one cannot be free or pursue happiness if one is never born. Further, each of those children aborted were willed by God for a specific purpose in His plan for the world and salvation and they will exist for ALL of eternity despite never having been physically born.

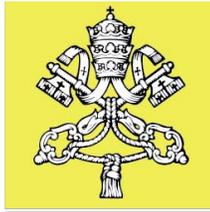
As we begin a new year and we are inundated with death stats of the pandemic from COVID 19 let us realize that there are 4 times as many elective abortions performed in the U.S. for no disease and no pandemic, other than our culture of death. We know not what we do!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer:

On this Feast of the Epiphany, may we be given the grace to always see in others the face of Christ our Savior; We pray to the Lord:

**Rose of Life Intention: For an end to all abortion.**



# BOLLETTINO

SALA STAMPA DELLA SANTA SEDE

N. 200320c

Friday 20.03.2020

## **Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the granting of special Indulgences to the faithful in the current pandemic**

**The gift of special Indulgences is granted to the faithful suffering from COVID-19 disease, commonly known as Coronavirus, as well as to health care workers, family members and all those who in any capacity, including through prayer, care for them.**

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer” (*Rom* 12: 12). The words written by Saint Paul to the Church of Rome resonate throughout the entire history of the Church and guide the judgment of the faithful in the face of all suffering, sickness and calamity.

The present moment in which the whole of humanity, threatened by an invisible and insidious disease, which for some time now has become part of all our lives, is marked day after day by anguished fears, new uncertainties and above all widespread physical and moral suffering.

The Church, following the example of her Divine Master, has always had the care of the sick at heart. As Saint John Paul II points out, the value of human suffering is twofold: “It is supernatural because it is rooted in the divine mystery of the Redemption of the world, and it is likewise deeply human, because in it the person discovers himself, his own humanity, his own dignity, his own mission” (Apostolic Letter *Salvifici Doloris*, 31).

Pope Francis, too, in these recent days, has shown his paternal closeness and renewed his invitation to pray incessantly for those who are sick with the Coronavirus.

So that all those who suffer because of COVID-19, precisely in the mystery of this suffering, may rediscover “the same redemptive suffering of Christ” (*ibid.*, 30), this Apostolic Penitentiary, *ex auctoritate Summi Pontificis*, trusting in the word of Christ the Lord and considering with a spirit of faith the epidemic currently underway, to be lived in a spirit of personal conversion, grants the gift of Indulgences in accordance with the following disposition.

The *Plenary Indulgence* is granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious

practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfil the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible.

Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (*Jn* 15: 13), will obtain the same gift of the *Plenary Indulgence* under the same conditions.

This Apostolic Penitentiary also willingly grants a *Plenary Indulgence* under the same conditions on the occasion of the current world epidemic, also to those faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Eucharistic adoration, or reading the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or the recitation of the Holy Rosary, or the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, or the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself.

The Church prays for those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and of the *Viaticum*, entrusting each and every one to divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and granting the faithful a *Plenary Indulgence* on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence the use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended (cf. *Enchiridion indulgentiarum*, no.12).

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and of the Church, Health of the Sick and Help of Christians, our Advocate, help suffering humanity, saving us from the evil of this pandemic and obtaining for us every good necessary for our salvation and sanctification.

The present Decree is valid notwithstanding any provision to the contrary.

Given in Rome, from the seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 19 March 2020.

Mauro Cardinal Piacenza

Major Penitentiary

Krzysztof Nykiel

Regent

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