

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week of March 22, 2020

Saturday March 21

*Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab;
Lk 18:9-14*

Private ☩ Mary Michele (Toni and Michael Winslow)

Sunday March 22 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

*1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,
6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-
38*

10:00 a.m. (online) ☩ Rita Vaxner (Robert & Patricia Sellman)

Monday March 23 | Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

*Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn
4:43-54*

Private ☩ Margarita Montes (George & Beverly Connolly)

Tuesday March 24

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

9:00 a.m. (online) ☩ Pat O'Connon (Marie & Steve Carson)

Wednesday March 25 | Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

*Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;
Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38*

9:00 a.m. (online) In Honor of Phil & Ann Mentzer 17th Wedding
Anniversary (Phil & Ann Mentzer)

Thursday March 26

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

9:00 a.m. (online) ☩ Arthur Gray (Bev O'Neill)

Friday March 27

*Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn
7:1-2, 10, 25-30*

9:00 a.m. (online) ☩ Christine Igarta (Julius Igarta)

Saturday March 28

*Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12;
Jn 7:40-53*

Private ☩ Martha and Daniel Yezerski (Susan Campbell)

Sunday March 29 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17,
20-27, 33b-45*

10:00 a.m. (ONLINE) ☩ Sally Wilt (Dan & Joan Suders)



**PARISH MISSION
STATEMENT**

The Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Family, guided by the Holy Spirit, commits itself to reaching out and sharing with all people the love and service modeled by our patroness, with the Eucharist as our source of strength. Through prayer and action, we will serve God, our Lord and Savior, and our community, exhibiting a special concern for the poor, oppressed and marginalized of our society, especially those among the African-American & Native-American peoples.

Welcome to Saint Katharine Drexel Church

SKD is the only Catholic Church in Silver Spring Township, one of the fastest growing geographical regions in Pennsylvania. We offer a variety of opportunities to worship and to become involved in parish life. When you are ready to join the parish, simply [click here](#) to register, this link takes you to the registration portal on our church website. You may call the office too for assistance. We are happy to help.



Office Hours

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Requiescat in Pace

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Marylou Blake, Sister of Parishioner Anne Keck

Please pray for healing for Laura Chacon and Jim Olsen.

In a special way please pray for those suffering COVID-19, flu and any other illness in mind, body and spirit.



**Act of Spiritual
Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**SUNDAY MASS
10AM**

LIVESTREAM

With Father Ken on the

Saint Katharine Drexel Facebook Page

skd parish You Tube Channel

Entrance Antiphon—Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. ~cf. Isaiah 66:10-11



March 22, 2020 – Our God is a God of surprises. This is evident in our First Reading, where God directs the anointing of David. Samuel, the prophet, goes to Jesse of Bethlehem to anoint one of his eight sons as king. Although Samuel is impressed by the stature of the eldest son, God rejects him, saying: “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.” David, the youngest son, still a shepherd boy, is chosen to be anointed.

Today’s Gospel account of Jesus’ healing a man born blind is one of seven signs in John’s Gospel. It signifies that Jesus’ power to heal extends beyond physical blindness to spiritual blindness. The healing initiates a dialogue among the man born blind, Jesus, and the Pharisees. On first encountering the man born blind, Jesus takes the initiative. He rubs clay on the man’s eyes and instructs him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. The man follows Jesus’ instructions and is healed. The Pharisees refuse to believe. They reject Jesus because he broke their law by healing on the Sabbath. Here is another example of the god of surprises working in ways that human beings refuse to accept.

Later, Jesus meets the man he had healed. When Jesus identifies himself as the Son of Man, the man immediately responds: “I do believe, Lord,” and he worships him. This man has moved from the gift of physical sight to the deeper gift of “spiritual sight”. This miracle reflects our relationship with Jesus. Before Baptism, we were spiritually blind. After being washed in the waters of Baptism, we entered a deeper personal relationship with Jesus.

How does God surprise people in both the First Reading and the Gospel reading? What does Paul mean in the Second Reading when he calls us to “live as children of the light”? How has God surprised you?

~ In His love and mine, Father Ken

[source: 2020 At Home with the Word]

The Pilgrimage to Germany this September has been cancelled. It has been rescheduled for 2022.

God is giving us an opportunity to slow down and reevaluate how we spend our time this Lent. Being forced to stop our normal lives can be viewed as a blessing. It is an opportunity time to pray through the uncertainty of these days, reflect and connect with our loved ones. In this downtime, we have the opportunity to do things together—prepare our yard/containers for a summer garden, to pray together, make a creative meal together with whatever is in the cupboard, and even tune into formed.org for some good shows which will help cultivate your faith. Enjoy this time of grace.



Session 3—At Home Study

The Rite Explained & Session 4 for Children

God forgives our sin in order to clear the way for love. We can choose to grow in grace or not. A good examination of conscience is taking the time to reflect on how we have failed to live up to who we are called to be. Mortal sin completely ruptures our relationship with God. A sin is mortal when it is a grave matter and is committed with full knowledge and full consent. The Rite of Penance includes the Sign of the Cross, stating how long since your last confession, listing your sins, receiving your penance, making an Act of Contrition, and receiving absolution.

One way to support your parish while we are apart is through online giving. Prayerfully consider this option. Thank you.



7-DAY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday March 22 | 4th Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m. Virtual Mass Online

Monday March 23

Tuesday March 24
9:00 a.m. Virtual Mass

Wednesday March 25
9:00 a.m. Virtual Mass

Thursday March 26
9:00 a.m. Virtual Mass

Friday March 27
9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday March 28



LATEST NEWS IN STAYING CONNECTED WITH SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

- ⇒ All Masses, faith formation classes and all other church functions are cancelled thru March 31st.
- ⇒ The Church office is closed to the public minimally through March 31st.
- ⇒ If it an emergency and you need a priest, please call the office phone and then press 1. If someone is in the office and takes your call, we will be able to direct your call.
- ⇒ Livestreaming of daily Mass is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday is at 9 a.m.
- ⇒ Livestreaming of the Sunday Mass is 10 a.m. from the SKD Church Sanctuary.
- ⇒ Livestreaming is viewable through the **skd parish youtube channel** and on the **Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Facebook Page**.
- ⇒ To subscribe to the skd parish you tube channel
 - Go to www.youtube.com
 - Add this channel ID - **UCnHzZ2XR9PtrLyK4olCVWTA**
- ⇒ To subscribe to the **Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Facebook Page**, use type the name in the search bar. Look for the one in Mechanicsburg, PA. Make sure you click the Follow button.
- ⇒ **Myparish App** is a simple app to have on your phone for quick messages, Mass readings, looking at the bulletin, and more.
 - **“Text App to 88202 to download our App!”**
- ⇒ **Have your bulletin emailed to you –**
 - go to www.Discovermass.com
 - search saint Katharine Drexel, zip code 17050
 - click on the one listing that appears on the results page
 - under the banner of Saint Katharine Drexel you will see 4 tabs, choose the bulletin tab
 - click on the yellow button labeled Sign up today!
 - Enter your name and the email address where you would like the weekly bulletin to be sent.

First Penance is postponed.

As we learn more regarding the Holy Week Schedule, it will be communicated to you. It has been a difficult week to say the least as we all navigate this transition. Please know you are all in our prayers before the Lord. May His Grace and Peace always be with each of you.