



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

and

CHAPEL OF SAINT MARGARET MARY



Parish of Queens Deanery #1, Brooklyn Diocese

APRIL 5, 2020

W E L C O M E

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

The Mission of our parish is to serve our neighbors with Jesus, to pray in faith with Jesus, and to teach as His Church with Jesus, so "that all may have more abundant life." (John 10:10). The Word of God, the Sacraments, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church are the instruments and standards of this work of evangelization and faith formation.

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All Masses and Meetings are Suspended Until Further Notice

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None until further notice.

CHAPEL OF ST. MARGARET MARY

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The first of four enigmatic songs in Isaiah about the anonymous Servant of the Lord. These give a wonderful backdrop to the passion and death of Jesus.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul quotes what is thought to have been a song sung in the early Christian communities: powerful words echoed in the Gospel acclamation.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Matthew's is the longest of the Gospel passion narratives. It includes features not found in other versions, including Pontius Pilate washing his hands, Pilate's wife, the earthquake and more.

•**Confessions/Confesiones:** By appointment only.

•**Weddings/ Bodas:** Wedding arrangements should be made 6 months in advance
Arreglos para bodas deben hacerse 6 meses en avance.

•**Sweet Sixteen/ Quinceaños:** Must have made the sacrament of Confirmation
Debe haber recibido el sacramento de Confirmacion

•**Legal Holidays :** There will only be one Mass at 9:00am.

•**Recitation of the Rosary:** After weekday masses.

•**Novena:** *To Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude* every Wednesday after the 12:00 Noon Mass
Always check our weekly bulletin for any changes and please view our Informational Pamphlet.



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APRIL 5TH, 2020— PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



SATURDAY, April 4 (Lenten Weekday)

5:00pm Marcos Medina; Mario Nacinovich
(Birthday Memorial)

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)

8:00am Malika Silien— For Healing
 9:00am Rocco & Assunta D'Angelo
 10:00am Living & Deceased Members of
 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rosary Society
 11:15am Gerlando Graci
 12:30pm Damiana Chavarria; Maritza Cordero
 5:00pm Our Parish Family

MONDAY, APRIL 6

(Monday of Holy Week)

8:00am Giuseppa & Vincenzo Barretta and Family
 12:00pm Celine Ramos

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

(Tuesday of Holy Week)

8:00am Frank J. & Margaret M. Miller
 12:00pm Richard Roberts

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

(Wednesday of Holy Week)

8:00am Raffaele & Sabbia Carullo
 12:00pm Willy Haitzer

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

(Thursday of Holy Week)

7:30pm Malika Silien— For Healing

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

(Friday of the Passion of the Lord)

12:00pm Stations of the Cross
 3:00pm Good Friday Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

(Holy Saturday)

12:00pm Blessing of the Food— Lower Church
 7:30pm Veronica McKenzie

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

(Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord)

8:00am Parish Family
 9:00am Privata
 10:00am Malika Silien— For Healing
 11:15am Natale Forzano
 12:30pm Pedro Gregorio Melchor Cayetano—
 Animas Benditas— Living; Alberto Aguilar
 5:00pm Our Parish Family

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

We pray for the souls in Purgatory every first Friday of the month. You may enroll names in the Purgatorial Society to be prayed for one year for a donation of \$10.00. The following have been enrolled: Aida Galvez, Frank Marando, Maria Fernandez Alvarez, Emiliano Eloy Negrete Salas, Teofilo Pacherras, Justiniano Leonidas Dume, Mariano de Jesus Dume, Amado Pozo Martinez, Steven Morales, Mickey Bourke, Alba Lucia Lopez DeDallal

PRAY FOR THE SICK

If you have a family member you wish to be prayed for, please let us know immediately and we will be happy to pray for them. The names will remain on the sick list for three weeks and thereafter repeated as requested.

James Leung	Patrick Lenihan	Vita Cinturati	Mary Rocuzzo
Marie LaVolpe	Jason Toribio	Betty Tolliver	Rose Barulic
Robert Lohman	Gabriel Theodorou	Tom Barulic	Maria Barretta
Rose Cinquemani	Margo Cluess	Daria Vidas	Mary Danyluk
Bridget Browne	Eda Profeta		

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Marie Dowd Nestor Quizpe

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: In the absence of Mass attendance, we will be grateful if you can remember your weekly offerings to the church, either through the mail or dropping them through the rectory mail slot; whether weekly, monthly, or when the emergency is over and Masses resume. This might be a good opportunity to start doing your church offerings electronically. Just visit FaithDirect.com, and register entering our parish code: NY370. We thank you for your loyal support.

