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PASTOR NOTES:

Day 39 of Home Quarantine

Day 39 - My dog just looked at me and said, “Now you know why I chew the furniture.”

Day 39 - Problems with homeschooling. One of my students called in a bomb threat.

Day 39 - I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I’m getting tired of Los Livingroom

Folks, we gotta laugh! So how are you all doing? Well, I hope. I pray you are practicing solitude. I pray you are practicing big love. I pray for you all and pray that you pray for me.

The gospel from this past Sunday is the famous story of two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They had dreamed of a messiah sent by God to liberate Israel. With the death of Jesus, that dream died. Their grief, their fear was so profound that they could not recognize Jesus. But as they journeyed with Him, He revealed to them that the old dream had to die so that a greater dream could be born. When at last they could recognize Him, they said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us...!”

I firmly believe that for all these 39 days, the resurrected Christ has been walking with me, with us all, but grief over what used to be or fear over what is to come may prevent us from recognizing Him. Where do I see the Lord calling me back to life? Hint: Has anything over these last 39 days set your heart on fire? Maybe even just a little burning? That is where He is to be found. Go to that moment and let the Lord talk to you.

Some developments since I last wrote:

Home Altars - The early Christians celebrated mass in their homes. Isn’t it interesting how we returned to our very roots, praying the mass at home! I recommend creating a sacred space in your house. A small altar. A way of recognizing the continuing presence of God in your very home.

Mother’s Day - How in the world do we celebrate Mother’s Day this year? Here are two ideas. (1) Go to the Visitation website, click on the button that says “Mother’s Day” and then “Mother’s Day Thoughts”, and write a brief note about your mom. A prayer for her, a funny story about her, a tribute to her. A brief paragraph. A few sentences. We will post all those thoughts on Mother’s Day. (2) Get an altar flower for your mom. Send a small donation to the parish (online giving, mail a check, drop off at the rectory) and your mother’s name, and we will place a rose with her name in the sanctuary for Mother’s Day mass. Please do both before May 5th.

Prayers during the Pandemic - Go to Visitation website, click on “Resources” and you will find various prayers which I hope might help guide us in this difficult time.

Mercy Bags - St. Margaret Center is still operating under much pressure and great need. More Mercy Bags would be appreciated. Drop them off at the front door of the rectory.

The Stars - Our nights have never been clearer. Go out and look at the stars tonight.

I walked around the church and school yesterday and it looked so empty. Beautiful but empty. I miss you all and look forward to the day when you return to fill it up and we see each other again.

Fr. Jim
Increase eGiving by Adding Free Text-to-Give

Faith Direct removed the fee for our Text-to-Give platform for everyone last month, and already over 90 parishes have taken advantage of this offer and added Text-to-Give to their program.

With the Text platform, Visitation parishioners can text a dollar amount to your parish’s assigned number which is CA 772 and make a quick gift to your essential collections; or they can text the word "ENROLL" to receive a direct link to the enrollment page where they can create an eGiving account and set up recurring gifts—all from their mobile phones!

Take advantage of this program through FAITH DIRECT LINK at faithdirect.com

Please only use if you can donate during this pandemic, we do not want to cause additional hardship to you and your families. Stay well.

WE SHARE THEIR GRIEF

Visitation Parish Community extends their sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Bette Milliron, mother of Mark Milliron, and William Holyk, father of Karen Holyk-Casey, longtime parishioners and members of Visitation Parish. We also extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Barbara Simpson, mother of Lorie Suyenaga and for Alistair Scott, nephew of Doug and Lara Carrigan and also for Lara’s cousin, Lisa McCully and their families. We pray for the repose of their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

CYBER SCAMMERS ARE ON THE RISE AGAIN

Please be aware that more fraudulent activities are on the rise again and they are using the Pastor’s name or any of the staff’s names or other priests to get you to send them monies. Please know that none of the staff or the parish employees or school principal or teachers would go to you directly to ask for money, gift cards or to provide your passwords or information for any reason. Do not respond to these requests but report as spam on your email or phone messages centers. If you are in doubt, call the person named, to check on the information provided. Do not be a victim to these perpetrators who try to impersonate the people you trust. Even Archbishop Gomez’s name has been used. The Archdiocese has sent out this warning to all of their employees as well. Please be wary of any emails or messages sent to you and do not respond to their threats or intimidations.
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