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**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday**

St. Joan of Arc - 5:00pm  
St. Mary - 7:00pm

**Sunday**

St. Mary – 9:00am

**Weekdays (at St. Mary only)**

Tuesday – 6:30pm  
Wednesday – 7:30am  
Thursday – 7:30am  
Friday – 7:30am

Tuesday – 5:15pm - Adoration  
Tuesday – 7:00pm – Apologetics  
Sunday – 8:30am - Rosary

**CCD**

(August-May)

St. Mary Church - Sunday – 10:10am

**RCIA**

St. Mary Church – call for information

**Confessions**

30 minutes before Mass  
Saturday – 4:30pm – St. Joan  
and 6:30pm – St. Mary  
Sunday – 8:30am – St. Mary  
Tuesday – 5:30pm  
Or by appointment

*St. Joan of Arc*  
327 W. McKinley St.  
Jasonville, IN  
PO Box 506  
Sullivan, IN 47882

*St. Mary Church*  
105 E. Jackson Street  
PO Box 506  
Sullivan, IN 47882

**Third Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2020**



On the Road to Emmaus

*Lord Jesus,  
open the  
Scriptures to  
us, make our  
hearts burn  
while you  
speak to us.*

- Luke 24:32

**Church Support – April 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Joan of Arc:** Regular \$490 / Holy Land – \$5

**St. Mary:** Regular \$2,239 / Bldg Fund \$30 / Haiti \$60 /  
Comm. Kitchen \$25 / Easter Memorials \$80

**Sunday Mass during the  
Coronavirus shutdown**

livestreamed on Facebook at 9:00am

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysullivan>

*The Little White Book for Easter is available and may be  
picked up Tuesday – Thursday from 1:00-4:00 at St. Mary.  
Knock at the door for assistance.*

*St. Joan parishioners may call Shannan at 317-852-0429 to  
arrange a time to pick up a book.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**(April 25 - May 3)**

**Saturday, April 26 – Third Sunday of Easter**

STJ – Margie Woods  
STM – Sr. Agatha

**Sunday, April 26 – Third Sunday of Easter**

STM – Steve & Loretta Sajko

**Monday, April 27 – Easter Weekday**

No Mass/No Intentions

**Tuesday, April 28 – St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Grignon de Montfort**

STM – Edward & Verlene Cole

**Wednesday, April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena**

STM – Mentally Ill People

**Thursday, April 30 – Pope St. Pius V**

STM – Carolyn Sue Thompson

**Friday, May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker**

STM – Sr. Mary Helen

**Saturday, May 2 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

STJ – Members of St. Joan and St. Mary  
STM – Sr. Marie

**Sunday, May 2 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

STM – Lillian Allen

**Mass Readings**

**(April 25 - May 3)**

**April 25 (Saturday)**

Reading I – 1 Peter 5:5b-14  
Psalm – 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17  
Gospel – Mark 16:15-20

**April 26 – Third Sunday of Easter**

Reading I - Acts 2:14,22-33(46A)  
Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-8,9-10,11  
Reading II – 1 Peter 1:17-21  
Gospel – Luke 24:13-35

**April 27 (Monday)**

Reading I – Acts 6:8-15  
Psalm – 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30  
Gospel – John 6:22-29

**April 28 (Tuesday)**

Reading I - Acts 7:51-8:1a  
Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 & 7b & 8a, 17 & 21ab  
Gospel – John 6:30-35

**WORLD QUARANTINE**

The Latin root of the word "quarantine" is "forty". So, what does the Bible say about 40?

The flood lasted 40 days. 40 years Moses fled Egypt. 40 days Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments. The Exodus lasted 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days. Lent is 40 days. 40 days for a woman to rest after giving birth.

A group of theologians thinks the number 40 represents "change". It is the time of preparing a person, or people, to make a fundamental change. Something will happen after these 40 days. Just believe and pray. Remember, whenever the number 40 appears in the Bible, there is a "change".

Please know that during this "quarantine" rivers are cleaning up, vegetation is growing, the air is becoming cleaner because of less pollution, there is less theft and murder, healing is happening, and most importantly, people are turning to Christ. The Earth is at rest for the first time in many years and hearts are truly transforming.

So, during this time, enjoy it with your loved ones and return to the family altar together. Family prayer is a great blessing. Through prayer you will see the changes God can work in you and in your home. Christ promises us that everything works together for the good for those who love God: Romans 8:28!

Remember we are in the year 2020, and  $20 + 20 = 40$ .

Also, 2020 is the year of the United States Census. Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, was born during a census.

Lastly, 2020 is perfect vision. May our sight focus on the Lord and living according to His perfect vision for us knowing He holds us in the palm of His hand.

May these days of "quarantine" bring spiritual liberation to our souls, our nation, and our world.

The best is yet to come.

**April 29 (Wednesday)**

Reading I - Acts 8:1b-8  
Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a  
Gospel – John 6:35-40

**April 30 (Thursday)**

Reading I - Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20  
Gospel – John 6:44-51

**May 1 (Friday)**

Reading I - Acts 9:1-20  
Psalm 117:1bc,2  
Gospel – John 6:52-59

**May 2 (Saturday)**

Reading I – Acts 9:31-42  
Psalm 116:12-17  
Gospel – John 6:60-69

**April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Reading I - Acts 2:14,22-33(46A)  
Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-8,9-10,11  
Reading II – 1 Peter 1:17-21  
Gospel – Luke 24:13-35

## REFLECTION

I would challenge every single God-fearing reader of this reflection to consider how a pandemic has changed our way of living. Things we took for granted before all this...may never be the way they were...before. And as human beings, change is troublesome for us. When doubts and worries get us down, I assure you the devil is not far, egging you on, working you through temptation and confusion.

We take stock of our blessings. Two powerful intercessors praying for us; Our Virgin Mother Mary, as queen of heaven and earth, is ever on our mind and in our heart; the courage, honor, and valor of Saint Joan of Arc is our exemplar of a saint who would die for her total love of the Lord. Faith and hope inspire us in our patrons. Further, our communities care about one another, and our outreach is impressive.

So, what are our obstacles as we exit the pandemic? The biggest, in my opinion, is a realistic vision for where our churches fit into the fabric of Sullivan and Jasonville. Jesus Christ commissioned us to “go-out,” this is much larger than simply maintaining what we have. When one of the faithful gifts an offering to our Parishes, the lives we touch through ministry is supported, as well as our operations and our obligation to all of God’s people as supported through the efforts of the diocese.

Through long tradition, we tied the idea of giving money for charity to our Mass attendance. And although this is a relatively new idea, for some it became the only way to give. The model before this method was “pew rent,” an idea that some thought would never end, but a new model was adopted, and that’s where we are at today.

Without Public Mass, our bills, including the largest bill, a priest, continues to be paid, at least for the time being. At the same time our outreach is needed more desperately than ever to a beleaguered citizenry. The charities we appeal to for help in our outreach are stretched to their limit.

Please consider these issues when you decide what portion of your blessings you will return to God. Mass comes **free to all** who ask, the Body of Christ will not be denied. Instead of thinking of your offering as an admission ticket, think of it as thanksgiving for blessings, faith in the Lord, hope in the salvation and resurrection of all, and love of God, neighbor, and self. Think not obligation, think collaboration with God in Jesus Christ through holy **Mother Church**.

Fr. John

*Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

- Psalm 16