Our Vision
Through our Baptism and Eucharist, we are called to love as Christ loves and serve as Christ serves.

Our Mission
In Jesus Christ, we will grow and flourish through
- Engaging, welcoming and building community
- Lifelong faith formation
- Social justice and service to others in need
- Engaging and understanding the energy and interests of our youth
- Prayer and worship that deepens our spiritual life
- Accountability in using our resources wisely

So that we may live life abundantly!
Spring 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

These are unprecedented times. Yet we know deep in our hearts that we are not alone or forsaken, and that God is with us. We know that his love for us—and the love and care we show each other—always triumphs over fear and darkness.

This is the time of year we usually ask for your support of the annual Catholic Charities Mother’s Day Collection. This year we had planned to celebrate the faith and strength of Mary as she stared down her own doubt and fear to bring the ultimate light into our world. She remains a fitting role model for the faith and service that are called for in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We can’t begin to know the full ramifications of this virus. What we do know is that since it began to impact our community, Catholic Charities staff and volunteers have been in the field providing services. We know that the need for social service support will grow exponentially in the next several months to help people deal with lost wages, lost jobs, and industry contraction. We know that those families who were only just getting by have lost whatever small cushion they had. We know that people are facing extraordinary challenges. And we know that we need your help.

Catholic Charities continues to help those least able to navigate these treacherous waters. Catholic Charities will serve the growing needs we are only just beginning to understand. And Catholic Charities will be here long after this chapter is past but its effects linger.

As the social service arm of the church, the work of Catholic Charities is a most fitting expression of our faith, and of our love for one another. This year, I ask that you consider as generous a gift as is feasible to Catholic Charities. You have my sincere gratitude for your past support of the Mother’s Day Collection, and my most urgent plea to give again. Contributions can be made at www.catholiccharities.net/donate, or mail your gift to Catholic Charities, 721 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

During this time of crisis, let us find comfort in Mary who faced uncertainty with unyielding faith and courage, and unite together to bring the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to those who need us most.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]
Archbishop of Chicago
A LOOK AHEAD

Introducing Two New Parish Prayer Opportunities Please join us in the Recitation of the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 10:00 a.m., livestreamed from our church. On Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon, we will continue to livestream Eucharistic Adoration. The Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration will be dedicated to praying for the Church, for our government, and for an end to the pandemic. Join in at: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live.

Livestreaming Masses Our parish livestreams weekday Mass at 8:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday. The 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses are also livestreamed each weekend. All of the Masses will be in our archived section after they have been broadcast. Watch here: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live.

Church and Parish Offices Closed St. Joseph Catholic Church is closed until further notice. The following will not be held until further notice: Weekday Masses, Weekend Masses, Baptism, Saturday Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour and all meetings and parish events. Please contact staff or clergy through email only, as phone coverage will not be available. A listing of email addresses can be found at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/staff.

It is important that the parish be able to continue its vital work during this crisis We encourage you to continue your important support through your generous giving. Please sign up for online giving at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/give. Or use your smartphone to text a gift to the parish by following the instructions below. You are also welcome to mail or drop off your weekly envelope at the mail slot at the Parish Office.

We will continue to monitor this fluid situation and we will share new or additional guidelines as we receive them. Our website and social media accounts will also be updated. We ask for your patience, understanding and prayers.

OPTIONS TO GIVE

Many of you give from the pews on Sunday and might be wondering how you can still support St. Joseph Catholic Church during this time of uncertainty. Last fall, when our collections were down, we asked you to increase your donations and you generously responded. We need your help, now more than ever, as the coronavirus is impacting our collections.

Here are three easy ways for you to give and continue to support St. Joseph Catholic Church:

Text To Give
Text To Give can be done right from your phone. Simply Text “Joseph” to 73256 and enter your weekly or monthly gift amount; or give a little extra this time.

Give Online
You can give online through our website. Visit www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/give.

Mail or Drop Off
Mail or drop off your donation in the mail slot at the parish office; 121 E. Maple Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048.

