Welcome!

Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our faith Community here at St. Luke Parish. Whether you are a long time resident or have newly arrived in the parish, we thank God for you. If you are not registered, please email us.

CHAPEL will be OPEN for PERSONAL PRAYER
Monday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS
- Eucharistic Celebrations
  - Tune in to EWTN TV or watch livestream Mass at https://sfarch.org/livestreams
- Baptism (Infants)
- NO Sacrament of Baptism, unless urgent
- Reconciliation (Confession)
- Saturday, 4:00pm at the Church
- Please sign up at saintlukefc@gmail.com
- Marriage
- Please call the Parish Office at least 8 - 12 months before the desired wedding date.
- Anointing of the Sick
- For Last Rites please email us.

PASTORAL STAFF
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  - Rev. Jonathan G. Paala
- Deacon
  - Deacon Mar Tano
- Director of Religious Education
  - Sr. Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM
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  - Maria Teresa Alvarez
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Divine Mercy Sunday Greetings

In the midst of the COVID-19 turmoil, God's merciful and tender love overflows from His Heart more than ever. God loves all of us, no matter how great our sins. He desires to bring us healing, strength, pardon, peace and hope. He longs to bless us through the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Through this unique grace, the Lord opens wide the floodgates of His mercy so we can enter and turn back to Him while it is still the time of mercy, before He comes again as the just judge.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we are called to gaze upon Christ's merciful love, which is greater than our sins and miseries, and to proclaim His mercies as we live out the ABCs of the Divine Mercy...

Ask for God's Mercy - we are to be purified by the "Tribunal of Mercy" through the sacrament of Reconciliation (if possible) or by offering an Act of Perfect Contrition made out of love for God (provided, there is the desire for the sacrament and the intention to receive sacramental confession at the earliest opportunity). To sign up for Confession (Saturday, April 25, 4:00 p.m.), please email saintlukefc@gmail.com.

Be merciful - perform merciful works, in union with the saving acts of God (see page 7 of this Bulletin for the 14 Works of Mercy)

Completely trust in Jesus - we are to venerate His sacred image, and seal and ratify the covenant of mercy by receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. (During the Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass via EWTN or SF Archdiocese Live Stream, make an Act of Spiritual Communion, provided there is the desire for the sacrament and the intention to receive it at the earliest opportunity).

Through this great Feast of Divine Mercy, we are revived and transformed by no other greater love than the love of Christ Jesus who died for us, redeeming us by His blood to set us free from sin and death. Jesus, now risen and alive, made the ultimate sacrifice, so that we might have life eternal. In Jesus, we see the Father's loving mercies made visible.

Let our merciful Savior embrace us all as we place our trust in Him. Let us offer merciful acts and continue to unite in prayers for one another, especially for those who are suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

A safe and grace-filled Divine Mercy Sunday, dear friends!

In Christ, 'til our blessed reunion at St. Luke,
Rev. Jonathan Paala
Pastor, St. Luke Catholic Church
April 19, 2020

GET REAL!
Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).
Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).
Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).
Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter
Tuesday: St. Anselm; Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day; Earth Day
Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert
Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen; National Arbor Day
Saturday: St. Mark

PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS’ INTENTION
FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION
We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

No daily and Sunday Mass in Church until further notice.
Mass intentions will still be offered during the private Mass celebrated by our Pastor, Fr. Jonathan Paala.
Tune in to EWTN TV or watch livestream Mass at https://sfarch.org/livestreams

Holy Mass Intentions for April 20 — 26, 2020

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Legend: † - Deceased, SI-Special Intention, BD-Birthday

Adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament
It is there in the Eucharist that Jesus says to us, “I thirst, I thirst for your love, your sacrifices, your sufferings. I thirst for your happiness, for it was to save you that I came into the world, that I suffered and died on the Cross, and in order to console and strengthen you I left the Eucharist. So you have there all My life, all My tenderness.”

“For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” —John 6:33

Although the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has been suspended until further notice, the Chapel will remain open, Monday through Sunday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to allow moments of personal encounter with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.
For Online Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, visit: virtualadoration.home.blog
April 19, 2020

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (3x)

Eternal rest grant unto the souls of Your beloved, O Lord.