EL DIEZMO SEMANAL: En ausencia de asistencia a la Santa Misa, estaremos agradecidos si puede recordar sus ofrendas semanales a la parroquia, ya sea a través del correo o dejarlas a través de la ranura de correo de la rectoría; ya sea semanal, mensualmente o cuando la emergencia haya terminado y las Misas se reanuden. Esta podría ser una buena oportunidad para comenzar a hacer sus ofrendas de la parroquia electrónicamente. Simplemente visite FaithDirect.com, y regístrese ingresando nuestro código parroquial: NY370. Le agradecemos su leal apoyo.

DEDICATED OFFERINGS



The Altar Candles are being offered for Raffaele & Sabbia Carullo
 This was requested by Tony & Nina Carullo



Enroll at faithdirect.net— code NY370



Electronic Giving

Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

We have begun the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2019 Appeal and ask that everyone prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2020 appeal. The works and services made possible through your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal help people in Brooklyn & Queens in ways that no one parish can do alone. Please remain assured that your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal **cannot be used in the settlement of abuse claims or for anything other than their intended purpose.**

As of March 30, 2020 we have 66 pledges totaling \$28,600 towards our parish goal of 64,586. So far we have received more than \$14,100. Thank you for your support.

ST. MARGARET MARY

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 5, 2020
(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)
10:15 am



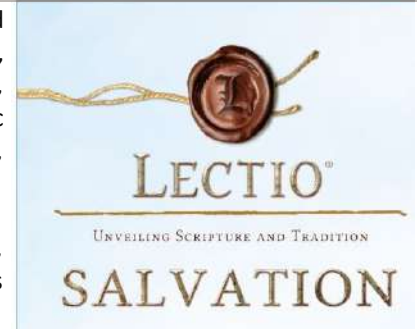
ST. MARGARET MARY FOOD PANTRY NEWS

In the month of February, 2019 a total of 2,829 people were served. This included 1,218 children, 1,251 adults and 360 seniors.

Parish Bulletin Board

FORMED

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven “for us men and for our salvation.” But what does “salvation” mean? In this remarkable 10-part video series, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer. Based on the best-selling book *Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know* this video series is inspiring, engaging, and accessible. To register for FORMED, please visit www.mountcarmelastoria.formed.org. It's free!



We encourage everyone to use FORMED as a platform for learning and spiritual renewal, especially during these difficult times. For your children, FORMED also has video for all ages as well! We suggest the following:

Deseamos que todos usen la plataforma de FORMED para seguir aprendiendo y llenandonos espiritualmente. Para sus niños tambien hay contenido para todas las edades! Sugerimos estas presentaciones que estan en español tambien:



FORMED

Join Brother Francis in this compact presentation of what Lent is all about and how we observe it as Catholics.

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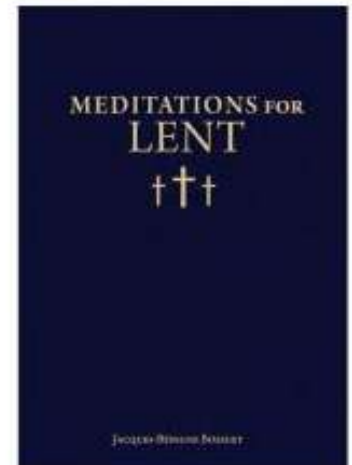
Brother Francis

Let's Learn about Lent



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Fr. Joe's Anniversary Mass & Party Postponed

POSTPONEMENT OF FATHER JOE PHAM'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS AND PARTY

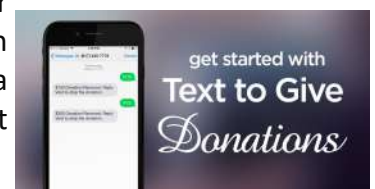
After consultation with the committee and staff, Fr. Joe has decided to postpone his May 8 party and May 9 Mass indefinitely, due to the uncertainty about when public gatherings of any kind will be permitted.