Thank you! This is a challenging time for all of us and we thank you for your continued support!

“I GAVE TODAY” #StJoesGiving
Encourage others to give and share on your social media accounts that you supported St. Joseph Catholic Church with a simple “I GAVE TODAY” post using the hashtag #StJoesGiving.

Stay Healthy And Pray!

An Act of Spiritual Communion

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.

The basic elements of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith, an Act of Love, a desire to receive Christ, and an invitation to Him to come into your heart.
Helping a Family

Last month, our Bed Ministry delivered a bed to a young girl who was sleeping on her bedroom floor. Upon arrival, we realized her mother was also sleeping on the floor. The home was completely unfurnished. The Bed Ministry volunteers reached out to our Social Justice Director, Mary Causey, for help finding resources. Mary started making calls.

Lo and behold, parishioner Maureen knew of a friend in Libertyville who was moving and had furniture. Together with St. Joseph parishioners from a variety of different ministries, they furnished her home, provided linens, home decor items, and were even able to locate an entire series of the daughter’s favorite books.

Mother and daughter were both overjoyed. The mother’s smile could have lit up a room when she lay on her new bed. The mother was no longer feeling despair, but renewed hope. She told the volunteers that she plans to hang curtains and pictures. She wanted to give something back to St. Joseph’s as God had answered her prayers. She thanked the crew with a religious thank you card and gave them a donation in an effort to help someone else in need. It takes a community. Together, St. Joseph volunteers and a friend from Libertyville brought hope to this family!

- Cecelia D., a member of CFTK Group 2 and CRHP Team 2, answered the call. A Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) from St. Joseph’s needed three masks for her foster family. Cecelia used what she had on hand to make one adult and two children’s masks in the same day. To learn more about CASA visit https://www.casalakecounty.com/
- Volunteers and staff from St. Joseph Catholic Church have telephoned over 1,100 parishioners to check in with them and see if they need anything (running errands, offering a prayer, etc). The phone calls will continue during this crisis.
**A Resource List for These Challenging Times**

**St. Joseph Food Pantry**: A donation box will be outside of our church doors on Maple Avenue every day 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. for food donations. For more information contact: mcausey@stjoseph-libertyville.org. The food pantry is running extended hours. Located at the Formation Center. The St. Joseph Food Pantry is not asking for I.D. and is open to anyone that needs food with no questions asked. If you have any questions, please email Mary Causey at mcausey@stjoseph-libertyville.org.
- Monday and Thursday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Wednesday and Friday 4-6 p.m.
- Sunday 10 a.m.-noon

**Lake County**: Lake County government with resources  [https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4414/How-to-Get-Help](https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4414/How-to-Get-Help)

**211**: Lake County telephone hotline system – confidential and free referrals for Lake County-based social services. Dial 211 or [https://211lakecounty.org/](https://211lakecounty.org/)

United Way of Lake County’s 211 connects people to available health and human services in our community, including food, shelter, rent and utility assistance, and other essential services. To access 211, simply call 211 or text your zip code to 898211 to speak with someone. For more information, visit [www.211LakeCounty.org](http://www.211LakeCounty.org).

**Village of Libertyville**: This site has information on local food pantries, mental health help-lines, and resources for small business  [https://www.libertyville.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=951](https://www.libertyville.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=951)

**Catholic Charities Lake County Services** Phone: 847-782-4000
To get help with rent, SNAP or utility service, phone: 312-655-7700  [http://www.catholiccharities.net/GetHelp.aspx](http://www.catholiccharities.net/GetHelp.aspx)

**Meals on Wheels Northeastern Illinois** - [https://mealsonwheelsnei.org/](https://mealsonwheelsnei.org/)
- General Inquiries: info@MealsonWheelsNEI.org or Phone: 847-332-2678
- Volunteering: volunteercoordinator@MealsonWheelsNEI.org
- Meal Program Information: programcoordinator@MealsonWheelsNEI.org

**Social Justice Ministries Responses to COVID-19 for immediate needs**

**ElderCare Lake County**: Seniors can get help, or volunteer [https://www.eldercarelakecounty.org](https://www.eldercarelakecounty.org) or 847-406-4683

**Aid for Women**: operating on reduced hours with social distancing practices. Baby formula and diapers and other items such as car seats and baby clothes are available to those who are eligible. Contact: 847-249-2700 for more information.