†Terrence O’Donnell, †Pauline Glenn,
†Mary Grace Reyes †Gertrudes Ubaldo

We pray for God’s healing mercies upon the sick:

Feliz Acosta
Baby Aleman
Juris Arcilla
Minerva Barnhart
Teresa Bautista
Jim Bortak
Ruben Calderon, Jr.
Michael Carmody
Elizabeth Fong
Dennis B. Huang
Barbara Keef
Tom Keefer
JoAnn Kozloski
Jackie Kuo
Badette Ledesma
Celia Leones
Dancy Lim
Christian Liwag
Arturo Martin
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Bozidar Mihelec
Jon Miller
Edgar Navarro
Ed Page
Angelina Paguio
Patti Panfile
Rosetta Parisian
Tom Pope
Frances Presutto
Angela F. Reyes
Estrella Reyes
Kathy Sampson
Jennifer Shamway
Manny Torres
Priscilla Touchstone
Those suffering from
the Coronavirus

“...for by His wounds you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)
LIVE STREAM MASSES
At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood. Faithful to the Lord's command the Church continues to do, in his memory and until his glorious return, what he did on the eve of his Passion: “He took bread. . . .” “He took the cup filled with wine. . . .” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1333)

Masses every day at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco
https://www.youtube.com/archdioceseforsanfrancisco
Monday through Friday: 7:30 am and 12:10 pm
Saturday 8:00 am and 5:30 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am; Spanish Mass at 1:00 pm

San Mateo County

St. Gregory Parish, San Mateo
http://saintgregorychurch.org and
https://www.facebook.com/saintgregorychurch
Daily including weekends at 12:00 noon

St. Charles, San Carlos/St. Matthias, Redwood City
https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesParishSC
Monday-Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

Our Lady of Angels Parish, Burlingame
Monday-Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Our Lady of the Wayside, Portola Valley and St. Denis, Menlo Park
https://www.facebook.com/groups/1243580612689197
Monday-Saturday 11:30 am

St. Augustine Parish, South San Francisco
https://www.facebook.com/SACC45thYear
Daily Mass 10:00 am

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)
Comcast 229 Direct TV 370, Dish 261, AT&T 562, Astound 80, Sirius
Live stream: ewtn.com/tv

Bishop Barron’s Word on Fire
https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

All Souls Parish, South San Francisco
https://allsoulsparishssf.org/
Daily 6:00 pm

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, East Palo Alto
https://www.facebook.com/Parroquia-de-San-Francisco-de-Asis-103290567983242
Monday-Friday 8:00 am (Bilingual)
Saturday 6:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday 7:30 am (English) and 9:30 am (Spanish)

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Daly City
https://www.facebook.com/olmdalycity
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am and 12:00 noon

St. Pius Parish, Redwood City
https://www.pius.org/stream
Evening Prayer Daily, 6:00 pm
Daily Mass 11:00 am (Spanish) and 12:00 noon (English)
Sunday 9:30 (English) & 11:30 am (Spanish)

St. Raymond Parish, Menlo Park
https://www.facebook.com/fatherjerome.cudden
Daily 9:00 am (including Sunday)
Is it still possible to receive the special Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday?  
YES.
In the original Vatican decree, establishing the plenary indulgence, in June of 2002, there is a special provision, to, still, obtain the plenary indulgence, without attending Mass. It is in the last section of the decree, titled “For those who cannot go to church or the seriously ill”. The document, which has perpetual force, clearly states that “all who for a just cause cannot leave their homes” “may obtain a plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday”. We must remember, this does not remove the 3 conditions, which must be fulfilled, to receive the plenary indulgence, which are: (a sacramental confession, a Eucharistic communion, and a prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff). The decree clearly states that these must be done “as soon as possible” The decree reads, as follows: “if totally detesting any sin, as has been said before, and with the intention of fulfilling as soon as possible the three usual conditions, will recite the Our Father and the Creed before a devout image of Our Merciful Lord Jesus and, in addition, pray a devout invocation to the Merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you.” The decree, also, has many other, special, provisions, including “the sick and those who nurse them”. The decree goes, even, further by saying “If it is impossible that people do even this, on the same day, they may obtain the Plenary Indulgence, if, with a spiritual intention they are united with those carrying out the prescribed practice for obtaining the Indulgence, in the usual way, and offer to the Merciful Lord a prayer and the sufferings of their illness and the difficulties of their lives, with the resolution to accomplish as soon as possible the three conditions prescribed to obtain the plenary indulgence”. There is no doubt, that Pope St. John Paul II, was guided, by the Holy Spirit, when he established this, very, special plenary indulgence, with every possible provision, so that everyone can obtain the incredible gift of the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment.