APLAZAMIENTO DE LA CELEBRACIÓN DEL ANIVERSARIO 50 DE PADRE JOE PHAM: Después de consultar con el comité y el personal, el P. Joe ha decidido posponer su partido del 8 de mayo y la Misa del 9 de mayo indefinidamente, debido a la incertidumbre sobre cuándo serán permitidas cualquier reunion pública.

Faith Direct & Text-To-Give

We urge you to sign up for Faith Direct in view of the Coronavirus pandemic. Please go online to faithdirect.net and use our parish code NY370 to continue supporting your parish. Online giving is easy, convenient and safe.

Another way to give securely to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church is by texting a dollar amount to 929.254-3850. You will be asked to complete a one-time registration page with your billing and contact information. After this registration, you can give any time by texting a dollar amount to that phone number.



FROM THE OGLE OFFICE

Dear friends:

During this intense Lent of **“sacramental quarantine”**, we need not lose sight of the other elements of faith formation and expression that are available to us: Prayer, meditation, contemplation, Scripture study, spiritual reading, sacramental, private devotions, and many online aids for these, as well as communal practices done digitally. (Some parishioners have formed **“watch parties”** from their homes, and even scripture discussions over Skype!) Here are some suggestions:

PALM SUNDAY 2020: Sunday Masses at 8 (English), 10 (Vietnamese), 11 Spanish). Given that Queens and Brooklyn are the epicenter of the Covid-19 crisis, parishes must act out of charity for the greater good and discourage physical contact. Thus, **palms will not be distributed to the faithful on Palm Sunday**. They will be blessed and distributed at a later date as permitted by the Covid-19 crisis and at our Bishop's directions. Please continue to pray privately for an end to this pandemic.

HOLY MASS: Watch our parish livestreamed Mass daily at 8 AM via Facebook for “Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Astoria”; or for those not on Facebook, through the parish website, mountcarmelastoria.org. Just click on the words “Our Lady of Mount Carmel” at the top of the right-hand column.

Holy Week Services will be livestreamed as follows:

Holy Thursday: 7:30 PM– bilingual

Good Friday: 3 PM: English

7:30 PM Spanish

Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM– multilingual

Easter Sunday: 8 AM English, 10 AM Vietnamese, 11 AM Spanish

Also on the parish website, middle column, is the prayer for **Spiritual Communion**, whether you view the Mass or not.

NET TV (Brooklyn Diocese) can be seen on Spectrum Channel 97, Optimum Channel 30, and FIOS Channel 48. Viewers can also tune in at www.netny.tv

Saturday at 6 PM: Vigil Mass pre-recorded from Immaculate Conception, Jamaica NY

Sunday at 11 AM: Live from St James Cathedral in Downtown Brooklyn (English)

Sunday at 1:30 PM: Pre-recorded from St Joseph Co-Cathedral in Brooklyn (Spanish)

Today, Sunday, March 22, the NET is carrying Mass in seven languages. Here's the link to their schedule:

EWTV - Channel 285

Catholic Faith Network - Channel 296 (Rockville Centre Diocese): To find times of all Masses, prayers and services etc., hit the guide button on your remote and scroll thru the times listed.

Popular Catholic devotional sites:

Formed.org's daily reflections: Our parish has purchased membership for any parishioner in Formed.org, with access to its hundreds of catechetical, liturgical, devotional and pure entertainment videos and podcasts. Just go to Formed.org, type in "mountcarmelastoria.formed.org", and you're in.

Bishop Barron's daily reflections: <https://dailycatholicgospel.com/sign-up-daily-gospel>. Also found at “Wordonfire.org”

Ascension Press Facebook page has many practical ideas for coping with the health emergency:

<https://www.facebook.com/AscensionPress/>

"The Quarantined Catholic Hub" from St Paul Center for Scripture Studies with daily reflections (Dr. Scott Hahn):

<https://stpaulcenter.com/hub>

The Word Among Us: Newsletter@wau.org

Catholicdigest.com: Catholic Digest - get all sorts of articles, etc.

USCCB.org/readings: you can get the Mass readings every day. (Also in Spanish: click *Espanol* at the top of the page.)

