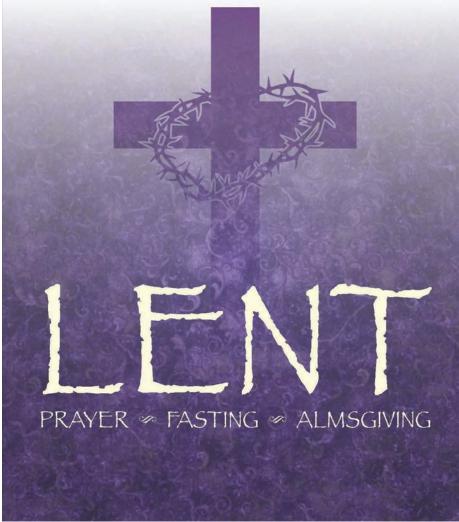


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March 29, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Lent



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Rev. Thomas Urban

# PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Church is the work of God initiated by Christ and held together by the Holy Spirit.

Divine Child is a Catholic Parish entrusted with the responsibility of bringing people to the Lord and answering the call to holiness.

#### NOTICE:

Fr. Bob, Fr. Matt and Fr. Ray will be offering private Mass for the scheduled Mass intentions, every day.

#### Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020 - 5th Sunday of Lent 8:00am People of the Divine Child Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020

6:30am Richard Adamian, by Mary Tomilo

8:30am Rosemary Bugaj, by Uncle Ray and Aunt Doreen

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020

6:30am Robyn Crombie, by Paul & Helen Miller

8:30am (Spec. Int.) Don & Grace Steffes, by The Steffes Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

8:30am Robert Hall, by Raymond Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020

6:30am Carmen Teuma, by Family

8:30am Rose Chapp, by Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020

8:30am (3rd Anniv.) Mariano DeFelice, by Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

8:30am Loretta Peters, by Amy Peters SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020 - PALM SUNDAY

8:00am People of the Divine Child Parish

MASSES TO THE MISSIONS
Mar 29: (Spec. Int.) Gert Clark, by The Nowaks

Mar 29: (Spec. Int.) Fr. Brad Berhorst, by Chris & Mindy DeWitt

Mar 29: Daniel Medellin, by Steve Lubarowski

Mar 30: Romolo Berti, by Graziano Canini

Mar 30: Delphine & Jerry Hagerman, by The Nowaks

Mar 31: (Spec. Int.) Fr. John Kopson, Parishioners for Priests

Apr 01: (Spec. Int.) Msgr. Todd Lajiness, by Parishioners for Priests Apr 01: (Spec. Int.) Fran Murphy, by The Nowaks

Apr 01: (Spec. Int.) Fr. Matt Hood, by Parishioners for Priests

Apr 02: Zigmund & Lorraine Orzech, by The Nowaks

Apr 03: Bernadette O'Connor, by The Hermann Family Apr 04: Rose, Stanley & Anthony Plecha, by The Nowaks

#### Please Pray For Our Sick



Evelyn Grabowski





#### Rest in Peace

Helen Wrona Mary Margaret McCorhan Helen Wrona

Aunt of Jan Linderman, Lenore Skazalski & Kevin Skazalski Father of Scott Anderson

#### Parish Office Hours

#### The Rectory Office will be closed to visitors, until further notice.

Should you need to visit the rectory office, please call us at 313-277-3110. The phones will be monitored and messages will be retrieved and returned as promptly as possible.

In the case of an emergency, such as anointing of the sick or funeral preparations, please call the rectory and select the appropriate prompt. Your message will be given first priority and returned promptly.

