



April 26, 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

A few times in my life I have visited religious monasteries where monks live as hermits, a solitary life. One of them was a Camaldolese Order. This religious order was founded by St. Romuald of Ravenna Italy in the early eleventh century. Romuald had lived in the desert, in a cave and his solitude life attracted many men who followed him in this lifestyle. He wrote for them a special booklet "Rules for Hermits" in which he acknowledged distractions and frustrations of human lives and stressed the importance of patience and perseverance. Sitting alone in the rectory, like many of you, my parishioners, who are sitting at your homes, I feel like a monk. For five weeks of quarantine, I have adapted to quiet and silence like the life of a monk. It gives me opportunities for growing closer to God in prayer and once again to read the rules of St. Romuald in which he advises to be mindful, keep watch over my thoughts and when my mind begins to wander not to give up, but quickly connect myself by refocusing my attention. I am focused on my parish family, staff, parish organizations, projects that we must continue and much more. But above all, I like this feeling to be close to God, His son Jesus who is risen, Blessed Mother Mary and to you my friends. I am imagining how you are spending your time; some are praying, some are complaining, some experiencing fear and maybe anger. But look at our Mother Earth that we observed last week – in resting, there is less noise and less polluted air. Birds, fish, and animals have a safer quiet life. Why do we have to be worried? Maybe this confinement is resetting our nature and society. Even though you may be alone and confined at home like a monk, we are united by the same fear - COVID19. I hope that everything will improve and like our Patroness St. Faustina, I encourage you to Trust in Jesus.

I am very thankful to the Archbishop for his Masses and prayers broadcasted through social media and to EWTN for their prayerful visit to our homes. I am encouraging you to watch our prayers and Masses livestreamed from our Church. Thank you Rob Rossi for your technical assistance in making the broadcast possible. Many thanks to all of you who continue to support our parish through on-line giving, dropping off your donations or mailing them in.

Love,

Fr. Bogdan

MASS INTENTIONS

Community Masses are suspended at this time, however, intentions are being remembered in Fr. Bogdan's private Masses.

All parish activities are also suspended until further notice.

Perpetual Candle

During the week of April 26th
The candle next to the Tabernacle
will burn in memory of

Harry & Virginia Haske

Requested by

Children & Grandchildren

Mass Intentions for the week of April 26th

- +Elida Ribaldo requested by Noranda & Tom Gelardi
- +Repose of the Soul of Antonio Cianfarani
- +Laurie Loiacano requested by Husband Sam
- +Stella Tomczak requested by Nieces and Nephews
- +Al & Lillian Anderson requested by John Bieganowski
- +Anna Maria Vitale requested by Niece & Family

St. Vincent de Paul Donations

Thank you to everyone who has called to make donations to the St. Vincent de Paul pantry. Please hold on to your donations until our office can be re-opened. We will keep you updated.

God bless and stay safe.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To our St. Faustina Family:

I hope many of you are taking advantage of your time spent at home to enhance your spiritual life and to get closer to Jesus. I have been reading some daily reflections which will enhance your personal relationship with Jesus. I would like to share a reflection called Meeting Jesus in Our Heart, which was written by Henri Nouwen.

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your strength,
and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”*
(Luke 10:27)

The mystery of the spiritual life is that Jesus desires to meet us in the seclusion of our own heart, to make His love known to us there, to free us from our fears and to make our own deepest self known to us. In the privacy of our heart, therefore, we can learn not only to know Jesus but, through Jesus, ourselves as well.

Each time you let the love of God penetrate deeper into your heart, you lose a bit of your anxiety, and every time you shed a bit of your anxiety, you learn to know yourself better and long all the more to be known by your loving God.

Thus, the more you learn to love God, the more you learn to know and to cherish yourself. Self-knowledge and self-love are the fruit of knowing and loving God.

Laying our hearts totally open to God leads to a love of ourselves that enables us to give whole-hearted love to our fellow human beings. In the seclusion of our hearts we learn to know the hidden presence of God; and with that spiritual knowledge we can lead a loving life.

Jesus, I open my heart to find Your presence within me. Today I will ...