**Mary and Joseph Shelter/Franciscan Outreach**: The Franciscan Outreach shelter is in dire need of donations to aid the homeless population. They have an immediate needs list on Amazon. Any items purchased through this link will be delivered directly to shelters. You can find links to donate items here: [https://franoutreach.org/covid-19-response/](https://franoutreach.org/covid-19-response/)

**Holy Family Soup Kitchen in Waukegan**: 914 8th Street Waukegan, 847-775-0116
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Patrons are being served at the front door, drive-through style. Immediate Needs: The soup kitchen needs 8 oz. juice and milk cartons for serving drinks carry-out style. They also need bread and food runners and the ability to catalog and web-post deliveries so weekly teams can tell what food is available in the kitchen before they start their assigned shifts. Contact Mike Lynn for more details mlynn1662@comcast.net.

**PADS**: is operating a 24/7 shelter site in Warren Township as a response to the pandemic. You can find out more information on how to help on their website: [https://www.padslakecounty.org/](https://www.padslakecounty.org/)

**Food Pantry Donations Welcome**

A donation box has been placed in front of St. Joseph Catholic Church on Maple Avenue for food donations. It will be in use every day of the week, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may also drop food donations off at the Food Pantry during its open hours:
- Monday and Thursday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Wednesday and Friday 4-6 p.m.
- Sunday 10 a.m.-noon
Our Collection for Homeless Shelter in Chicago

St. Joseph Catholic Church will support the continued efforts of the Franciscan Outreach Shield in Chicago. The shelter provides immediate basic human needs to hundreds of people everyday. Please support our most vulnerable neighbors by donating **paper goods, toiletries, and men's and women's underwear and socks**. Donations can be placed in the donation box at St. Joseph Church before May 9. The donation box are at the main entrance to our church on Maple Avenue, and are open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Please mark that your donations are for Franciscan Outreach with a tag or marker. Parishioners will be driving the donations to Chicago on May 10. Thank you for your generosity!

From the Care for Creation Ministry

On Care for Our Common Home

This May we will celebrate the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis’ encyclical, Laudato Si. Laudato Si which means “Praise be to you”, is Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment. It is a worldwide wake-up call to help humanity understand the destruction that man is rendering to the environment and his fellow man. Pope Francis states his main message in paragraph 14: “I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation that includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all”.

During this stressful time, take a few quiet moments to read and reflect on this beautiful letter either alone or as a family. We encourage you to share your thoughts on social media with the hashtag #LaudatoSi5. Here is the link to Laudato Si (official Vatican text) [https://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf](https://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf)

St. Joseph Employment Ministry Online Meeting on May 6

**Note:** In support of social distancing initiatives, we have suspended our face-to-face meetings until further notice. Please join us for our next online meeting:

**Optimize Your Resume for Applicant Tracking Systems**—Resumes submitted online are often screened by an applicant tracking system (ATS). ATS software ranks your resume according to a variety of criteria, including keywords and skills aligned to the needs of the employer. Studies show that up to 75% of qualified job seekers may be overlooked by an employer because their resume did not follow ATS rules. **Denis Curtin, Career Coach and LinkedIn Trainer** who assists job seekers, will provide specific, practical recommendations for making your resume ATS-friendly and for selecting the best keywords and skills to describe your background. Our sessions are free, and all are welcome—please join us for this online session!

