



Our  
Lady of  
**HOPE**  
Parish

**April 5, 2020**

**PALM SUNDAY**

“Jesus shows us how to face moments of difficulty” with “confident abandonment to the Father and to his saving will, which bestows life and mercy,” *Pope Francis, April 14, 2019*

***Bulletin Information***

*This format will be followed as long as the COVID-19 virus is interrupting the regular parish schedule of Mass, Sacraments, and other functions.*

**Parish News**

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**The Diocese of Charleston** is livestreaming from the Chapel of the Holy Family. Seminarians who are now in Charleston will participate in the liturgies. The schedule of daily and weekend Masses, and other devotions, is as follows:

**On Facebook:** [facebook.com/DioceseChas](https://facebook.com/DioceseChas)

Daily Mass, Monday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 3 p.m.

**On YouTube:** [youtube.com/DioceseChas](https://youtube.com/DioceseChas)

Sunday Mass with Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone at 11 a.m. (English)

Misa en español los domingos a la 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)

**Bishop Guglielmone** has granted permission for Father Gustavo Corredor to celebrate a private Mass in Spanish and broadcast it through the diocesan radio station, **Revive.fm**. Please send this information to the Spanish-speaking faithful of your parish via your social media platforms, emails and apps so we may be sure we are providing Mass resources for all of our Catholic families: Spanish Mass online, **Sundays at 11 a.m. at radiorevive.com**.

**Additional information on livestreams** and online devotions from our parishes is available on the diocesan website, [charlestdiocese.org/covid-19-response](https://charlestdiocese.org/covid-19-response).

**St. Mary Catholic Church** will be open for the faithful during the day if anyone wants to visit the Blessed Sacrament.

**Fr. Antony** is planning to celebrate private Mass at St. Mary at 9:00 am during the week and on the weekends. Remember, you are under no obligation to attend Mass. However, anyone wishing to come is welcome.

**Holy Communion:** If you would prefer to just receive Holy Communion please go to St. Mary in Summerton. Fr. Antony will be available in the Rectory.

**For any emergencies** you can reach **Fr. Antony at 843-469-9817**.

**From a directive from the diocese...**

As there will be no celebration of the Mass, if you wish to participate virtually, there are several ways to watch Mass online or on television. Here is a list of some recommendations: Otherwise, what else can we do?

**St. Mary's in Greenville:** Sunday at 11 a.m. [facebook.com/stmarysgvl](https://facebook.com/stmarysgvl)

**St. Michael in Garden City:** Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. [www.saintmichaelsc.net](http://www.saintmichaelsc.net)

**EWTN broadcasts Mass** on its television network [www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule](http://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule)

**Confirmation** will be on June 1st, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann in Sumter. Please keep Angela Valdez, Austin Broadway, and Haley Keyes in your prayers as they prepare for their Confirmation.

**First Communion** Please keep Allison Rios, Nhuy Pham, and Patrick Soffera in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.

# Prayer List

## 5 Weeks Remaining

Gayle McKenney, Elizabeth Strickland, Cathy Masson, Helen Kronyak, Bob Guilfoyle, Kelly Konya, BJ Livingston, Melissa Cook, Billy Coffey, G.G.Cutter, Florencia Reyes, Leonarda Vera, Jaime Rivers.

## 4 Weeks Remaining

Donald Ard, LeRoy & Mary Lou Carter, Jim Latham, Brandy DelRio, Jack & Pat Schmit, Lois Neiferd, Jim Walsh, Christina Eades, Lynn Barth, Savannah Elms, Claire Clark, Dee Harrison, Bucky Brailsford, Eleanor Goodman, George Coffos, Kathy Bonett, Elaine Myers, Joe & Lena Cardella, Ray & Sue Barb.

## 3 Weeks Remaining

Carl Fredriksson, Teresa Bryant, Martin Brozik, Elisa Worthman, Ken & Judy McClelland, Mac Williams.

## 2 Weeks Remaining

Paul Cook, Phyllis Quelette, Jean Walsh, Judith Pepergias, Joe Medeiros.

## 1 Week Remaining

Barbara Allerdice, Tina Rhea, Tom & Jo Orr, Mary Katherine Buyck.

## 0 Weeks Remaining

Bill Buyck, Bill Walsh, Chuck Smith, Marilyn Cholowsky, Paul Cook, Donna Johnson.



# A Message from Deacon Walsh

It's true our Diocese has canceled Masses or dispensed the faithful from their Sunday obligation because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

This does not mean that parish life is suspended; in fact, parish life may be more important now than ever. If anything, our responsibility to each other and especially the most vulnerable among us is heightened. People are going to get sick, the elderly are particularly at risk, many will feel lonely and overwhelmed. We need parish life.

The parish is the stable Community of the Faithful (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2179). The parish is a place and a people of communion, formed by the Eucharist. Communion is the remedy to suffering and loneliness. It is the Lord sharing everything with us so we can learn to share everything with each other, to bear burdens together, to suffer and love together.

**Here is the idea: use the telephone, twitter, text, Facebook or whatever.** Pick another parishioner and just ...  
....**Check in:** "How are you doing? What is your situation going into this outbreak? Do you need anything right now?"  
....**Pledge of support:** "Here is my phone number and e-mail. If something comes up, if you or someone in your household gets sick, if you need help with shopping or errands, if you need someone to talk to, if you just get lonely...you can call me. I will get what you need. We are in this together."

....**Further outreach:** "If you know other people who need help or support, –neighbors, coworkers, friends...whoever,"

## Then, you let ME (Deacon Walsh) know.

- You may end up calling people who have not been active in the parish for years, or who left because of some grievance. So be it. In fact, good. Because you, a real person, made contact from the parish.
- Most people will probably say thanks and never ask for anything. OK. Because you let them know they could depend on their parish community if they did need something.
- But for some people, this might end up being their lifeline. When they don't know what to do, they will call you. When they need a community and there is no community, they will call you. When they need hope, they will call you. And because they called you, a real person, the parish can be a source of life.
- It is important to stress that this is a personal connection, not a program. Our parishes have enough programs. What we need are stronger personal connections. Communion is nourished through personal bonds. That is a fruit of the Eucharist. Of.....common – union.

It is also important to stress that this is not, not, not an outreach left to our Pastor, Fr. Antony, the parish staff or me. It comes from parishioners, not professionals. IT IS COMMUNION **EVEN** WHEN WE CAN'T RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST.

Until everyone can meet again in our parish for Mass, this is a concrete and personal way to become the communion we need. This is how we act as members of the one body, where the suffering and joy of one becomes the suffering and joy of all.

And you might wonder: Why couldn't this be the life and mission of a parish even when the pandemic is over? If so, you wonder correctly. Maybe this is how a time of crisis becomes a time of new birth.