



BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

Pilgrimage Site for: Diocesan Shrine of Santo Niño
“Annunciation” and “Tree of Life” Meditation Gardens



Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 22nd 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

All public Masses have been suspended until further notice.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment only.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Suspended until further notice.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“We, at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, are a diverse community of the poor, the disadvantaged and hungry, the well-to-do, the youth, elderly, visitors and those seeking refuge.

As a community of many cultures and races, we stand for unity in our diversity by expressing our love of God the Father through prayer and worship, through service to one another, through the ministry of welcoming, through evangelization and ecumenism. With the Bishop, we shall pursue this mission faithfully through the example of Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.” All are welcome today, especially visitors, guests and those who might be new to the community.

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Sharing Our Treasure - 3/08/2020

Regular Collection: \$1,821 Smile: \$50
Gift Campaign.: \$100 PHRA: \$560
Catholic Relief Serv.: \$285

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Greetings from the Rector...

My dear people,

Peace of the Lord be with you!

In this frightening time of crisis, let us not be afraid. As people of faith, we know God remains with us. St. Paul reminds us, "that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus". In this time of social distancing, let us remain connected to each other through our prayers, our emails and phone calls. Our parish office will be sending out prayers and information through various means; email, mail, Facebook and our website.

Please look after each other by calling each other, sending emails, or send cards in the mail. Let us practice patience, kindness, and hope.

May you know and feel the daily prayers offered by our sisters and priests. You are also remembered daily at the Altar of the Lord.

Please email me or call my cell phone with your concerns or questions.

In Christ,
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New Basilica Music Director

With joy, we are happy to announce that Mark Haas has been hired to be our next music director. This full time position will begin on June 1st. More information will follow.



Please keep in your prayers **William Sheehan**, who died Tuesday, March 17th, Grandfather of Fr. Brian Crenwelge. Our prayers and condolences for his family and friends. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.

Parishioners,

We have a few free copies of *Praying the Stations of Mercy With Pope Francis* and *The Way of the Cross* available in the Cordis Center office if you would like one. However, due to the current Coronavirus situation we ask that you call before coming to the office as we are working fewer hours, 304-342-8175.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

That All Might Be Light

Lord of light, God of our salvation, we walk by the light of your Son, whom you sent that all might see and know your love. Manifest yourself to all who seek your face, and be merciful when we persist in blindness.

Expose injustice, and illuminate the way to peace. Reveal the darkness within and around us. Cast that darkness out of us so that we will walk more boldly by your light. With your Son as our guide, bring us into your everlasting radiance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 22, 2020-Into the Light

Today's Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a; Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6 (1); Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41. When Samuel goes to Jesse to anoint a new king, no one, including Samuel, recognizes God's chosen one. Only God is able to look within David and see that this shepherd boy will be a capable and faithful king.

The people in the Gospel passage also struggle to see as God sees, and so do we. Jesus' words and actions provoke everyone to decide whether he is God's chosen one, whether God truly sent him into the world to save it. The challenge then, as now, is to examine the testimony without making assumptions, such as assuming Jesus was wrong to heal on the Sabbath or that blindness is a punishment for sin.

As we scrutinize Jesus, asking ourselves who he is, we face the ultimate challenge of moving toward or away from him, of moving toward or away from God's light. We want to stand within this light, but sometimes the brightness frightens us. God's light exposes our darkness, and it can hurt when God's light burns the darkness out of us. Sometimes it is easier to close our eyes and pretend that we already see everything clearly.

But we cannot escape God's light. It has come into the world, and it remains in our midst. It remains in us. This light will make us radiate with joy and goodness and enable us to illuminate the way for others if we are humble and brave enough to let it.

This Week at Home

Monday, March 23-Making Everything New

Passages such as the one from Isaiah in the First Reading remind us how invested God is in this earth. Having created the world, God will not abandon it but will refashion it, casting out suffering and sorrow. By healing a child, Jesus reveals that God's work of re-creation has already begun. God invites us to participate in it. Reflect on how the work you do—or could do—is part of God's work of remaking the world. **Today's Readings:** Isaiah 65:17–21; Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5–6, 11–12a and 13b; John 4:43–54.

