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A WORD FROM FR. LEWIS ...

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Holy Week

Greetings in Christ, my fellow Saints-in-the-Making!

Hoping this finds you all well and healthy, I am wishing you each a prayerful Sacred Triduum, the holiest days of our liturgical year where on Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, on Good Friday, we venerate the Holy Cross on which hung the Salvation of the world, on Holy Saturday, we wait with longing and sorrow at the tomb, at the Easter Vigil, we welcome the triumphant Light of Christ with the Paschal Candle and on Easter Sunday, we rejoice and sing, at last, Alleluias of praise and thanksgiving to God for the Resurrection of His Son.

This year, our celebration will be different, as we are required to celebrate each in our own homes. But God's grace is more powerful than our fears and concerns, and His Presence fills the gaps between us. We are all connected by Him and to Him. This is why I remain committed to bringing you the Mass every day via "Godcast with Father Lewis" on YouTube. So that we might be together in spirit and collectively united during these most sacred days, "Godcast" will livestream beginning tonight Holy Thursday at 7PM, tomorrow Good Friday at 3PM, Easter Vigil at 8PM and Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection at 9AM. You may access the liturgy either through our website or, if you've already subscribed to the channel online, you may access it there. It brings my priestly heart great joy to continue to serve faithfully as your priest. Even when I can't see you face to face, being united in prayer brings us heart to heart.

*** In thanksgiving to God for you who have been able to continue your weekly donations either by mailing in envelopes or by direct donation through WeShare, I'd like to express my deepest gratitude. Your contributions are helping our parish. I'd like to invite us all, as we are able during this unprecedented time, to maintain our commitment to sustaining our parish financially.

*** For those who have contributed for Easter Flowers, we will hold your donations aside and use them for flowers during the Easter Season when, please God, our parish doors will be opened again for us all to join in worship together.

*** Our tradition at BEParish is to have a Potluck Supper at the parish hall before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. While we cannot meet together tonight, we can still meet in spirit each at our own tables and be connected through that mutual sharing of a meal. Perhaps we might all be at table this evening at five and, at grace before meals, ask God to unite us all as a parish once again very soon.

*** And since we cannot have our Potluck Supper tonight, once we are all re-united and our parish church doors are re-opened, we are going to have a Parish Potluck Block Party.

Please know that you and your families are in my prayers most especially during this Sacred Time. I wish you all a prayerful Sacred Triduum and a glorious Easter Sunday and Season.

I miss you and love you all very much.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Lewis

OTHER NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

SACRED TRIDUUM and EASTER MASSES on GODCAST with Father Lewis

HOLY THURSDAY, April 9, 2020

7pm - Mass from St. Benedict Church on Godcast with Father Lewis (YouTube)

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10, 2020

3:00p.m. - Mass from St. Benedict Church on Godcast with Father Lewis (YouTube)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 11, 2020

8:00p.m. - Vigil Mass from St. Benedict Church on Godcast with Father Lewis (YouTube)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12, 2020

9:00a.m. - Mass from St. Benedict Church on Godcast with Father Lewis (YouTube)

LA MISA Y ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ EN ESPANOL

~ Fr. Carlos Ochoa is going to be offering Stations of the Cross Live on Good Friday in Spanish at 7:00 p.m. and Spanish Mass on Easter Sunday at 12:00 p.m. It can be found on the St. John's/Holy Angels Facebook page by clicking [here](#).

~ Estaciones de la Cruz ~ Bishop Mario Dorsonville, of the Archdiocese of Washington, will be leading the Stations of the Cross in Spanish on Good Friday, April 10, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. Visit the NoticiasYa Facebook page by clicking [here](#).

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

Since we aren't able to gather in our churches for Masses on Easter, any Easter flower offerings which have already been received, along with any donations that are received going forward, will be held and used to purchase flowers for decorating the churches once we are able to gather once again. In the meantime, Fr. Lewis will remember all those listed on this Easter Flower insert in his Mass intentions for Easter. If you still wish to send in Easter Flower contributions, you may do so at any time.

MASS INTENTIONS & MASS CARDS

Here is a link to a list of the current Mass intentions through April 30th.

If you are in need of a Mass card, please contact Lori Parks (lparks@beparish.com). Cards can be mailed to recipients on your behalf or to you directly.

PARISH OFFERINGS, ONLINE GIVING and HELP IF YOU NEED IT

During this time when our churches are closed, many of our expenses continue. We also recognize that these times may find our parish families facing difficult financial circumstances. As you are able, offertory and other weekly collection donations can be mailed to the Parish Office (PO Box 459, Ridgely MD 21660). Or, you can sign-up for WeShare, our parish's online giving platform, by visiting [this link](#) (and here is a simple guide to online giving). Should you have any questions about offertory or online giving, you can contact Marie Freeman at mfreeman@beparish.com. Most importantly, if you find yourself in need of financial assistance, especially for things like food, rent or utilities, please contact the Parish Office via e-mail (parishoffice@beparish.com or frlewis@beparish.com) or by phone (410-634-2253).

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES OFFERS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

As we face this unprecedented time of economic instability and a global public health crisis, it is easy to feel overwhelmed and can lead to feelings of anxiety and depression. You do not have to face the fear of unemployment, safety for yourself and your family, on your own. You can access real help remotely through

Catholic Charities' Behavioral Health Services, which is currently accepting new clients. Feel free to pass this information on to your staff and parishioners. [Click here for more information.](#)

NATIONAL PRAYER ON GOOD FRIDAY

with U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Join Archbishop José H. Gomez, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, online via livestream for a national moment of prayer in the time of the coronavirus. Together as a nation, we will pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and seek our savior's healing and protection.

By a special grant from the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See for those who pray for the end of the pandemic, a plenary indulgence is available for those who join Archbishop Gomez online in praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart on Good Friday.

A plenary indulgence removes all of the temporal punishment due to sins and may be applied to oneself or to the souls of the deceased [Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1471].

To receive this indulgence, a member of the faithful would need to:

- Pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart on Good Friday
- Be truly repentant of any sins they have committed and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (at the earliest opportunity)
- pray for the Holy Father's intentions.