Praymorenovenas.com: includes a Novena for the Time of Coronavirus

PARISH BULLETIN: Is only available online on the parish website, mountcarmelastoria.org

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DE LA OFICINA DEL PASTOR

Queridos amigos,

Durante esta intensa Cuaresma de la **"cuarentena sacramental"**, no necesitamos perder de vista los otros elementos de la formación y expresión de la fe que están a nuestro alcance: oración, meditación, contemplación, estudio de las Escrituras, lectura espiritual, sacramental, devociones privadas, y muchas ayudas en línea para estos, así como las prácticas comunales realizadas digitalmente. (Algunos feligreses han formado **"fiestas de vigilancia"** desde sus hogares, e incluso discusiones de las Escrituras a través de **Skype!**) Estos podrían incluir:

DOMINGO DE RAMOS 2020: La Santa Misa s; 8 (Inglés), 10 (Vietnamita), 11 (Español). Porque Queens son el epicentro de la crisis de Covid-19, las parroquias deben actuar por caridad para el bien mayor y desalentar el contacto físico. Por lo tanto, los ramos no se distribuirán a los fieles el Domingo de Ramos. Serán bendecidos y distribuidos en una fecha posterior según lo permita la crisis de Covid-19 y según las indicaciones de nuestro Obispo. Continúe orando en privado por el fin de esta pandemia.

SANTA MISA: Mire la **Santa Misa parroquial en vivo** a diario a las 8 AM a través de Facebook para "Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo - Astoria"; o para aquellos que no están en Facebook, a través del sitio web de la parroquia, mountcarmelastoria.org. Simplemente haga clic en las palabras "Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo" en la parte superior de la columna de la derecha.

Los servicios de Semana Santa se transmitirán en vivo de la siguiente manera:

Jueves Santo: 7:30 PM

Viernes Santo: 3 PM: inglés; 7:00 PM español

Vigilia Pascual: 7:30 PM: multi-idiomas

Domingo de Pascua: 8 AM (inglés), 10 AM (Vietnamita), 11 (Español).

También en el sitio web de la parroquia, en la columna central, está la **oración por la Comunión Espiritual**, ya sea que veas la Misa o no.

NET TV (Diócesis de Brooklyn) se puede ver en Spectrum Channel 97, Optimum Channel 30 y FIOS Channel 48. Los espectadores también pueden sintonizar en www.netny.tv

- Sábado a las 6 PM: Misa de vigilia pregrabada de Immaculate Conception, Jamaica NY
- Domingo a las 11 a.m.: en vivo desde la Catedral de St James en el centro de Brooklyn (inglés)
- Domingo a la 1:30 PM: Pregrabado de la Concatedral de San José en Brooklyn (español)

EWTN - Canal 285

Catholic Faith Network - Canal 296 (Rockville Centre Diocese): Para encontrar los horarios de todas las misas, oraciones y servicios, etc., presione el botón de guía en su control remoto y desplácese por los horarios enumerados.

Sitios devocionales católicos populares:

- Reflexiones diarias de **Formed.org**: nuestra parroquia ha comprado membresía para cualquier feligrés en Formed.org, con acceso a sus cientos de videos y podcasts catequéticos, litúrgicos, devocionales y de entretenimiento puro. Simplemente vaya a Formed.org, escriba "mountcarmelastoria.formed.org", y ya está.
- Reflexiones diarias del **Obispo Barron**: <https://dailycatholicgospel.com/sign-up-daily-gospel>. También encontrado en "Wordonfire.org"
- La página de Facebook de **Ascension Press** tiene muchas ideas prácticas para hacer frente a la emergencia de salud: <https://www.facebook.com/AscensionPress/>
- **"The Quarantined Catholic Hub"** del Centro St. Paul para Estudios Bíblicos con reflexiones diarias (Dr. Scott Hahn) : <https://stpaulcenter.com/hub>
- La palabra entre nosotros: Newsletter@wau.org
- **Catholicdigest.com**: Catholic Digest: obtenga todo tipo de artículos, etc.
- **USCCB.org/readings**: puede obtener las lecturas de misa todos los días. (También en español: haga clic en **Español** en la parte superior de la página).
- Praymorenovenas.com: incluye una Novena para la época del coronavirus

BOLETÍN DE LA PARROQUIA: solo está disponible en línea en el sitio web de la parroquia, mountcarmelastoria.org

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Mons. Sean G. Ogle

GOD'S LOVING PLAN

For Sunday, April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14—27:66 Or 27:11-54

When I was expecting my second son, I remember spending hours poring over decisions on his birth and what I wanted things to look like. Every step of the labor and delivery process was already planned out in my mind. So, when at 40 weeks pregnant and ready to make this plan reality, I experienced a partial placental abruption, I was completely blindsided. Everything that I had anticipated for his birth was undone and I was sent on a completely new path in that single moment. In God's providential care, my son was born healthy. There was so much suffering that came from that birth, but that moment was also a vital turning point for me as a mother and Catholic and I wouldn't change it. God allowed it all for a good I couldn't see yet. I learned the profound lesson that our ways are very often not God's ways.

This Lent, our entire world has learned a similar lesson at a much larger scale. Many of us planned to spend our days preparing for the Lord's Passion and Resurrection in a very specific way. Like many of my friends, I had mapped out exactly what I was fasting from and the spiritual practices I would be implementing in order to create a little curated Lenten journey I thought fit to help prepare my heart for these holy days. However, this year we have seen in God's providential care that he has allowed a new way to be carved out for many Catholics this year. A way that God may see fit to call even more hearts to conversion as the world navigates the immense challenges of a pandemic. We've been called to give up far more than most had planned. At the same time we've been called to renew our hope and trust in the God who sees beyond any earthly suffering, not as a passive spectator but as the one who took on flesh in order to feel deeply the pangs of human suffering, in order to redeem it. At the end of Lent many of us are realizing God's plans were not our plans, and His plans will bear so much more fruit even if we don't see it yet.

The canticle in the second reading helps us commit to heart this reality: no matter how deep our suffering is or how tragic our world becomes, no matter how many plans are disrupted, we have a God who is so profoundly on our side that nobility and earthly power mean nothing to Him. He has literally cloaked Himself in the weight of our sin and sorrow in order to save us and ensure we get back to Him. If I had planned for a king to save the world, the last thing I would plan is a suffering servant who had to endure a horrendous death. But in His mercy and goodness, God planned a way that would convince even the hardest heart that we are never alone, and we will someday be in paradise with Him if we remain faithful and trust in Him.

Author Fr. Jacques Philippe teaches us about this trust in his book "Fire & Light" when he says:

"To the extent we have riches or place our trust in security and human support, we can't really practice hope, which consists in counting on God alone. God sometimes permits us to go through trials, the loss of some of our security, even lamentable falls, in order that we learn in the end to count on nothing but Him and His mercy. Peter is a good example: he had to fall, denying Christ during his Passion, in order to learn not to lean on his own virtues, his own courage, the momentum of human enthusiasm, but only on the love of Jesus."

Let us welcome Palm Sunday and our Lord's Passion this year with new hearts that have been formed by God's will, even if it didn't come as we had planned, leaning into the love of Christ and his wounded heart.

Angie Windnagle

Cuando esperaba a mi segundo hijo, recuerdo haber pasado horas estudiando detenidamente las decisiones sobre su nacimiento y cómo quería que fueran las cosas. Cada paso del trabajo y el proceso de entrega ya estaba planeado en mi mente. Entonces, cuando a las 40 semanas de embarazo y lista para hacer realidad este plan, experimenté un desprendimiento parcial de placenta, me quedé completamente ciego. Todo lo que había anticipado para su nacimiento se deshizo y fui enviado a un camino completamente nuevo en ese momento. En el cuidado providencial de Dios, mi hijo nació sano. Hubo tanto sufrimiento como resultado de ese nacimiento, pero ese momento también fue un punto de inflexión vital para mí como madre y católica, y no lo cambiaría. Dios lo permitió todo por un bien que aún no podía ver. Aprendí la profunda lección de que nuestros caminos a menudo no son los caminos de Dios.

Esta Cuaresma, nuestro mundo entero ha aprendido una lección similar a una escala mucho mayor. Muchos de nosotros planeamos pasar nuestros días preparándonos para la Pasión y Resurrección del Señor de una manera muy específica. Como muchos de mis amigos, había planeado exactamente de qué estaba ayunando y las prácticas espirituales que estaría implementando para crear un pequeño viaje cuaresmal curado que creí apropiado para ayudar a preparar mi corazón para estos días santos. Sin embargo, este año hemos visto en el cuidado providencial de Dios que él ha permitido que se forje una nueva forma para muchos católicos este año. Una forma en que Dios considere apropiado llamar aún más corazones a la conversión mientras el mundo navega por los inmensos desafíos de una pandemia. Hemos sido llamados a renunciar a mucho más de lo que la mayoría había planeado. Al mismo tiempo, hemos sido llamados a renovar nuestra esperanza y confianza en el Dios que ve más allá de cualquier sufrimiento terrenal, no como un espectador pasivo sino como el que se encarnó para sentir profundamente los dolores del sufrimiento humano, en Para canjearlo. Al final de la Cuaresma, muchos de nosotros nos damos cuenta de que los planes de Dios no eran nuestros planes, y sus planes darán mucho más fruto incluso si aún no lo vemos.

El cántico en la segunda lectura nos ayuda a comprometernos con esta realidad: no importa cuán profundo sea nuestro sufrimiento o cuán trágico sea nuestro mundo, no importa cuántos planes se vean afectados, tenemos un Dios que está tan de nuestro lado que la nobleza y El poder terrenal no significa nada para él. Literalmente se ha envuelto en el peso de nuestros pecados y penas para salvarnos y asegurarnos de que volvamos a Él. Si hubiera planeado que un rey salvara el mundo, lo último que planearía sería un sirviente sufriente que tuvo que soportar una muerte horrenda. Pero en su misericordia y bondad, Dios planeó una manera que convencería incluso al corazón más duro de que nunca estamos solos, y algún día estaremos en el paraíso con Él si permanecemos fieles y confiamos en Él.

Autor p. Jacques Philippe nos enseña sobre esta confianza en su libro "Fuego y luz" cuando dice:

"En la medida en que tengamos riquezas o confiemos en la seguridad y el apoyo humano, realmente no podemos practicar la esperanza, que consiste en contar solo con Dios. Dios a veces nos permite pasar por pruebas, la pérdida de parte de nuestra seguridad, incluso caídas lamentables, para que al final aprendamos a contar con nada más que Él y Su misericordia. Peter es un buen ejemplo: tuvo que caer, negando a Cristo durante su Pasión, para aprender a no apoyarse en sus propias virtudes, su propio coraje, el impulso del entusiasmo humano, sino solo en el amor de Jesús".

Demos la bienvenida al Domingo de Ramos y la Pasión de nuestro Señor este año con nuevos corazones que se han formado por la voluntad de Dios, incluso si no fue como lo habíamos planeado, apoyándonos en el amor de Cristo y su corazón herido.

Prayer:

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within thy wounds, hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy, defend me.

In the hour of my death, call me

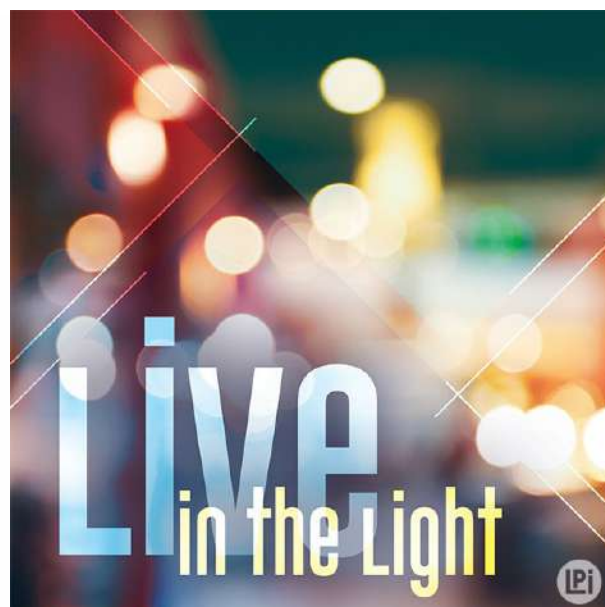
and bid me come unto thee,

That with thy Saints I may praise thee,

Forever and ever.

Amen.

-St. Ignatius of Loyola



DID YOU KNOW THAT SAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER TAKES EXACTLY AS LONG AS THE CDC RECOMMENDS YOU WASH YOUR HANDS?



*Love your neighbor. Love your God.
Wash and Pray.*

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O **Mary**, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. **We entrust ourselves to you**, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. **Help us, Mother of Divine Love**, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and **deliver us from every danger**, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer by Pope Francis

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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.

ACTO DE COMUNIÓN ESPIRITUAL

Creo, Jesús mío, que estás real y verdaderamente en el cielo y en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar. Te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo vivamente recibirte dentro de mi alma, pero no pudiendo hacerlo ahora sacramentalmente, venid al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón. Y como si ya Ti hubiese recibido, Te abrazo y me uno del todo a Ti. Señor, no permitas que jamás me aparte de Ti. Amén