Here’s the link to our live online Zoom meeting: **Optimize Your Resume for Applicant Tracking Systems** May 6, 2020 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Register in advance for this meeting: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUvde-Curz8iGtGMwtr1YGU41PKg8g8IFyVg](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUvde-Curz8iGtGMwtr1YGU41PKg8g8IFyVg)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The St. Joseph Employment Ministry assists the unemployed and under-employed in the pursuit of fulfilling employment opportunities. Anyone with an interest in assisting job-seekers is also invited to attend. Meetings are usually held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month and feature topical presentations. If you have questions, contact John Jennings at jf Jennings@comcast.net. Employers are invited to post open positions by sending an email to John.

Aid for Women of Northern Lake County

4606 W. Old Grand Avenue, Gurnee IL 60031 847-249-2700  www.aidforwomenlakecounty.org

Dear St. Joseph Friends and Families,

Please accept our deepest appreciation for the diapers and monetary gifts collected for Aid for Women of Northern Lake County during the Lenten Season. We know it is a hardship to shop at this time, but are truly grateful for the diapers supplied for our center. God Bless you.

Carol Walsh, Director

P.S. In April, Aid for Women of Northern Lake County celebrated its 37th Anniversary! Thank you!

Alleluia. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!
Let’s Celebrate the Past
and Look Forward to the Future at St. Joseph Catholic Church!

A Little Boost of Happiness—Want to feel a boost of happiness today? Showing gratitude for the good things you have is the most powerful happiness-boosting activity there is. We have a great community here at St. Joseph Catholic Church and we are grateful for its love, support and generosity. Check out some of the events from this past year! Were you present at any of these events? Share some photos or comments. We will be celebrating together again soon!

There are a lot of sad stories facing us every day regarding this pandemic, but let us not forget what we have done as the community of St. Joseph Catholic Church. We will again be celebrating! Let us reflect on that during these days.

Please join us in welcoming the following new parish member: Ashley Hunt.
Welcome to our community of faith!
“Don’t rain on our parade!” That’s what the staff, students and families of St. Joseph Catholic School in Libertyville said last week. After a month of remote learning due to the State of Illinois stay-at-home order, the staff of St. Joseph Catholic School decided it had been too long since they had seen the smiling faces of their students in person. SJCS hosted its first “Drive-Through Parade” on Wednesday, April 22. The teachers, staff, and parish priests lined up along Park Place with posters and signs of encouragement and support—while practicing proper social distancing—as cars filled with excited students drove through the parade route. The students’ smiles couldn’t be dampened by the drizzle on this cloudy day. More than 100 car-loads of parents and children participated in the special event that lasted almost one hour. Parent Mary Gacs commented, “Thank you teachers, staff and priests...this is what we all needed to lift our spirits and show what a strong community SJCS is—no matter what comes our way. We miss you and are grateful for you all!” The school plans to hold another parade in May.

To inquire about enrolling your child at St. Joseph Catholic School for the 2020-2021 school year, please contact the Director of Admissions, Tracy Lombardo, at tlombardo@sjsliburyville.org.
EVEN WHILE STAYING AT HOME...

...families are able to use online tools through Children’s Faith Formation to read and share the gospel together. Using the Pflaum Gospel Weekly series, families have been able to read Sacred Scripture and discuss the connection of God's Word in their daily lives through a variety of activities—from short videos and discussion questions, to prayer and even small acts of service. Please keep our families in Faith Formation in your prayers as they journey with Christ during this time.

Children’s Summer Programming cancelled

Dear St. Joseph Families,

Every year, we enjoy seeing you and sharing the Good News together with our summer Faith Formation programs for children and teens. However, in light of the continuing uncertainty regarding the spread of the Coronavirus, we have made the difficult decision to cancel Vacation Bible School and Totus Tuus 2020. Families who already registered for VBS will receive a refund through the parish. Totus Tuus families who registered may contact the Archdiocese’s Office of Vocations for a refund: https://vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/parish-information-registration.

Please remain healthy and safe, as we keep you in our thoughts and prayers. - St. Joseph’s Faith Formation Team

Support the Guardian Angel Fund: 2020-21

What Is Our Guardian Angel Fund? The fund helps families enrolled in Children’s Faith Formation cover tuition costs so they can participate in our programming.
NO child is prevented from belonging!
All donations make a difference!

