

MASS INTENTIONS

I AM OFFERING MY MASSES FOR
ALL YOUR INTENTIONS, FOR
YOUR LOVED ONES,
FOR ALL MEDICAL WORKERS,
VOLUNTEERS AND FRONTLINERS
FOR ALL THE SICK
AND FOR ALL SOULS IN
PURGATORY

There are many opportunities to tune in to the broadcast of Masses on Salt + Light Television, Vision TV, EWTN, and Bishop Robert Barron from Los Angeles on YouTube. The diocesan website has the link for the broadcast Masses with Bishop Gregory Bittman at Immaculate Conception Church in Kelowna.

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

(please call the office - 250-494-3110)

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER FOR OUR SICK SISTERS & BROTHERS... and all who are suffering in any way in our community and in our families, especially: George Szucs, John Morrissey, Debra Webb, Christine Delaurier, Vivian Dolezsar, Philomena Keogan, Eugene Chorneyko, Rosa Santos, Kathryn Simpson, Elmo Sheppard, Toran Younge, Anne Arthur, Jim Graf, Nick Deuling, Olivia Whitfield-Carson, Sandy Jaser, Malinowski Family, Carrie Malinowski, Jennifer Knoll, Reid & Anne Watson, Paul Pasqualetto, Kian Hooshmand-Hall, Ann Grison, Dawna Werbeski, Marie Horn, Pat Thomas, Sheila Dafluyen, Betty Jolie, Chrissy Kozier, Richard Roess, Cecilia Roess, Jack Rowland, Jo-Ann Rowland, Margo Preston, Jody Richter, Geraldine Koropchuk, Bill Appel, Cindy Garner, Jack Appel, Dina Tremblay, Carey Roess, Henry Bernard, Nicole LaVallee.

Healing Prayer

*Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.
In Jesus, we pray.
Amen.*

APRIL 19, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



HOLY CHILD PARISH

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SUNDAY COLLECTION

THANK YOU! GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROUS
HEARTS! God loves a cheerful giver!

(2 Cor. 9)

MASS SCHEDULE

(No Mon. Mass unless specified)

TUESDAY	7PM
WEDNESDAY*- FRIDAY	9AM
SATURDAY	6PM
SUNDAY	10AM
Sacred Heart Mission Mass	1PM (at Penticton Reserve)
*2 nd Wed. of the month- Mass is at Sr's Village- 9:25AM.	

HOLY CHILD PARISH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



parish & parish offices closed to public

There are essential personnel that need to have access to the church/office such as your secretary, maintenance person, janitorial staff, etc. They should be able to enter the church/office with a good and valid reason authorized by the pastor.

This directive is about the general public and public gatherings for Mass, the sacraments, prayer or adoration, etc. and not being able to provide access to the church/office until such time it is safe to do. This is the only way we can 100% guarantee the safety of our clergy and parishioners from the corona virus.

READINGS:

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

2:14a But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

2:22 "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know-

2:23 this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.

2:24 But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

2:25 For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

2:26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my

flesh will live in hope.

2:27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

2:28 You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

2:29 "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

2:30 Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

2:31 Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

2:32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Psalm 16

16:1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

16:2 I say to the LORD, "You are my

Lord; I have no good apart from you."

16:3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

16:4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

16:5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

16:6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

16:7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

16:8 I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

16:10 For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

16:11 You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1:4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

1:5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1:6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,

1:7 so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1:8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,

1:9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

20:19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

20:22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

20:23 If you forgive the sins of any,

they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

20:24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

20:25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

20:26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20:27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

20:28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

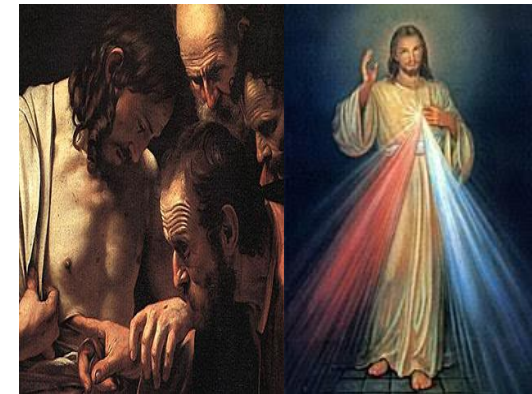
20:29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

20:30 Now Jesus did many other signs

in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

20:31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

REFLECTION:



“... the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy...”

