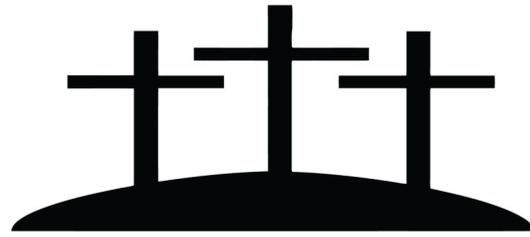




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 (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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Pope Prays for Nurses as World Marks Their Role in Healthcare

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ROME - As the number of global COVID-19 infections continue to rise, notable among healthcare workers, Pope Francis in his daily Mass on Tuesday offered special prayers for nurses on International Nurses Day.

Speaking from the small chapel inside the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta guesthouse, the pope began his livestreamed Mass by asking that viewers join him in praying "for the nurses, men and women, girls and boys, who have this profession, which is more than a profession, it's a vocation, a dedication."

Francis' appeal coincided with the celebration of the 109th International Nurses Day. Designated by the International Council of Nurses in 1974, the day is marked annually May 12, the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, considered to be the first "professional nurse."

Even before the coronavirus broke out, the World Health Organization had named 2020 the "Year of the Nurse" in honor of Nightingale's 200th birthday. In the Hubei province of China, where the coronavirus originated, 22 nurses who worked on the front lines of the COVID-19 outbreak in China, as well as medical staff from various Shanghai hospitals, celebrate the day with a gathering in front of a statue of Nightingale at the Shanghai Oriental Land park.

Doctors and nurses have not only been on the front lines of the pandemic, but in many cases, they have been most at risk due to prolonged exposure to the virus, long hours with little sleep, and, in some cases, a shortage of personal protective equipment. According to a statement from the ICN, as of May 6, at least 90,000 health-care workers worldwide are believed to have been infected with COVID-19, and around 260 nurses had lost their lives to the disease.

During the Mass, Pope Francis asked that "the Lord bless (nurses)," noting that, "In this time of pandemic, they have given an example of heroism and some have given their lives. Let us pray for nurses."

"Every day we witness the testimony of courage and sacrifice of healthcare worker, and nurses in particular, who, with professionalism, self-sacrifice, and a sense of responsibility and love for neighbor, assist people affected by the virus, even to the point of putting their own health at risk," he said, and offered prayers for nurses and healthcare workers who have died from the coronavirus.

"Because of your dedication, you are among the 'saints next door.' You are an image of the Church as a 'field hospital' that continues to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ, who drew near to and healed people with all kinds of sickness and who stooped down to wash the feet of his disciples," he said.

Pope Francis also pointed to deficiencies in the healthcare systems highlighted by the coronavirus, and urged international leaders to invest in health care "as the primary common good" by reinforcing healthcare systems, hiring a greater number of nurses to ensure each person receives proper care, and investing more in training.

Both nurses and midwives, "deservedly have the right to be better and more fully valued and involved in processes concerning the health of individuals and communities. It has been shown that investing in them improves overall care and health," he said, and offered them his blessing.



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**SUNDAY MAY 17, 2020
 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God."

- Pope Francis

Reconciliation

Saturdays:
 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Baptism :

Expectant parents welcome to register, and speak with Fr. Ron after Mass

Matrimony :

Must register at least eight months in advance. Book the Church before the hall.

Communion at Home :

Lay ministers are available to bring Communion to shut-ins. Phone the parish office.

Prayer-Line :

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Visiting & Card

Ministry:

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**Tues - Friday
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**TELEVISED MASS ON SHAW CABLE
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The Ascension of the Lord
Saturday, May 23 & Sunday, May 24, 2020

Mass Intentions:

Lawrence Malleau by Lynne Thornton.
Joseph Capriata - Anniversary Mass by Raffaelina Capriata.
Frank Czop by Patricia and George Pateman.
Francis Ryan by Laureanne Ryan.
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The Church Prays With Attention

It begins when we say that we are lifting our hearts to the Lord. It ends when we say Amen, then prepare to pray the Lord's Prayer together. In between these are maybe four or five minutes. What happens during this time is the eucharistic prayer.

What is it that is to take place after we say we'll lift up our hearts to the Lord? Most of us would answer: "The consecration - when the presider says 'This is my body' and 'This is my blood.'" And that is right, but only part of what happens. Why are we to lift up *our* hearts and to give God thanks and praise? Why involve us at all?

The name of this time in the Mass says it all. This is the eucharistic prayer. "Eucharist" becomes a name for the consecrated bread and wine only because it first means something else. It is a Greek word that needs several English words to translate it. It is blessing. It is giving thanks. It is praise.

So in the eucharistic prayer, these are the things that the church is to do - and more besides. The priest is within the church to pronounce this prayer, to lead this prayer. The whole church is there to enter into the prayer, to acclaim all the blessings, thanks and praise that the priest speaks.

What we know from the New Testament about our eucharistic prayer is that Jesus would take bread or take wine and give thanks to God. Now we do it in memory of Jesus. What persons have you loved? When you remember them, don't you give them thanks?

So the eucharistic prayer is filled with thanks for all God's saving deeds, but especially the passion and death and resurrection of Jesus. In it we name our saints, our pope and our bishop, our dead. All the memories come together when we surround the table and pray that these gifts of bread and wine will become for us the body and the blood of Jesus. If we then call the bread and wine "the eucharist" it is because we have prayed this eucharist to God over them.