May God bless you with His abundant love and keep you safe,

Sandy Acord

Gospel Reflection on the Third Sunday of Easter
Adapted from *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families* by Kara O'Malley

Hearing the Word (Luke 24:13-15, 30-32)

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them. And it happened that, while He was with them at table, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, but He vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Reflecting on the Word

The two disciples poured out their fear and sadness to the stranger they met on the road. They did not recognize Him until His breaking of the bread. In this Gospel, we learn that the Risen Christ is not always easily recognized. Sometimes we only recognize Jesus in hindsight. But, whether we know Him or not, Jesus draws near to all of us on the journey of life. He is there to remind us of the Truth, to reassure us in the dark times, to light our way.

Living the Word

In the Eucharist, we share in the breaking of the bread and find Christ in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering to share our experience with others. Talk about Jesus with your family and friends.

Why did the disciples say their hearts were burning within? How do you think the disciples might have felt before being joined by Jesus, and then when they traveled with Him. Imagine how they reacted when Jesus was revealed to them.

Does your heart burn for Jesus? Do you feel the warmth of Jesus' love in your heart?

Spend this week opening your heart more to Jesus. Spend some quiet time alone with Jesus by reading from the Bible, praying, or simply talking to Him. Tell Him what's on your mind. Listen carefully to what He says to you.

Can parishioners continue to make weekly offertory contributions during this period of public mass suspensions?

During the COVID-19 pandemic and the temporary suspension of public Masses in the Archdiocese of Detroit, we recognize our parish still needs the support of our parishioners for parish operations.

To accommodate everyone in making offertory contributions, including parishes that do not have an online offertory system in place, the Archdiocese of Detroit has developed an online offertory option, similar to the current online CSA giving system.

Parishioners will be able to go to give.aod.org and select the "Parish Offertory" option to make their contribution. Parish offertory funds donated on this website will be deposited in our parish's LDP account weekly.

Act of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping Him in His Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

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 in 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

ARCHBISHOP ALLEN VIGNERON'S TEN GUIDEPOSTS FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

INTRODUCTION

In my service as spiritual father, I earnestly desire to offer support and wise counsel in order to help us cope with the stress that comes with living through this pandemic. In my Pastoral Letter *Unleash the Gospel* I cast what I wanted to say into the form of “Guide Posts,” and that has seemed helpful. So I’ve decided to use that format here.

1. No Time Is Without Its Grace

Christ’s death and rising is a grace that should shape every day of a Christian’s life and above all in these days. In this time of trial we are called to seize the grace of showing ourselves, by the power of the Spirit of Christ, to be, like Christ, filled with faith in God’s care for us.

2. This Is The Lent God Our Father Wants Us to Have

This second Guide Post is a sort of corollary to n. 1. God in Christ is the Lord of history. He’s in charge. His providential plan for our salvation and happiness cannot be defeated. If he has permitted us to have to be for a while without our public celebration of the Holy Eucharist and our usual Lenten devotions, his Spirit offers us other means to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum

3. It’s Still About Unleashing The Gospel

Right now all of us, especially us pastors and our co-workers, are focused on responding to the Corona pandemic. Yes, but that doesn’t mean that “unleashing the Gospel” has been abandoned. Quite the contrary. We still must be about evangelization. That’s always our mission. This is a providential time for us to witness to our sure confidence in Jesus as Lord of history, to manifest to the world that we face this challenge with unshakeable trust that the Lord will sustain us.

4. Now Is The Hour Of The Domestic Church

At Synod 16 the Holy Spirit said clearly that the Christian family, as the “Domestic Church,” has to be at the center of the New Evangelization. In these days when our large public gatherings for prayer and catechesis are suspended, the Domestic Church is all the more clearly “ground zero” for our response. Now it falls squarely on families to make their homes places to hear the Word of God, and to offer him praise, especially in acts of Spiritual Communion and entrustment to the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

5. Holiness Works With Science

We must resist any idea that there’s some sort of divorce between our cooperating with public health officials to mitigate the spread of the virus and our complete trust in God’s power to protect us. This Guide Post is a variation on the axiom that “Nature builds on Grace.” Our whole-hearted cooperation with the civil authorities involve act of Christian virtue: acts of justice in doing our part to protect the common good, acts of charity because our motive is love for God and neighbor.

