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From a letter to the faithful from Archbishop Gregory:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My heart is filled with joy, a joy many of you now share at being able to once again join with your priests and pastors in the public celebration of the Mass. I know how much you have missed the Eucharist! Please know how much your parish priests and I have missed you, and how we have longed to celebrate Eucharist with you in person during these past months. We have missed your presence at Mass, your friendship, and all the ways you help brighten our parishes and neighborhoods. However, most of all, we have missed seeing our Lord Jesus feed you and strengthen you with His own Body and Blood during these times of difficulty.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit (John 15:5)." As Christians, we know it is essential for us to remain joined as branches to the vine of Jesus Christ, especially if we want to grow in holiness and charity. To thrive and bear good fruit, we must cling to the vine, the Lord. This is why being separated from the communal celebration of the Mass, the source and summit of our faith, has been so painful. So, though joyful at our reopening for Mass in public, my heart still aches knowing this current pandemic requires many of you to remain home for your safety...

Dear friends:

On the night before He died, Jesus instituted the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and with it the Priesthood and the Holy Eucharist as the grace-filled means of His constant Presence among us. It is his will that we come to know and love Him in this Eucharistic mystery so that throughout our pilgrim journey of this life, we are confident of his companionship and nourished with His Body and Blood. We anticipate your speedy return our common worship of God and ask the Holy Spirit to grant us the fortitude to cast out all fear.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, draw us into your mystery.

Fr. Martin Flum

Offering Mass "TOWARD THE EAST"

We continue to reflect on what Pope Benedict has taught about the "direction" of our prayer at Mass. He wrote, *"There is only one inner direction of the Eucharist, namely, from Christ in the Holy Spirit to the Father."* (Collected Works, vol.11, p. 388). So, before we examine the external form of our prayer at Mass, he is reminding us that our inner disposition must first conform to the reality of what is taking place.

At Mass we are not merely a group of like-minded individuals who find solace in a human ritual. Rituals in life are important and they can be found in every family especially in customs that are repeated on certain holidays. My father's birthday in near July 4th and when he was a kid his birthday gift was always a large bag of fireworks. So, that tradition continued in our family as we had an annual fireworks show for our neighborhood.

The Mass is much more than a family ritual. Since the principle actor in the Mass is Jesus Christ, we conform our prayer to what He is doing. At every moment He is offering his eternal sacrifice as we see in the Book of Revelation,

"All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed:

"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen." Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason, they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Thus, Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that we are to offer Mass *from Christ in the Holy Spirit to the Father*. Our orientation at Mass is always toward the Father, as the Lamb of God directs us by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

(Continued next week...)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	06/27/20	5:00 PM	Carl Guy +
Sunday	06/28/20	8:00 AM	Jamir Brown
Sunday	06/28/20	10:00 AM	Nathan Cortes-Peck +
Sunday	06/28/20	11:30 AM	Parishioners
Monday	06/29/20	7:00 AM	Rev. Bernard R. Ihrle +
Tuesday	06/30/20	8:00 AM	Ann Proctor +
Wednesday	07/01/20	7:00 AM	Pedro Lopez & Family
Thursday	07/02/20	8:00 AM	Ann Proctor +
Friday	07/03/20	7:00 AM	Jackie Chapman +
Friday	07/03/20	7:30 PM	Fr. Samuel Plummer
Saturday	07/04/20	8:00 AM	Rev. Thomas Morrow

"Spend an Hour with Jesus" Challenge

Thank you to all who have responded to the challenge! We have only 10 more openings to fill... so if you have not responded yet, Jesus is still waiting for you! Here are the days/times that are still unfilled:

Wednesdays: 1-2 PM, 2-3 PM

Thursdays: 2-3 PM

Fridays: 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 6-7 PM

Saturdays: 1-2 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 4-5 PM

If you would like to be on our substitute list in addition/instead, call the office at (240)681-3551. Once you have signed up for a weekly holy hour, you are committed to having at least one family member in the Church adoring Jesus for the entirety of that hour.

Here are some things to know:

- 1) Take home a "What do I do in adoration?" sheet from the back of the Church to learn about how to spend your time with Jesus in adoration.
- 2) If ever you are unable to cover your hour, ask another family member or friend to be there for you. If you are unable to find a substitute, call the parish office to let us know (a day before if possible).
- 3) **DO NOT leave Jesus alone in the Church exposed on the altar.** If your hour is done and the next adorer has not come yet, stay until they come in the Church. If no one comes and you need to leave, go to the back of the Church and call the numbers on the door signs to let us know.

May God reward you! You will be richly blessed by spending this time with the Lord, we guarantee it!

THE FOOD PANTRY is always in need of staple foods such as canned tuna and chicken, canned soup, peanut butter, jelly, and spaghetti sauce. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

First Friday devotions on July 3rd and

First Saturday on the 4th-

Come pray for our Country!!

The Clothing Closet

Kathy Fisher, the stalwart leader for *The Clothing Closet* is calling for help. She recently has suffered some health issues which have curtailed her ability to guide this parish ministry. So, we are seeking new parish volunteers for when we will reopen, but we are also looking for a new interim coordinator! Contact Fr. Flum at the parish office.

Help Wanted

St. Philip the Apostle Church in Camp Springs, MD is accepting applications for a **part-time Parish Bookkeeper**. Job link: <https://cpros.org/job/33385>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Austin Aley, Joe Aviles, Angela Farmer, Madison Brady, Arlene Bloom, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Jayne Cassella, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, David Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Kathy Fisher, Patricia Gray, Mabel Hamilton, Florence Henderson, Amanda Hubbard, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, John Martone II, Michael Mohun, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Dawn Russo, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Willie Stewart, Stuart Children, Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson and Belinda Windsor, may their crosses be joined to the Cross of Jesus.

Come to Daily Mass!

Mon/Wed/Fri - 7am; Tue/Thu/Sat – 8am

And don't forget to look at the *new* parish website:
www.stmichaelbaden.org

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

June 21, 2020

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 6,074.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 906.00

May God reward your generosity!

