

Update to Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. Philip's and Sacred Heart -- Thursday, April 30

Dear Parishioners – Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Month of May – Special focus on Mary

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to make a special effort in **May** to pray the rosary, knowing that by doing so they will be united with believers around the world asking for Mary's intercession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic.

"Contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary, our mother, will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial," the pope said in a letter addressed to all Catholics and released by the Vatican April 25. **See second page** for one of the prayers he wrote that can be prayed at the end of the rosary.

Tonight – Thursday – National Theology on Tap – 8:00 PM

- Go to the to the **Facebook** page for **Our Sunday Visitor**

This Friday (tomorrow) at 2:00 PM – Renewal of Consecration of the United States to the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Go to EWTN or to Real Present Radio 1370 AM to watch or hear Bishop Gomez consecrate and entrust our nation to the care and intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church during this pandemic. You can also find the text of the prayer service at **uscgb.org** and join the live-stream of the service at: <http://www.usccb.org/consecration>.
- **Otherwise – See prayer on second page encouraged by our bishop**

Sacred Heart --Next Week (Week of May 3) – Looking to set up a schedule for men to help strip, clean and wax the church floor in sections. ALL DEPENDS ON WHETHER WE CAN THE NEW WORK ROOM FLOOR FINISHED SO WE CAN MOVE MATERIALS IN CHURCH THERE

- KC's will coordinate but all men needed to help as we move pews and do different sections of the floor each day.

Sacred Heart has a drop box for church envelopes on the rectory deck. There are also **bulletins** available there on the rocking chair.

Sacred Heart Religious Education -- Also on the rectory deck are RE textbooks for families to pick up.

All Parishes – You may pick up a missalette from the church to follow the Mass prayers and readings. Just remember to return it when we get back to attendance at church. We also have copies of **Word Among Us** still available at the churches and also the **Living Faith** booklets.

If you as farmer are overstressed or know of farmer who is overstressed with anxiety

- Call Angie Peltier (Crookston, MN) at 218-281-8692 to talk or learn about resources

Continuing to trust in God's continuing presence and great care for each one of us –

----- Fr. John

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary (For use after you pray the rosary)

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

This Friday --Prayer Of Renewal Of Our Consecration To The Blessed Virgin Mary

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love; you sing of the Father's mercy and accompany us with a mother's love. In this time of pandemic, we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort. Today we renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone before us.

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid,
embrace our nation which we entrust and consecrate once again to you.
With the love of a Mother and Handmaid,
embrace this diocese which we entrust and consecrate once again to you,
With the love of a Mother and Handmaid,
embrace this parish which we entrust and consecrate once again to you,
together with ourselves and our families.
With the love of a Mother and Handmaid,
embrace us as we renew our consecration to you,
together with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mary, Health of the Sick, sign of health, healing, and divine hope for the sick,
we entrust to you all who have been infected with the coronavirus.
Mary, Mother of Consolation, who console with a mother's love all who turn to you,
we entrust to you all those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic.
Mary, Help of Christians, who come to our rescue in every trial,
we entrust to your loving protection all caregivers.
Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy, who embrace all those who call upon your help in their distress,
we entrust to you all who are suffering in any way from the pandemic.
Mary, Seat of Wisdom, who were so wonderfully filled with the light of truth,
we entrust to you all who are working to find a cure to this pandemic.
Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, who gave yourself wholeheartedly to God's plan for the renewing of all things in Christ, we entrust to you all leaders and policymakers.

Mary, Mother of the Church, accept this act of consecration that we make today with confidence and help us to be your Son's instruments for the healing and salvation of our country and world. You are enthroned as queen at your Son's right hand, we ask your intercession for the needs of our country, that every desire for good may be blessed and strengthened,

that faith may be revived and nourished, hope sustained and enlightened, charity awakened and animated.

guide us, we pray, along the path of holiness. Mary, our Mother, bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.