Act of Perfect Contrition

“Whoever can, should receive the Sacrament of Penance. Whoever cannot, because of prohibiting circumstances, should cleanse his soul by acts of perfect contrition: i.e., the sorrow of a loving child who does not consider so much the pain or reward as he does the pardon from his father and mother to whom he has brought displeasure.”  
(St. Maximilian Kolbe)

In extraordinary circumstances when we cannot get to confession, we can make an act of perfect contrition, which is sufficient to have our sins forgiven. But aside from making an act of perfect contrition, made out of love for God, there should be the desire for the sacrament of Penance (or Reconciliation) and the intention to receive sacramental confession at the very first opportunity.

Actually, not only in extraordinary circumstances should we make acts of perfect contrition. At any time, if we have the misfortune of committing a mortal sin, we should seek to reconcile ourselves with God as soon as possible by an act of perfect contrition, before going to confession. 
Furthermore, even not being guilty of serious sin, we should make frequent acts of perfect contrition to ask forgiveness for the serious sins of the past, and for the venial sins of the present.
In doing so, we show our love for God. And we prove our aversion to sin, which offends Him. In doing so, we surely receive more abundant graces to sin no more. A highly recommended practice is to include an act of contrition in our "before bed" prayers.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus asked the Church, through St. Faustina, to institute the Feast of Mercy, emerging from the very depths of His tenderness, for the consolation of the whole world:

“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners...I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet...

It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.”

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary #699).

“How do we remember the message of the Divine Mercy? By the ABC's.

Ask for His mercy. Be merciful. Completely trust in Jesus.

How do we celebrate the Feast of Mercy

It was clarified by the words of Our Lord to St. Faustina:
1. We are to prepare with a novena of chaplets starting on Good Friday
2. We are to be purified by the “Tribunal of mercy,” the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
3. We are to venerate the sacred image of the merciful Savior by gazing upon it as a reminder to trust Jesus and be merciful.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY: Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Clothe the Naked, Shelter the Homeless, Visit the Sick, Visit the Imprisoned, Bury the Dead

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY: Admonish the Sinner, Instruct the Ignorant, Counsel the Doubtful, Bear Wrongs Patiently, Forgive Offenses Willingly, Comfort the Afflicted, Pray for the Living and the Dead

4. We are to perform some works of mercy to others.
5. We are to seal and ratify the covenant of mercy by receiving Holy Communion.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I wish, my Lord, to receive You with the purity, humility and devotion with which Your most Holy Mother received you and with the spirit and fervor of Your saints. My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

This is the Lord's day of new purification, new beginnings, like a new baptism.

http://www.divinemercysunday.com
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone “out”—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the “doubting Thomas” moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?

YOU SHOULD’VE BEEN THERE!

Most of us have had the misfortune of missing something important simply by being absent, and then hearing about what happened. In today’s reading, unique to John’s Gospel, Thomas is the only apostle who was not around when Jesus appeared to his friends for the first time after his death and resurrection. They were frightened and grieving, not knowing what would happen to them. Remember, they found themselves to be fugitives, seemingly guilty by association with a criminal executed by government officials. Suddenly, Jesus was with them, beaming peace and mercy to his fragile followers. What joy! What a shock, too!

We will never know why Thomas had left their hiding place. All we know is that he returned to wild stories about Jesus being alive after dying a brutal death. He must have thought that the other apostles in their grief had a shared delusion of what they wished were true. When Thomas finally saw Jesus, he gave what is considered the most profound profession of faith: “My Lord and my God!” In his tender mercy, Jesus ministered to Thomas by helping him to see for himself.

WE WALK BY FAITH

But what of us? The early Christian community could only trust the words of these same apostles, the ones Thomas couldn’t believe, when they preached Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Who could believe what they said? The Holy Spirit, breathed upon the disciples in that first encounter, emanated so powerfully from them that they were able to convene seemingly utopian communities of faith. Filled with “divine mercy,” their lives became an evangelization to the world.

And this is how we too are sent out, like the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit and bearing the Lord’s peace and mercy to a troubled, suffering world. The wounds of Jesus are very real today in the needy and broken. May we always work to bind up those wounds wherever we find them.


