

PRAYERS of the FAITHFUL

Third Sunday of Easter: April 26, 2020

- ∞ For the people of Nova Scotia as they grieve the loss of life in this past week's shootings, for the victims of this violence – *pause (4 seconds)* – and for their families and friends who mourn them – *pause (4 seconds)* – we pray – *Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*
- ∞ For the Church, sacrament of Christ in the midst of the world's struggles – *pause (4 seconds)* – we pray – *Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*
- ∞ For an end to ethnic and religious hatred, and for the birth of understanding and peace among nations and peoples – *pause (4 seconds)* – we pray - *Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*
- ∞ For those among us who are poor or lonely – *pause (4 seconds)* – we pray – *Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*
- ∞ For God's protection for all of God's children, for the health and safety of everyone during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic – *pause (4 seconds)* – we pray - *Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*
- ∞ For healthcare workers and all essential workers who are on the front-lines, especially those in positions of vulnerability as they work to serve their neighbours – *pause (4 seconds)* – we pray - *Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*
- ∞ For families with children at home, for parents balancing work with the care of their children, and for children and students adapting to new ways of schooling – *pause (4 seconds)* – we pray – *Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*
- ∞ For our St. Joseph Parish community, that while separated at this time, we remain united in prayer for each other and continue to reach out to those who are lonely and most vulnerable – *pause (4 seconds)* – we pray – *Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*
- ∞ For all who are sick – *pause* – Amanda Rietschlin, Rod Bourgeois – *pause* – And for all who are listed in our Book of the Sick and for their care-givers – *pause (4 seconds)* – we pray - *Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*
- ∞ For all who have died – *pause* – John Kroetch – we remember all who died in Nova Scotia as well as all who have died from COVID-19 – *pause* – And for those who mourn them – *pause (4 seconds)* – we pray - *Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*
- ∞ For the prayers that lie quiet in our hearts – *pause (4 seconds)* – and for those in our prayer basket – *pause (4 seconds)* – we pray - *Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*