All Masses, devotions, activies and events will be postponed until Monday, April 13. That includes **Holy Week and Easter Liturgies.** 

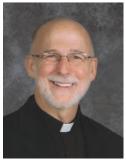
The Church will be open for private prayer **Monday - Friday: 6am - 5pm** Saturday: 8am - 5pm **Sunday: 9:00am - 1:00pm** 

> Maximum number of people allowed in the church at one time = 100

THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

**Confession Schedule** Tuesdays: 5pm - 6pm Saturdays: 2pm - 4pm

#### The Big Picture With Fr. Bob



Dear Friends,

One of the hymns which brings much comfort to those who are suffering is "Be Not Afraid." The refrain has the following words, "Be not afraid, I go before you always. Come follow me and I will give you rest."

These words take on new meaning as we go through these unprecedented times. I was talking to a priest yesterday and he

said, "I've only used the word 'unprecedented' about twice in my life and now I keep saying it to describe everything that is taking place!"

Yes, unprecedented times can be scary. However, Jesus wants us to take our fears to Him. He can provide us peace in every situation.

The governor has now called us to stay home and stay safe. Again, our mobility and our everyday opportunities are being seriously restricted. We may feel we have been stripped bare of our religious rights. I think Jesus is again telling us "Be not afraid, I am with you." Yes, we are not able to gather for Mass, but we can prayerfully watch Mass on TV or on one of the many Masses offered on social media. See page 6. I know it is not the same as attending Mass and having the honor of receiving our Lord in Holy Communion. It is a great sorrow and sacrifice we all need to make in order to slow down the spread of the Coronavirus.

As of the time I am writing this article (Tuesday, March 24,) we are still able to keep our church open for prayer. We also plan to continue with the Confession schedule on Tuesdays 5-6 PM and Saturdays 2-4PM. Some of us will be hearing Confessions in different parts of the church so as to strive to keep everyone safe. We will probably be wearing masks. Please feel free to wear a mask if you prefer, but this is not mandatory.

I encourage everyone to read the letter written by Archbishop Allen Vigneron which we have printed in today's bulletin (page 4). It is clear that this Lent is like no other. Our Holy Week services will not be open to parishioners, but we hope to livestream services online.

President Trump has said we are at war, at war with this virus. We have all heard of the great sacrifices made as a nation during World War II. This is a very different kind of war, but sacrifices will need to be made by all.

I am sorry to tell you that at this time Funeral Masses have been discontinued. At this time, Fr. Matt and I will only be able to do Committal services at graveside. If you are preparing a funeral of a loved one, it is important that you call the parish rectory office so we can confirm what are the latest guidelines that we are receiving from the Archdiocese.

These are hard times, painful times. We will get through them together. Please remember to support our parish by way of your parish envelopes, if at all possible. Mail them to the

parish office at 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128, or contribute online at *faithdirect.net*. Many thanks to those who have already made contributions.

May we hold each other in prayer. Every person, every family has their own struggle, be it financial, emotional, spiritual, or physical. This is a great time for us to go deeper in our relationship with Jesus. Remember to pray, read the Bible, pray the Rosary, read the lives of the saints. This is the time to become a prayer warrior. (Let's wear out our beads on our rosaries!) Let us hold each other up in prayer.

Before we conclude, we want to thank our entire parish/schools' team that are working in new and creative ways to serve our people and, in special way, our students.

P.S. Fr. Matt and I are posting videos on our parish website, check them out.

God's Peace and Consolation,

Fr. Bob and Fr. Matt



Please visit the parish website at divinechild.org, or the social media links above, to get up-to-date information on the Coronavirus in our Community. Community Resources are also available at divinechild.org by clicking the COVID-19 Update tab. Scroll to the very bottom of the page to view these links below.

COVID-19 Response and Recommendations COVID-19: Community Resources

#### PARISH OFFERTORY

Although we are not celebrating Mass as a parish community, we still have a need to pay our staff, maintain the church building, and, importantly, continue our outreach ministries.

We ask that, to the best of your ability, you continue to make your weekly offertory donations, either by mailing them to the parish at 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128 or via our website divinechild.org, select the giving tab then select the FaithDirect tab. God bless you for your generosity!

If your income has been adversely affected by the response to COVID-19, please contact our parish office to see if we can help you at 313-277-3110.



March 23, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As citizens of Michigan, we join with our neighbors in observing measures to address the spread of COVID-19. As we continue to practice social distancing to limit the virus' spread, our response as the Body of Christ must always begin in faith. We believe Jesus is still Lord. We believe that God can bring good from this time. We believe that we are not abandoned but remain – however mysteriously – in the loving hands of the Father.

It is with great sadness that I have to announce to you that *Holy Week celebrations will not be offered publicly this year in the Archdiocese of Detroit.* To ensure we cooperate with and support the governor and local health officials during this time as well as assuring you of my continued commitment to the work of unleashing the Gospel, I am <u>issuing these directives</u> regarding the life of our parishes, the administration of the Sacraments – particularly to those who are sick and dying – and the celebration of Holy Week.

While it is not possible for us to gather in our parishes during Holy Week and on Easter, it is possible for us to be connected in other ways. I ask you to remain attentive to <u>aod.org</u> and <u>spiritualclosness.org</u> for ways to be connected with each other during these days. I would also ask you to please continue your financial support to your parish. They rely entirely on your contributions and your generosity. I am very grateful for your support, especially during this time.

I know this is an unprecedented time in the life of our local Church. But unprecedented challenges bring unprecedented graces. If we unite ourselves to the Lord we will emerge from these days of trial and uncertainty more ready to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Please know of my prayers for you and our whole State of Michigan during these days. Asking the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron Archbishop of Detroit



# AMERICAN RED CROSS DIVINE CHILD PARISH BLOOD DRIVE IS BACK ON! SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

WE NEED YOU!!!!!!!

# American Red Cross faces severe blood shortage as coronavirus outbreak threatens availability of nation's supply!

Nearly 2,700 Red Cross blood drives have been canceled across the country due to coronavirus concerns, resulting in some 86,000 fewer blood donations.

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs a blood transfusion and it can **ONLY COME FROM HUMAN DONORS**. Help save up to three lives!!!!!!!! Christ gave to His disciples a specific mandate: '*Heal the sick*.'

The Red Cross has implemented new measures to ensure blood drives and donation centers are even safer for our donors and staff, including:

- Checking the temperature of staff and donors before entering a drive to make sure they are healthy.
- Providing hand sanitizer for use before the drive, as well as throughout the donation process.
- Spacing beds, where possible, to follow social distancing practices between blood donors.
- Increasing enhanced disinfecting of surfaces and equipment.
- Please visit the American Red Cross website for details at: https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/coronavirus--covid-19--and-blood-donation.html

To make an appointment visit: www.redcrossblood.org and identify the sponsor code: divine child or contact Cathy Ballnik at (313) 303-2544

Time: 8:30am – 2:15pm Place: Divine Child High School Cafeteria

#### **MASSES ONLINE & TV**

#### **ONLINE**:

- 7:30am 8:30am EST Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist (Ann Arbor)
- 8:00am 9:00am EST Watch on EWTN
- 8:15am EST (Pre-recorded and posted daily) Mass from Bishop Robert Barron's chapel, celebrated either by Bishop Barron himself or by Fr. Steve Grunow, CEO of Word on Fire
- 9:00am 10:00am EST: Solanus Casey Center
- 10:00am 11:00am National Shrine of the Little Flower
- 10:30am 11:30am EST Ss. Peter and Paul (Westside Detroit)
- 11:30am -12:30pm EST St. John's Deaf Center (ASL Mass)
- 11:30am 12:30pm ET St. Mary (Wayne)
- **12:00pm 1:00pm** EST Watch Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament Mass on Facebook and this page.
- 3:00pm 4:00pm EST:Our Lady of the Scapular (Wyandotte)
- 7:00pm 7:30pm EST Watch on CTND

#### TV

- 6:00am 7:00am EST Broadcasted by WJBK Fox 2
- 8:30am 9:30am EST Broadcasted by WMYD-TV20 in Detroit
- 10:00am 11:00am EST English, broadcasted by CTND Comcast 398

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 2:30pm - 3:00pm EST English, broadcasted by CTND Comcast 398 Spectrum/Brighthouse 16

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11:30pm - 12:00am EST English, broadcasted by CTND Comcast 398
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#### **MEMORARE**

Remember,
O most gracious
Virgin Mary, that never
was it known
that anyone who fled to
thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy
intercession was left
unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand; sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.



