

July 16, 2020

The Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Dear Friends:

“Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid”
(John 14:27).

During the Last Supper, on the eve of His Sacred Passion, the Lord Jesus reassured the Apostles that even though troubling days were ahead, God’s grace and peace would not be lacking.

We should take solace in these words, which also apply to us.

How do we overcome fear and anxiety? One way is to close the paths that lead to worry: limiting our exposure to sensationalist media, striving to be uplifting in our conversations and avoiding complaining about things over which we have little or no control, and striving to grow in charity, since “perfect love casts out fear”
(1 John 4:18).

This is a good time to recall the words of St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio); “Pray, hope, don’t worry.”

While I am not worried, I do want to share a concern that I have for the parish. Since mid-March, our income has fallen sharply. We received a federal loan to help with payroll, but it has now expired. Several parish employees have been furloughed. We are projecting an on-going deficit of \$50,000 per month. This is unsustainable.

Would you kindly consider a gift to the parish? If you are already giving regularly, I thank you sincerely. If not, the time has come when we really need your help. An on-line gift may be made through FaithDirect.net. Our code is TX417. Simply go to our website, www.SeasCatholic.org and click on the Faith Direct link.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds