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**“Come, my people, enter your chambers,
and shut your doors behind you; hide
yourselves for a little while until the wrath
is past.” - Isaiah 26:20**

March 29, 2020



Fifth

Sunday of Lent

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

John 11:25-26

MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS: CHAPEL

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM (ROSARY AFTER)

FIRST SATURDAY 8:00AM (NOVENA TO THE BL.
VIRGIN MARY)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 PM

SUNDAY: 9:45-10:15AM

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

ADORATION

TUESDAY: 8:30AM-8:00PM

FRIDAY: 8:30AM-9:30AM (DEVOTION TO SACRED
HEART)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The episode of Jesus raising Lazarus from dead is more than a miraculous event. It is a “sign” of God’s promise to raise up all who have died in Christ to everlasting life. That is why Jesus asked Martha if she believed in the resurrection from dead. The Christian creed, which is the profession of faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and in the saving power of God, culminates in the proclamation of the resurrection of the dead on the last day and life everlasting. This is our faith and our hope. God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit that we may be made alive in Christ. Even now we can experience the power of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in our personal lives. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to change and transform us into persons of faith, hope, and love. In what way can you experience the power of Jesus’s resurrection at work in our life especially during this pandemic coronavirus.

The Book of Sirach. Chapter 38: 1-14

“ Honor physicians for their services,
for the Lord created them;

for their gift of healing comes from the Most High,
and they are rewarded by the king.

The skill of physicians makes them distinguished,
and in the presence of the great they are admired.

The Lord created medicines out of the earth,
and the sensible will not despise them.

Was not water made sweet with a tree
in order that its power might be known?

And he gave skill to human beings
that he might be glorified in his marvelous works.

By them the physician heals and takes away pain;
the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.

God’s works will never be finished;
and from him health spreads over all the earth.

My child, when you are ill, do not delay,
but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you.

Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly,
and cleanse your heart from all sin.

Offer a sweet-smelling sacrifice, and a memorial portion of choice flour,
and pour oil on your offering, as much as you can afford.

Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him;
do not let him leave you, for you need him.

There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians,
for they too pray to the Lord
that he grant them success in diagnosis
and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.
He who sins against his Maker,
will be defiant toward the physician.”

Dear friends, we need both God and doctors. For the safety of people and to help curb the spread of the virus we don't offer Holy Mass in public (avoiding a gathering of more than ten people) because we respect the rule of the land. “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” (Mt 12:17).

It is a time for **Self-Quarantine**. Isaiah 26:20 tells “Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until the wrath is past.” So that we may control the spread of this novel coronavirus and help the elders and the sick strong and healthy.

“When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under...”. St Joseph did not challenge Herod nor sought the help of the angels to save the divine child but escaped to Egypt with the child and his mother. “An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” So, he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod.” Mt 2:13-15

Please remember Isaiah 49:15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"

Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III has dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days for thirty days beginning on March 18th. This decree does not dispense us from “Keeping the Lord's Day Holy.” It is for the safety of people and to help curb the spread of the virus.

“If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.” Mt 17:20

“Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” (Mt28:20)

Stay home. Stay strong. You are all remembered in my daily mass and prayers.
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