

## PRAYERS of the FAITHFUL

**Fourth Sunday of Easter: May 3, 2020**

- ∞ For all who hold positions of authority in the Church, called to model their leadership on that of the Good Shepherd – *pause (4 seconds)* – we pray – *Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*
- ∞ That decisions and actions of political leaders may reflect God’s wisdom and justice – *pause (4 seconds)* – we pray - *Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*
- ∞ For those who live in shelters or require support from food banks during this time of pandemic – *pause* – and for the staff providing aid and support – *pause (4 seconds)* – we pray – *Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*
- ∞ For continuous coordinated efforts among individuals, nations, and societies as we all work together to prevent further spread of the coronavirus – *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 those most vulnerable during this time: we remember all who live in poverty, migrants and refugees, the homeless, the elderly, and those who may be experiencing violence and abuse in their living situation – *pause (4 seconds)* – we pray - *Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*
- ∞ For all those who live or work in care facilities and for families who cannot be with elderly relatives during this time – *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* – we remember 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.*