

# SEVEN DOLORS & ST. PATRICK'S PARISHES

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2020 † PALM SUNDAY

*For the greater glory of God,  
we will do as Christ tells us.*

## A Message from Fr Kerry

**Chrism Mass:** The symbol of a diocese is the Bishop surrounded by his priests with representatives from every corner of the diocese in the assembly at the Chrism Mass. As you probably know, this year was very different. With many of you, I watched the Mass on-line. At the appropriate time, I renewed my priestly commitment and extended my hand over the oil (or over the computer) to bless the chrism oil. While different, I still felt united to the Bishop and to the diocese as a whole.

As you may have noticed, there were four priests present - each representing a certain part of the diocese. Fr. Frank Coady will bring oils back for our parish. These oils will be used to celebrate the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick, of Baptism and Confirmation throughout the coming year.

While we really miss seeing each other, I am grateful that we live at a time that we have the communication systems we have. We Catholics have always believed in "spiritual communion" when we were not able to be present at Mass. That is even more true in these times, in so many senses of the word.

**Staff:** A special thanks to Seven Dolors Staff. Yes, they are also working every day to keep the Church running. Fr Kerry & Fr Merlin recording all Masses & Stations; Tony, doing the recordings and getting some needed work done while the school and church are closed; Fr Kerry for having to answer to so many people about the "whys"; Stacie making sure the parish and school are staying afloat financially; Margie being the glue in keeping communication with our parishioners; Maria & Deb reaching out and ministering to our Youth; Rosie conducting the RCIA ministry and Griefshare through Zoom; Thomas coming up with creative ideas on how to reach out to and connect our people; Ramona staying in contact with the choir and other musicians and Bishop Vincke for making some tough, tough decisions for our diocese."

**Parish Giving:** So many of you have found a way to give your donation to the parish. We understand how the situation has changed for many of you. At the same time, we have many of our regular bills and many have understood that. Thank you!

**Bishop's Annual Fund:** Even in the midst of these difficult times, our parish has met our goal for this fund. Thank you.

**Holy Week:** During this coming Holy Week, I plan to write a short meditation for each day and have our Parish Secretary place it on the Parish Facebook site.

## **†Daily and Weekend Mass Viewing:**

We are excited to announce that you are now able to view daily Mass at Seven Dolors online. There are two options available.

1. Visit the Seven Dolors website main page and click "Daily Mass" on the scrolling header.
2. If you have a Facebook account, visit the Seven Dolors page and watch it there.

Daily Mass will be available on both sites by 2 pm every weekday and by 5 pm on Saturdays.

**†Mass Schedule and Intentions:** Our world has changed so much in the last week. One thing that has remained consistent it's the celebration of the Mass! We will honor all the Mass intentions that have been requested; however, they may not be said on the original scheduled date. We hope you will all understand and continue to pray for our priests at this time. The Mass intentions for March 2-April 3 are as follows:

April 5 - +John Wataha  
April 6 - For the Parish  
April 7 - +Diane Lavis  
April 8 - +Caroline Mulhern  
April 9 - +John E & Joy W Plumberg  
April 10 - **No Mass**

**†Sacrament of Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is no longer available. This is to keep both our parishioners and our priests safe.

## **Parish Priests**

Pastor, Fr. Kerry Ninemire  
Retired In Residence, Fr. Merlin Kieffer  
Hispanic Ministry/Retired In Residence, Fr. Norbert Dlabal

*For sacraments of baptism, matrimony or anointing of the sick, please contact the parish office.*

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