Did You Know? $21/month pays one student’s annual tuition

How to give: • Visit our Give Central link: www.givecentral.org/location/181/event/11082
To donate by check: Make payable to St. Joseph Church with “Guardian Angel” on the memo line; mail to 121 E. Maple Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048.

Program information? Contact Patty McCarthy, Coordinator for Traditional and Faith Weaving programs, 847-362-5797.

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION 2020-21

REGISTRATION

Quick & Easy!

New and Returning Families:

How to BEGIN!
Visit www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/ "Let the children come to me.”
registration & set up an appointment.

INFORMATION!
Patty McCarthy, Coordinator
pmccarthy@stjoseph-libertyville.org

Matthew 19:14
The Pope’s Tweet of the Week
At times in life we distance ourselves from the Lord and lose the freshness of the first call. Let us ask for the grace to always go back to that first encounter, in which He looked at us, spoke to us, and placed in us the desire to follow Him.

@Pontifex

Introducing Two New Parish Prayer Opportunities
Please join us for the Recitation of the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 10:00 a.m., livestreamed from our church. On Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon, we will livestream Eucharistic Adoration. The Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration will be dedicated to praying for the Church, for our government, and for an end to the pandemic. Join in at: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live.

Worship Aids for Your Use at Home
You may download/print a PDF of each weekend Mass worship aid by going to www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live. We hope this will be a help for you as you watch our livestreamed liturgies—5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

Shout Praises to the Lord!
Enroll in the Ministry of Praise! The Ministry of Praise is a call to those in nursing homes, retirement homes, the home-bound and all seniors. What will Ministers be asked to do? Simply pray. Each month you will receive a letter from a staff member or parishioner asking you to pray for intentions. It is a call to join in a chorus of prayer. There are no dues or meetings. Please contact Debbie Costa at 847-347-3601 or email Debbie at drc233@aol.com.

Mass Intentions
There will be a livestreamed Mass Monday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m. available to view at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live.
Parishioners are NOT to come to these Masses in Church.

The following intentions will be prayed for at the livestreamed daily Masses.

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Presiders/Deacons
During this time, these two Masses will be livestreamed and available to view at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live. Parishioners are NOT to come to either of these Masses in Church.

Saturday, May 9
5:00 p.m. Fr. Ortiz
Sunday, May 10
9:00 a.m. Fr. Luboyera
Please Pray for the Sick

Jennifer Philbrick  
Margaret Bregenzer  
Donna Wantrobski  
Marion O’Neill  
Maria Coton  
Janice Kleinschmidt  
Michelle Lucas Freer  
Mary Pikula  
Dolores Schultz  
Connor Boyle  
Fr. John Hennessy  
Alejandro Benavides  
Fernando Benavides  
Peter Krol  
Stan Szot  
Rita Gagliano  
David Guimond  
Carol Michalski  
Terry Venchus  
Joseph Locascio  
B. J. Carroll  
Sean Kolber  
Micah Peckels Quirk

During these weeks of church and office closings, we will be keeping the sick on our prayer list. Once things return to normal, please notify us if your loved one remains in need of our prayers.

Easter 2020 Collection

We are grateful for the blessings we have received and find joy in sharing these blessings with others. Your generous support makes a remarkable impact on our parish and our community. To date, the Easter collection totals $89,865. THANK YOU for your generosity at Easter and throughout the year!

Stewardship of Treasure

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Thank You! St. Joseph Parish is grateful to those who give generously on the weekends and monthly through our automatic contribution program. Thank you to those who regularly and generously give of their treasure as well as those who give of their time and talent to support the work our parish does in the name of Jesus Christ. Learn more at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org.