Tuesday, March 24-Replenishing

The prophet Ezekiel tells of a glorious future in which fresh water flows in abundance. The water brings life to parched ground, transforms salty water, and allows fish and fruit trees to thrive. In the Gospel, Jesus surpasses this life-giving water. He ignores the pool and heals the man through the power of his word alone. The man represents all creation transformed and replenished by the power of Christ. Each time you use water today, thank God for the ways he has helped and replenished you. **Today's Readings:** Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12; Psalm 46:2–3, 5–6, 8–9; John 5:1–16.

Wednesday, March 25-Solemnity of the Annunciation

In the Old Testament, sacrifices are offerings set apart for God. Such gifts remind the people that they themselves are set apart for God. We give things up during Lent in order to make ourselves a sacrifice, to set ourselves apart from the things of this world and to put ourselves at the service of God and his kingdom. King Ahaz did not want to become such an offering, whereas Mary offered herself with barely a moment's thought. Offer yourself to God by praying St. Ignatius of Loyola's Suscipe. **Today's Readings:** Isaiah 7:10–14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7–8a, 8b–9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4–10; Luke 1:26–38.

Thursday, March 26-The Faces of God

The Israelites in the reading from Exodus wanted to relate to God in ways that were familiar to them, so they made an image of God. They struggled to accept that God is both beyond images and represented by them, his people. Centuries later God again presented himself in a way that was hard for people to accept: in Jesus, his Son. Make a list of titles for Jesus. Choose one you do not normally use and reflect on what it reveals about God. **Today's Readings:** Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 106:19–20, 21–22, 23; John 5:31–47.

Friday, March 27-The Just Ones

People in the temple area question whether Jesus is the Messiah because they know he is from Galilee. They struggle to accept that he is somehow from God, "from above." Others flatly refuse to believe that Jesus has a unique relationship with God. Jesus is the just man, the one who obeys God in everything, yet who is attacked for precisely that reason. Take a moment to pray for those who are ridiculed or endangered because they are doing what is right. **Today's Readings:** Wisdom 2:1a, 12–22; Psalm 34:17–18, 19–20, 21 and 23; John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30.

Saturday, March 28-Rejections

As Jesus continues to provoke division, the religious authorities take an ever more rigid stance against him. They so insist that they know the law, that they know the Scriptures, that they demean everyone who doesn't agree with them. God's prophet Jeremiah also experienced spite and dangerous rejection. In those moments we reject someone, it may turn out that we have misunderstood what God is telling us. Choose a psalm and listen for how God might be challenging you. **Today's Readings:** Jeremiah 11:18–20; Psalm 7:2–3, 9bc–10, 11–12; John 7:40–53.

USCCB Responds to Coronavirus

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity: that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Financial Summary-Sacred Heart

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

	Church	Grade School & Early Learning Center
Revenues:		
Tuition & Fees		2,781,702
Offerings & Contributions	951,865	45,241
Rental Income	295,770	
Parking Income	95,107	
Cemetery Income	18,765	
Interest Income	7,957	735
PVA Dues, Fund Raisers & Miscellaneous		47,246
Total Revenue	\$1,369,464	\$2,874,924
Expenses:		
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	474,436	2,230,244
Supplies & Minor Equipment	67,993	22,120
Utilities	138,158	189,609
Insurance	102,198	22,317
Repairs & Maintenance	85,000	150,172
Interest	9,213	171,186
Information Technology	54,137	13,247
Taxes & Assessments	93,315	
School Related Expenses	550	280,754
All Other Expenses	92,962	31,329
Total Expenses	\$1,117,962	\$3,110,978
Revenues over Expenses:	251,502	(236,054)

Other Items:

1. Depreciation is a non-cash expense and is not included above. Depreciation was \$502,800 for the Parish and \$341,381 for Sacred Heart Grade School and the Early Learning Center.
2. Cash & Cash Equivalents at June 30, 2019 was \$124,565 for the Parish and \$1,142,232 for Sacred Heart Grade School.
3. The Parish paid the loan payments on the debt related to the Early Learning Center and Sacred Heart Grade School.
4. Principal remaining on long-term debt at June 30, 2019 was \$179,103 for the Parish, \$719,396 for the Early Learning Center and \$3,016,604 for Sacred Heart Grade School.

We thank the financial council for this report, if you have any questions please contact Fr. Higgs at dhiggs@dwc.org