

A MESSAGE FROM FR. TRUC



“Grandchildren are a grandparent's link to the future. Grandparents are the child's link to the past.” -- Unknown

**The 2020 theme for Catechetical Sunday:
“I received from the Lord
what I also handed on to you.”**

Dear CCSV Parishioners, Benefactors, and Friends:

I pray that you and your loved ones are doing well emotionally and physically during these days of Covid-19 pandemic. The summer months of July and August are just behind us. Many of us did a lot of stay-at-home vacation for many reasons. If we went anywhere it was a quick turn around trip for five or eight days.

All of us are anticipating for the Fall season to come quickly or for this 2020 year to be over soon and very soon.

We are still celebrating the Holy Eucharist outdoors in the patio area of our church since July 19. Our mass attendance remains the same with 10-15 parishioners for weekday mass; 20-25 parishioners for the three Sunday masses (8AM, 10AM, and 12PM) that we celebrate.

The good news is that our weekly offering remains steady with some minor decreases depending on the week. I am truly grateful for all your generosity and support of our church through the mail, mass attendance, and online giving through Zelle or credit card.

Honoring our Grandparents Both Living and deceased

The last two weekends of September, we will celebrate two important events: our Wednesday children will be receiving the sacrament of the holy Eucharist on Saturday morning (9/19), and our teenagers from the Sunday program will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday afternoon (9/27).

Many of our candidates are young enough who have grandparents or great-grandparents that are still alive. For them to witness their grandkids receiving the

Eucharist would bring them joy and love in a very special way. During these two celebrations, many of our grandparents look forward to attend to witness the faith journey of their grandchildren. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, many grandparents are not able to attend this year. At the same time, the candidates have also not been able to visit their grandparents often or not at all.

The pandemic is a very challenging time for all families who have grandparents/parents who are living in senior care or rehabilitation facilities. They have not been able to visit them in person, or if they do, they see them through a glass window of the facility, or via skype or facetime.

For fear of infection, many of our grandparents, like my own parents, have been home bound since March (7 days a week). They have not gone out from the house unless they really have to see their doctors. The feelings of anxiety and loneliness must be affecting many of our grandparents too.

Therefore, we want to celebrate this year's grandparents day in a special and meaningful way. We will pray and light vigil candle (s) at the three Sunday masses on September 13. We will be providing lunch for them on Tuesday September 15 to let them know that we appreciate all their sacrifices through the years for their children and now their grandchildren and for some great-grandchildren.

2020 Catechetical Sunday (September 20) - “I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.”

As priest and pastor, I worry for the faith formation of our future generation especially those who are from the ages of 7 to 40 years old. Since March, we have less than 10 people of this age range coming to mass on Sunday. As evangelizers and witnesses of our Catholic Christian faith, we are truly in need of our religious education teachers at our school and catechists at our church, to find creative ways to promote learning and faith formation.

I am grateful for the leadership of Sister Anna and for all our catechists and volunteers, Ms. Tina Kipp (our school principal) and the faculty. Since March they have learned a lot how to navigate distance/on-line learning. There are more online resources available now too.

Motivating our children to learn the faith and engage them in their Christian formation remains very challenging.

Wearing Face Covering to Stop the Spread of Covid-19 Virus; Social Justice Crying Out for Change and Intervention

These two social and health issues continue to affect each one of us personally and nationally. The tensions are more difficult and becoming more violent each day; but the solutions are not getting any better.

I encourage you to say a quick prayer or one “Hail Mary” for young people especially the millennial generation who are experiencing deep psychological/relational crisis and financial challenges. Please pray for young interracial marriages as well. BLM and the differences of opinions have caused a lot of arguments and angry words.

“CRYING OUT, NOT COVERING UP”

“CRYING OUT, NOT COVERING UP” are my phrase for the next six months of 2020. May God grant you that the courage to **CRY OUT** louder seeking for change and not to allow FEAR to **cover us up**.

May the Holy Family of God (Joseph, Mary and Jesus) guide you in all your endeavors. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I pray for you and your family during the celebration of the holy Eucharist.

“CRYING OUT, NOT COVERING UP” May all of our journey in life lead us back to God.

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