Thoughts on Giving

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’” (Acts 2:38) The word “repent” means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news: we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Stay Connected! We have options for everyone! Website: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org  
www.facebook.com/SJLibertyville  
www.twitter.com/SJLibertyville  
www.youtube.com/sjlibertyville  
www.instagram.com/SJLibertyville

Parish Pastoral Council

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council:

- Rev. John Trout, PASTOR
- Rev. Martin Luboyera, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
- Rev. Robinson Ortiz, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
- Rev. John Hennessey, PASTOR EMERITUS

DEACONS
- Dan Coughlin, George Kashmar, Dennis Mudd, David Tiemeier

Parish Finance Council

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Pastoral Staff

- Mrs. Mary Causey, Director of Social Justice and Service: 847-990-1213, mcausey@stjoseph-libertyville.org
- Mr. & Mrs. Tom and Brigid Dutton, Youth Ministers, 847-275-2597, bdutton@stjoseph-libertyville.org
- Mrs. Ann Harmon, Parish Office Manager: 847-362-2073, aharmon@stjoseph-libertyville.org
- Mr. Dan Harris, Facilities Manager: 847-722-5345, dharris@stjoseph-libertyville.org
- Deacon George Kashmar, Pastoral Director of Ministries: 847-990-1224, gkashmar@stjoseph-libertyville.org
- Mrs. Kelly McMahan, Director of Technology: 847-990-1277, kmcmahon@stjoseph-libertyville.org
- Mrs. Anne Phoenix, Principal, St. Joseph School: 847-362-0730, aphoenix@stjoseph-libertyville.org
- Mr. David Retseck, Director of Faith Formation: 847-990-1266, dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org
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Breaking Open the Word

A Journey to Discipleship—Jesus Companions Us Through Scripture

1. Proclaim God’s Word. Choose someone to read the Scripture. After reading, there is silence from the group in reverence.
2. Invite Response. Invite individuals to respond to a word, phrase or passage that strikes them in some way.
3. Praise God. After a period of response, close by leading the group in praise of God by praying together the Glory Be.

Next Sunday’s Gospel — John 14:1-12

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Response: Glory to You, O Lord

Philip said to him, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Next Sunday we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter. For many this year, it might feel more like the Tenth Sunday in Lent. One of the great challenges of this time is dealing with the isolation, fear and doubt about the future, which we have a lot of time to reflect upon. Yet the Easter season that we celebrate gives us every reason to be filled with hope and joy, for if we place our faith in Christ we know that we have the true way forward and that our lives will be rewarded with peace and joy. The words of Jesus “Do not let your hearts be troubled,” should become our constant source of comfort. He promised that He has prepared a place for us: a place for us today, tomorrow and for all eternity. When we put our trust in Him as our guide, we can live with Him in that place where doubts and fears are banished.

The Scripture also points out to us that the place Jesus has prepared for us is not an isolated place but one of community. With Jesus as the cornerstone, we are all united in the common place of the Body of Christ, the Church. In the Church we are bound together as sons and daughters of the same Father God. We are both family and community called to worship God together and to care for one another. As we struggle with isolation, let us recognize and honor our desire to be united with our brothers and sisters in Christ as well as our desire to experience communion with Him. Let us strive to unite our hearts as we “attend” our livestreamed Masses and pray rosaries together. Let us seek to reach out and lend a helping hand to those whose struggles may be more challenging than our own so that we, as the Body of Christ, cannot be accused of neglecting our own. We who believe understand that Christ “has got this,” so let’s look to Him with trust and take comfort in the fact that we are all in this together as children of the same Father.

For further reflection on the meaning of Jesus, True God and True Man in whom we are all united, see The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 464-478; and on Jesus, “The Way, The Truth and the Life,” paragraphs 459, 1698,2037, and 2614.

Reflection Questions

1. How well-prepared do I feel to live in the place that Jesus has prepared for me? What graces do I need during these challenging times to deal with doubts and fears? 2. How can I use this time to grow closer to Christ? What might I do to stay more closely connected spiritually to the members of my Church family? 3. As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to reach out and bring aid and comfort to the poor and needy. How can I reach out from my home to connect with others and bring them the reassurance, assistance and comfort that they need?

Readings for the Week

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