While I was reading news from the Catholic News Agency, I encountered this comment from an unbeliever perhaps; “You Catholics have been praying to your God but he seems never hear it...” She was, of course, referring to our prayers against COVID-19.

Well, many are asking even before this virus attacked us; “Is God merciful upon His children? He does not seem to see our suffering?”

This is a good point for reflection. There are so many facets to these questions. How do we understand God’s mercy? How do we comprehend human suffering?

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. In the end, we can say and do so many things, but after everything has been said and done, we humbly go to the Lord, and say, “Jesus I trust in you.”

Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa’s homily for the Good Friday Vatican Passion liturgy is a powerful message with great outlook;

“It took merely the smallest and most formless element of nature, a virus, to remind us that we are mortal, that military power and technology are not sufficient to save us.”

And what is it that can save us? It is God’s unfathomable Divine Mercy! Again, and again, we learn enough that our achievements and plans come to nothing without God’s grace and approval. It is consoling too, that our sins and mistakes are small compared to His unconditional mercy and love.

Yes, the sooner we realize, and the sooner we live in God's mercy, the better for all of us.

The story is told about an old woman who started the stations of the cross on the wrong end. The priest noticed this and approached her and said: "Grandma, I think you started on the 14th station where Jesus was laid in the tomb. You should have started on the first station where Jesus was condemned to die."

"Oh, no wonder I got the feeling that Jesus was getting stronger as I went from station to station," was her embarrassing reply.

In today's Gospel (Jn. 20, 19-31) we hear of the disciples getting stronger in their belief in the Resurrection. Their doubts and fears gradually gave way to commitment and courage. Whatever turbulence they were going through as individuals and as a group was calmed down by Christ's assuring words "Peace be with you."

It is striking to note that the usual greeting of the Risen Lord to His disciples was "Peace be with you!" By this, He indicates peace that is not external or peace that is without problems and conflicts.

With Jesus' simple words — "Peace be with you" — He was ministering to each of the disciples. The crucifixion shattered their confidence. They saw their Master die, and they were all living in constant fear that they will soon be next. Thomas had even deeper wounds to nurse. Jesus never abandoned them. He offered them a peace that healed every wound caused by His suffering and death.

This same lasting peace is offered to us too. A peace that heals worries, fears, and pains. As it were, the Lord does not want us to wallow and stagnate in these miseries that we are going through now. In everything, in anything that happens in our lives, there is a reason and a purpose. We just have to fully trust God and his ocean of mercy.

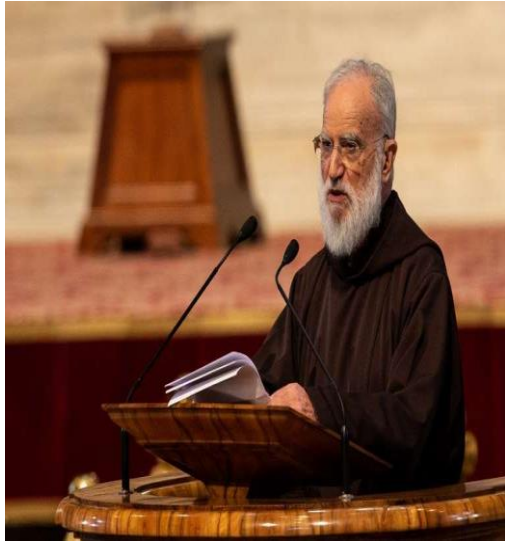
Our faith is always and would always be tested. But we should keep in mind, that through these trials, we live and experience our faith. God keeps a MERCIFUL eye on our lives at all times – and MERCIFULLY He will not let us be exposed to the heat of trials for even a moment too long. When all the debris has been removed, and all that is left is the pureness of faith, there will be God's image – shining forth – from YOU!

This Sunday, as we celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday, let us ask Jesus to visit us, all our beloved, all the sick people, all the people suffering in pain in one way or another, all the front liners, and all His children with His best gift — INNER PEACE!

JESUS, WE TRUST IN YOU. AMEN.

WORTH READING FOR REFLECTION!

Fr. Cantalamessa's homily for Good Friday



Vatican City, Apr 10, 2020.
Good Friday homily of Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap., delivered April 10 at St. Peter's Basilica.

"I have plans for your welfare and not for woe"

St. Gregory the Great said that Scripture "grows with its readers", *cum legentibus crescit*. [1] It reveals

meanings always new according to the questions people have in their hearts as they read it. And this year we read the account of the Passion with a question—rather with a cry—in our hearts that is rising up over the whole earth. We need to seek the answer that the word of God gives it.

