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COVID -19 Vaccination

>>>Advice from Kathy

GOOD NEWS! U.S. approved and recommended vaccines to prevent COVID-19. You may have questions about it. As always, talk with your doctor about it. There are important things you need to know about the vaccines.

1. It is safe. FDA (Food Drug Administration) reported studies has shown to be safe and effective for people ages 16 and older.
2. COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you from getting COVID-19. You will need 2 doses. Second dose will be needed 3-4 weeks after your first dose.
3. First group will be offered to healthcare workers (Doctors, nurses) and to residents of long-term care facilities (nursing homes).
4. There is limited supply right now, but more supplies will come in the weeks and months to come. Once vaccine is widely available then doctor's offices, retail pharmacies, hospitals and clinics will be able to provide vaccines.
5. Side effects- After vaccination you may experience side effects. This is a normal sign your body is building protection. Side effects will vary among individuals.

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From Fr. MD's Desk

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to all of you! When we celebrated the arrival of 2020 last year, most, if not all of us never foresaw that it would be one of the worst years in our lives. The pandemic had paralyzed most aspects of our life, and we were not able to get together in person for Mass or social time. In addition, several members in our community had passed away. Let's hope that 2021 will be a better year for all of us.

In spite of many hardship we have faced during this pandemic, I have learned a few important lessons: 1. I have become more grateful for the opportunity to see people in person especially when they come to Mass and when I make "window visits" - that is, while visiting someone, I would stand outside and talk through a window to a person inside a house; 2. I realize how important were our social times after Mass at OLL and Holy Innocents and Senior Citizen gatherings at SJDC on Tuesdays; 3. I do not want to go back to my fast pace lifestyle. I realized that before the pandemic, I had been running around all the time which in turn did not give me enough time for myself and other people whom I hold dearly in my heart; 4. I believe our prayer life - as a community, has been strengthened. We had prayed together - as a community, more than ever - thanks to the technology (e.g. praying the Rosary with Veronica via RingCentral and livestreaming on Facebook).

I do believe that sometimes God permits us to go through a difficult time to help us recognize our blessings and to improve our attitude toward many things in our lives which we often take for granted.

I pray that when the pandemic is over, we will have deeper faith, more gratitude for God's blessings in our lives, and will continue to grow in appreciation for one another.

May God abundantly bless all of you in 2021!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. MD

VIRTUAL ROSARY...

If one of your New Year's Resolutions is to be more prayerful, I invite you to our weekdays' virtual Rosary meetings. Starting on January 4th we will meet at 6:00 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and at noon (12:00 pm) on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you are interested, please email me at Balcarcel.veronica@aod.org and I will send you the link to join.

Stay blessed,
Veronica



Happy New Year!!- by Veronica

We just finished a very challenging and unprecedented year. A year that paralyzed the world and gave pause for reflection. A year that brought isolation, heartaches and mishaps. A year that tested our faith and humanity and forced us to adjust to a new way of life. I pray amid this pandemic that you have strengthened your faith in God and had made a good inventory of what is important in life, just like I did. I pray that you are blessed with God's peace in the midst of uncertainty.

As we embark into a new year, let's remember that every day is a gift from God and let's pray to the Holy Spirit to let us see His plan for our lives. Let us start this year with Jesus as the center of our lives and our homes. Let us be grateful to see the start of a new year when so many have been deprived of this gift.

May the Lord walk with us every day of 2021 and may He be our strength, our light and our comfort. Blessings,

Veronica Balcarcel

COVID-19 Vaccination >>>

6. Cost- Vaccination was purchased with U.S. tax dollars, so it will be given to America people at no cost. However, providers may charge fees for giving the shot.
7. COVID-19 vaccine is one of many important tools to help us stop spreading virus.
 - a. Please cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others.
 - b. Stay at least 6 feet away from others.
 - c. Avoid crowds.
 - d. Wash your hands often.

Always ask your doctor about vaccination for yourself.

Be safe. Be well.

Kathy Mitchell

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