6. We’re Called To Accompany Our Neighbors

I’ve “cribbed” this “Guide Post” and the one that follows the pastoral wisdom of Pope Francis. Each of us, especially in our families, faces fears about what the future holds for us as the spread of the virus unfolds. But we’re not alone in this. Some of us will become seriously ill, and undoubtedly there will be fatalities – along with all the sufferings that follow for those with loved ones who become ill.

Many of us face the prospect of economic troubles, the loss of jobs, the collapse of businesses, with all the trials these misfortunes entail. In this time of troubles we must support one another, not only with sympathy but with ready acts of practical kindness, that is, works of mercy.

7. We're Obligated To Care For Those "On The Peripheries"

As I've said, here, too, I'm echoing a theme dear to the heart of Pope Francis. The pains caused by the pandemic will fall particularly hard on the poor, the elderly and the chronically ill. We Christians have a particular duty to care for them. One simple but much needed work of mercy will be to stay in touch (by phone?) with the elderly who are quarantined. We should be sure that "social distancing" doesn't result in losing "spiritual closeness." Not least should we remember that many of the inconveniences we experience in order to mitigate the spread of the virus are aimed at protecting the vulnerable. With that in mind it should be easier to be at peace with these inconveniences.

8. Read God's Word Through The Lens Of This Time

The Psalmist says, "O that today you would hear his voice" (Ps 95: 7). As you read any passage of Sacred Scripture that is part of your prayer during these days, listen especially for how in his word God is speaking directly to you about how to find the grace he offers in this time. (See n. 1 above). He wants to speak to your heart: to offer his wisdom about what this crisis means, his guidance about how to respond, his assurance that all things work for good for those who love [him]" (Rm 8: 28). He is close; listen for him.

9. Our First "Touchstone" Is Eucharistic Communion

During this time when the public celebration of Holy Mass has to be suspended, we need the graces of the Eucharist more than ever. For these are the graces whereby the Holy Spirit works in our lives that dying to self and living for the Father that is Jesus's Paschal Mystery. These graces can be available to us through Spiritual Communion. Please pray for Spiritual Communion in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice at least every Sunday, if not more often. And gather as a family to pray together for this Communion.

10. Our Second "Touchstone" Is Our Lady's Protection

From the cross Jesus gave us his Mother to be ours. In every age – from the days before Pentecost until today – the Church has been blessed through the Mother of God interceding for us, from her being close to us with her care and protection. Let us renew our commitment to "fly to her protection." I invite you to join with me in praying the "Memorare" every day to commend not only the Church but also our country, indeed the whole world, to the loving care of the Blessed Virgin Mary. And, I follow the admonitions of Bl. Solanus, "thanking God ahead of time" for the graces he will give us in answer to her prayers, and I will work to build a Lourdes Grotto on the grounds of our Cathedral as a token of appreciation for what I am sure he will do for us through her intercession.

CONCLUSION

"Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus" (Heb 12:1) That's the best way I can summarize what I believe we need to do to come out of this pandemic as the daughters and sons God calls us to be. Keep focused on Jesus' example of abandonment into the hands of God the Father. Keep close to Jesus in prayer. Keep confident that Jesus is with us in this time of trial. Keep at peace, for Jesus is Lord, conqueror of sin and death, victor over every evil.

**Please pray for those
in our parish family in
prolonged sickness:**

Samantha Beattie
Ray Dominic
Dorothy Gietzen
Jim Lewis
Chris Liebetreu
Francine Lorentz
Kerry Markiewicz
Patrick Martin
Ellen Nawrocki
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Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others – no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. The Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at (844) 324-3374 or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov. For more information go to protect.aod.org.

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MASSES

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.,
7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:00 p.m.
or by appointment

Registration

Parishioners may register in person,
by phone or online.

Baptism

At least one parent needs to be registered, active and a practicing Catholic for at least 6 months. A Baptismal Preparation Class is required for both parents and godparents. The church requires that at least one of the godparents be an active and practicing Catholic.

Marriages

Arrange at least 6 months in advance.

Communion Calls

Pastoral staff members visit the sick in the hospital when possible and take Communion to the sick and homebound.

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