The Gospel reading, we have just listened to is the account of the objectively greatest evil committed on earth. We can look at it from two different angles: either from the front or from the back, that is, either from its causes or from its effects. If we stop at the historical causes of Christ's death, we get confused and everyone will be tempted to say, as Pilate did, "I am innocent of this man's blood" (Mt 27:24). The cross is better understood by its effects than by its causes. And what were the effects of Christ's death? Being justified through faith in him, being reconciled and at peace with

God, and being filled with the hope of eternal life! (see Rom 5:1-5).

But there is one effect that the current situation can help us to grasp in particular. The cross of Christ has changed the meaning of pain and human suffering—of every kind of suffering, physical and moral. It is no longer punishment, a curse. It was redeemed at its root when the Son of God took it upon himself. What is the surest proof that the drink someone offers you is not poisoned? It is if that person drinks from the same cup before you do. This is what God has done: on the cross he drank, in front of the whole world, the cup of pain down to its dregs. This is how he showed us it is not poisoned, but that there is a pearl at the bottom of this chalice.

And not only the pain of those who have faith, but of every human pain. He died for all human beings: "And when I

am lifted up from the earth," he said, "I will draw everyone to myself" (Jn 12:32).

Everyone, not just some! St. John Paul II wrote from his hospital bed after his attempted assassination, "To suffer means to become particularly susceptible, particularly open to the working of the salvific powers of God, offered to humanity in Christ." [2] Thanks to the cross of Christ, suffering has also become in its own way a kind of "universal sacrament of salvation" for the human race.

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What light does all of this shed on the dramatic situation that the world is going through now? Here too we need to look at the effects more than at the causes—not just the negative ones we hear about every day in heart-wrenching reports but also the positive ones that only a more careful

observation can help us grasp.

The pandemic of Coronavirus has abruptly roused us from the greatest danger individuals and humanity have always been susceptible to: the delusion of omnipotence. A Jewish rabbi has written that we have the opportunity to celebrate a very special paschal exodus this year, that “from the exile of consciousness” [3]. It took merely the smallest and most formless element of nature, a virus, to remind us that we are mortal, that military power and technology are not sufficient to save us. As a psalm says, “In his prime, man does not understand. / He is like the beasts—they perish” (Ps 49:21). How true that is!

While he was painting frescoes in St. Paul’s Cathedral in London, the artist James Thornhill became so excited at a certain point about his fresco that he

stepped back to see it better and was unaware he was about to fall over the edge of the scaffolding. A horrified assistant understood that crying out to him would have only hastened the disaster. Without thinking twice, he dipped a brush in paint and hurled it at the middle of the fresco. The master, appalled, sprang forward. His work was damaged, but he was saved.

God does this with us sometimes: he disrupts our projects and our calm to save us from the abyss we don’t see. But we need to be careful not to be deceived. God is not the one who hurled the brush at the sparkling fresco of our technological society. God is our ally, not the ally of the virus! He himself says in the Bible, “I have . . . plans for your welfare and not for woe” (Jer 29:11). If these scourges were punishments of God, it would not be explained why they strike equally good and bad, and why the poor usually

bring the worst consequences of them. Are they more sinners than others?

No! The one who cried one day for Lazarus’ death cries today for the scourge that has fallen on humanity. Yes, God “suffers”, like every father and like every mother. When we will find out this one day, we will be ashamed of all the accusations we made against him in life. God participates in our pain to overcome it. “Being supremely good” - wrote St. Augustine - “God would not allow any evil in his works, unless in his omnipotence and goodness, he is able to bring forth good out of evil.” [4]

Did God the Father possibly desire the death of his Son in order to draw good out of it? No, he simply permitted human freedom to take its course, making it serve, however, his own purposes and not those of human beings. This is also the case for natural disasters like

earthquakes and plagues. He does not bring them about. He has given nature a kind of freedom as well, qualitatively different of course than that of human beings, but still a form of freedom—freedom to evolve according to its own laws of development. He did not create a world as a programmed clock whose movements could all be anticipated. It is what some call “chance” but the Bible calls instead “the wisdom of God.”