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#### FORMED Pick of the Week March 29:

Listen: The Four Last Things Read: Meditations for Lent Watch: Way of the Cross



Please join us for our next

#### ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, May 9 at 12pm Divine Child Marian Shrine

(in front of the high school)

Future Rallies: June 13, July 11 and August 15

Please join us as we all come together and pray the Rosary in public to honor Mary, our Blessed Mother. Rain or shine!

If you have questions, please contact Virginia May at 734-748-4442 or Linda Wielkopolan at 313-563-2427.

#### Readings for March 29, 2020

Sun: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,

6; Jn 8:1-11

Tue: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thur: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Fri: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3A, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42 Sat: Ez 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sun: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;

Mt 26:14—27:66 OR 27:11-54



#### PRAY:

- Read Scripture at usccb.org or the readings on this page
- Pray the Rosary and/or Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Read a spiritual book
- Go to our DC Marian Shrine (In front of the high school) or Adoration Chapel
- The church is open every day for private prayer (please note there can only be 100 people in the church at one time)
- Check out FORMED.ORG

- Lenten Family Prayer Challenge as one way to unite our prayers together. <a href="https://www.52sundays.com/lenten-prayer-challenge">https://www.52sundays.com/lenten-prayer-challenge</a> to sign up or text LENT20 to 8457.
- MAGNIFICAT available to everyone for free https:// us.magnificat.net/free.

#### **FASTING & ABSTINENCE:**

- Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and every Friday during Lent.
- Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (beginning of 60th year) must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal, according to Canon law & the U.S. Bishops

#### **ALMSGIVING:**

- Please continue to donate and support your parish.
   Make this your Lenten Almsgiving by mailing your envelope to the rectory office at 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128, or donating online at FaithDirect.net.
- Helping families in need during this outbreak. If you are interested in volunteering to help those in need in our community, please contact the rectory office at 313-277-3110.

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION!























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#### Finding Grace Through Spiritual Communion When We Can't Receive the Eucharist

Attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist is always a privilege. With our new guidelines to protect the health of each other, we are not able to attend Mass in person.

Archbishop Vigneron, in his homily on the Third Sunday of Lent, points to the thirst of Jesus at the well of the Samaritan woman as a thirst to meet us in the Eucharist. That at this time, "we can't satisfy, through our reception of holy communion today, our thirst for communion with God."

Yet, we are disciples. And as such "we need to look for the grace in this cross we experience, of being without the celebration of the Eucharist publicly in these days."

Archbishop Vigneron offers three suggestions about how we can find the grace in this trial.

- This is an opportunity to renew our gratitude for the Eucharist. To come to a new and profound appreciation for what a blessing the Holy Eucharist is, a blessing we too often take for granted.
- 2. We ought to be resolved not to grow accustomed to its absence of the celebration of the Eucharist in public.
- 3. We are invited to make spiritual communion regularly.

#### **Spiritual Communion**

Spiritual Communion is a pious practice in the history of the Church. As the Archbishop stated, "it is simply to ask the Lord Jesus to give us the graces that would come to us were we able to receive his body and blood, soul and divinity sacramentally. We ask God to work in our hearts, the Holy Spirit to work in us, to do what he would be doing if we were to be receiving the sacrament."