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“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” — John 20:29b
Mental Health during the COVID-19 Pandemic
The Archdiocesan Mental Health Ministry has posted on its webpage an article and a video that can help with stress and anxiety during this unprecedented time of pandemic. The article and the video recommend, and demonstrate, the practice of prayer. In addition to these new additions, the Mental Health webpage has many other resources, and contact information for mental health consultations and interventions in the three counties of the Archdiocese. Visit sfarch.org/mental-health.

The 12-Step Way in COVID Time: Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP
All are welcome to join Fr. Terry Ryan online for reflections on The 12-Step Way in COVID Time. This is a Zoom virtual workshop. The 12 Steps and the 11th Step practice of prayer and meditation can open us to the experience of a higher power gazing upon us as we truly are. For reservations, please email Richard at ollipops@comcast.net or Judy at 12StepEvent@gmail.com.

Health Officer Issues New Statement and Extends School Order
Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow issued a new statement, addressing the availability of data and next steps the community will take. Dr. Morrow also commended all who are cooperating with the Shelter in Place order. “Although it may not seem like it, you are doing your part, you are serving your community by limiting your contact with others. Thank you," Dr. Morrow wrote. Read his complete message at: https://www.smchealth.org/post/health-officer-statements-and-orders
In keeping with Dr. Scott Morrow’s message about cautiously moving forward, he revised the original School Operations Modification order set to expire May 1, 2020 to now extend through the last day of the current academic year for all schools in San Mateo County. Read the revised order: https://bit.ly/2V46q1x

St. Mary’s Cathedral Offers Crisis Prayer Helplines
All are invited to e-mail prayer petitions to Deacon Sandoval at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. We will remember those who are suffering illness of spirit, mind, or body, those who are grieving, and those who are infected or affected by the coronavirus. Crisis Helpline Prayer Phone Support is also available. Please e-mail your request to Res7777@comcast.net or by phone. We are available particularly for those who are sick, homebound, or in hospital, and those are infected and affected by the coronavirus.

Marriage Encounter Weekend Set for August
Marriage Encounter is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you might be taking for granted. The next scheduled Marriage Encounter is August 1-2 in San Francisco. For information and updates, visit the website, sanjosewvme.org, or contact Ken and Claranne at 408-782-1413.

U.S. Census 2020: Now Available Online
Respond to the 2020 U.S. Census as soon as possible. Information collected affects important federal funding that supports programs in our communities. Fact sheets with information in English and Spanish can be found on our webpage, above. For complete information on how to participate, visit the Census webpage 2020census.gov or sfarchdiocese.org/faithful-citizenship

FIRE
Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.
—St. Catherine of Siena
God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Month of April
is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist and to the Holy Spirit

Prayer to our Eucharistic Lord Jesus
Here, O good and gentle Jesus, I kneel before you, and with all the fervor of my soul I pray that you engrave within my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and love, true repentance for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. While I see and I ponder your five wounds with great affection and sorrow in my soul, I have before my eyes those words of yours that David prophesied about you: “They have pierced my hands and feet; I can count all my bones” (Psalm 22:17).
Amen.
– Roman Missal, Thanksgiving after Mass

Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit
O Holy Spirit, Divine Spirit of light and love, I consecrate to Thee my understanding, heart, and will, my whole being for time and eternity. May my understanding be always submissive to Thy heavenly inspirations, and to the teaching of the Catholic Church, of which Thou art the infallible guide; may my heart be ever inflamed with love of God and of my neighbor; may my will be ever conformed to the divine will; and may my whole life be a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom with the Father and Thee be honor and glory forever. Amen.
PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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.

—Archbishop José Gómez of Los Angeles, President United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

BELLS CALL TO PRAYER

Set your alarm to these times, then pray the indicated prayer at that hour.

9:00 a.m. - Prayer for those infected with the virus and all who are ill
Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

12:00 p.m. - Prayer for health care workers and those attending to the sick
Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

3:00 p.m. - Prayer for first responders and essential workers
Lord, we pray for those who run to danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

6:00 p.m. - Prayer for people of every nation and their leaders
Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray for people of every nation and their leaders, asking that they be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

9:00 p.m. - Prayer for those who have died today
Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

— Archdiocese of Chicago