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The other positive fruit of the present health crisis is the feeling of solidarity. When, in human memory, have the people of all nations ever felt themselves so united, so equal, so less in conflict than at this moment of pain? Never so much as now have we experienced the truth of the words of a great Italian poet: “Peace, you peoples! Too deep is the mystery of the prostrate earth.” [5] We

have forgotten about building walls. The virus knows no borders. In an instant it has broken down all the barriers and distinctions of race, nation, religion, wealth, and power. We should not revert to that prior time when this moment has passed. As the Holy Father has exhorted us, we should not waste this opportunity. Let us not allow so much pain, so many deaths, and so much heroic engagement on the part of health workers to have been in vain. Returning to the way things were is the "recession" of which we should have the most fear.

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again." (Is 2:4)

This is the moment to put into practice something of the prophecy of Isaiah whose fulfillment humanity has long

been waiting for. Let us say "Enough!" to the tragic race toward arms. Say it with all your might, you young people, because it is above all your destiny that is at stake. Let us devote the unlimited resources committed to weapons to the goals that we now realize are most necessary and urgent: health, hygiene, food, the poverty fight, stewardship of creation. Let us leave to the next generation a world poorer in goods and money, if need be, but richer in its humanity.

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The word of God tells us the first thing we should do at times like these is to cry out to God. He himself is the one who puts on people's lips the words to cry out to him, at times harsh words and almost of accusation: "Awake! Why do you sleep, O Lord? / Rise up! Do not reject us forever! . . . Rise up, help us! / Redeem us in your mercy" (Ps 44, 24, 27). "Teacher, do you not

care that we are perishing?" (Mk 4:38).

Does God perhaps like to be petitioned so that he can grant his benefits? Can our prayer perhaps make God change his plans? No, but there are things, St. Matthew explains, that God has decided to grant us as the fruit both of his grace and of our prayer, almost as though sharing with his creatures the credit for the benefit received.[6] God is the one who prompts us to do it: "Seek and you will find," Jesus said; "knock and the door will be opened to you" (Mt 7:7).

When the Israelites were bitten by poisonous serpents in the desert, God commanded Moses to lift up a serpent of bronze on a pole, and whoever looked at it would not die. Jesus appropriated this symbol to himself when he told Nicodemus, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the

desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (Jn 3:14-15). We too at this moment have been bitten by an invisible, poisonous "serpent." Let us gaze upon the one who was "lifted up" for us on the cross. Let us adore him on behalf of ourselves and of the whole human race. The one who looks on him with faith does not die. And if that person dies, it will be to enter eternal life.

"After three days I will rise", Jesus had foretold (cf. Mt 9:31). We too, after these days that we hope will be short, shall rise and come out of the tombs our homes have become. Not however to return to the former life like Lazarus, but to a new life, like Jesus. A more fraternal, more human, more Christian life!

Holy Child Parish hotline for all parishioners. We want to help our parish family in this challenging time.

Do you need someone to talk to? Are you feeling anxious? Are you afraid? Are you lonely? The persons on this hotline are there to listen and help. There is a list of spares to help also.

We want you to know that you are not alone. We are available for errands: help ordering groceries and medications to be delivered, etc.

Also, if you know of someone who needs help, please let us know. (*Seek their permission first!) Be assured prayers are being said. Do you have any special prayer requests?

Fr. Ben has some lovely prayers and Lenten suggestions. We will make copies and deliver them to your home in a safe manner.

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Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin.
Amen.

An Act of Spiritual Communion (by St. Alphonsus Liguori)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer (Anima Christi)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Never permit me to be parted from you.
From the evil Enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me,
and bid me come to thee,
that with your saints I may praise thee for age upon age.
Amen.

Psalm 91

Assurance of God's Protection

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,*

who abide in the shade of the Almighty,*

²Say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress,
my God in whom I trust."

³He will rescue you from the fowler's
snare,

from the destroying plague,

⁴He will shelter you with his pinions,
and under his wings you may take refuge;

his faithfulness is a protecting shield.

⁵You shall not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness,
nor the plague that ravages at noon.

⁷Though a thousand fall at your side,

ten thousand at your right hand,

near you it shall not come.

⁸You need simply watch;

the punishment of the wicked you will see.

⁹Because you have the LORD for your
refuge

and have made the Most High your
stronghold,

¹⁰No evil shall befall you,

no affliction comes near your tent.

¹¹*For he commands his angels with regard
to you,

to guard you wherever you go.

¹²With their hands they shall support you,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

¹³You can tread upon the asp and the
viper,

trample the lion and the dragon.

¹⁴Because he clings to me I will deliver
him;

because he knows my name, I will set him
on high.

¹⁵He will call upon me and I will answer;
I will be with him in distress;

I will deliver him and give him honor.

¹⁶With length of days I will satisfy him,
and fill him with my saving power.