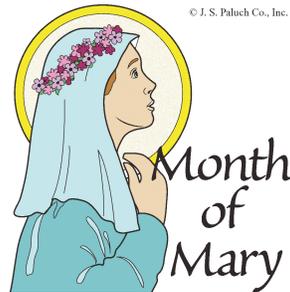




St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community

Reflections with Fr. Mark

May 1, 2020



Dear Parishioners,

Matthew reminds us, “Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you do not have life within you.” Earlier this week, I spoke of the “smorgasbord” of life and spirituality. In our Scriptures, we have been *feasting* on the Word that feeds us and, at least, spiritually communing with God and one another in the Eucharist each week. We relish in a God who desires for us to have every hunger satisfied and the Eucharist (even a *spiritual communion*) does this as we draw ever closer to our source and summit of life.

We are now in the month of May and we turn to our heavenly mother, Mary, in this time of pandemic, trusting in her tender love for each one of us, her children. Her “yes” allows us to experience the love of her Son Jesus and His “yes” to become our source of life. While the doors of our church may be closed ***the Church IS NOT*** closed!

Rather, through you and me, the Church continues to live outside of brick and mortar in our relationship with Christ who is our Good Shepherd! What a wonderful experience to know we can always be with our God no matter where we are. A wonderful experience of breaking a falsehood of pointing at a building and thinking that is “the Church.” We are moving away from material things – buildings, meeting places, offices and storage closets – into a relationship that He has created for us. A relationship that brings **LIFE** within us...if, we, are **OPEN!**

Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, help us to know your Son Jesus on a deeper level. A place of relationship and love that moves us to grow beyond the narrow-mindedness of human construction. A blessing of absents “self” and ego. An invitation **NOT** to be “*entitled*” and prideful. One of rediscovering mission and purpose. We devote our “*renewed*” spirits to your Spirit under the guidance of the Good Shepherd who rescues us and leads us to the pastures of eternal wisdom and understanding as we hear His Truth.

Our journey continues.... are **YOU** on the journey?

Happy Easter! He is Risen! Alleluia!

Fr. Mark

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