We therefore are encouraged to be resolved every Sunday, and every day, as we are suspended from our public assemblies, to make a spiritual communion. Above all, the Archbishop asks, that we do this in our families and that we do it together.

#### **Elements of a Spiritual Communion**

- Begin with the Sign of the Cross
- Scripture reading (e.g. Mass readings, found at usccb.org or listen/watch televised Mass. Options can be found here.)
- Optional: Share a reflection on the reading together (e.g. What do you hear God saying?)
- Shared prayer (e.g. Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary)
- Spontaneous prayer (e.g. Prayers from the heart, for each other and our community)
- Recite the Spiritual Communion prayer together, followed by a moment of silence to receive the Lord
- Conclude with the Sign of the Cross

#### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

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 in 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.



The Altar decorated at Easter a few years ago. Sweet memories.





A few photos from Ash Wednesday to make you smile!

> We miss all of our wonderful DC Parishioners.

Until we meet again. stay healthy, happy and holy.









The son of DC Parishioners, Clyde & Fran Parrott, needs a match, a stem cell match.

Matt Parrott has Lymphoma and is looking for a match for a stem cell transplant. He graduated from DC Elementary School and is a 1994 graduate of Catholic Central High School. He is currently a Philosophy Professor at Oxford University in England, husband and father of two little girls.

We are asking our Divine Child Family to help us find a match for Matt and offer hope, would you?

Joining the Be The Match Registry® means volunteering to be listed as a potential blood stem cell donor and be the cure. You could be Matt's cure. You could literally save a life, Matt's Life or another's!

Testing only requires a cheek swab which can be done at home. It's easy!

To help, please visit https://bethematch.org/support-thecause/donate-bone-marrow/join-the-marrow-registry/ Thank you and God bless you all!

#### 10 GUIDEPOSTS FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron

#### 1. No Time Is Without Its Grace

Christ's death and rising is a grace that should shape every day of a Christian's life, and above all in these days. In this time of trial we are called to seize the grace of showing ourselves, by the power of the Spirit of Christ, to be, like Christ, filled with faith in God's care for us.

#### 2. This Is The Lent God Our Father Wants Us to Have

This second guidepost is a sort of corollary to the first. God in Christ is the Lord of history. He's in charge. His providential plan for our salvation and happiness cannot be defeated. If he has permitted us to have to be for a while without our public celebration of the Holy Eucharist and our usual Lenten devotions, his Spirit offers us other means to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum.

#### 3. It's Still About Unleashing The Gospel

Right now all of us, especially us pastors and our co-workers, are focused on responding to the coronavirus pandemic. But that doesn't mean our work to "unleash the Gospel" has been abandoned. Quite the contrary. We still must be about evangelization. That's always our mission. This is a providential time for us to witness to our sure confidence in Jesus as Lord of history, to manifest to the world that we face this challenge with unshakeable trust that the Lord will sustain us.

#### 4. Now Is The Hour Of The Domestic Church

At Synod 16 the Holy Spirit said clearly that the Christian family, as the "domestic church," has to be at the center of the New Evangelization. In these days when our large public gatherings for prayer and catechesis are suspended, the domestic church is all the more clearly "ground zero" for our response. Now it falls squarely on families to make their homes places to hear the Word of God, and to offer him praise, especially in acts of Spiritual Communion and entrustment to the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

#### 5. Holiness Works With Science

We must resist any idea that there's some sort of divorce between our cooperating with public health officials to mitigate the spread of the virus and our complete trust in God's power to protect us. This guidepost is a variation on the axiom that "nature builds on grace." Our wholehearted cooperation with the civil authorities involves acts of Christian virtue: acts of justice in doing our part to protect the common good, and acts of charity because our motive is love for God and neighbor.

#### 6. We're Called To Accompany Our Neighbors

I've "cribbed" this "guidepost" and the one that follows from the pastoral wisdom of Pope Francis. Each of us, especially in our families, faces fears about what the future holds for us as the spread of the virus unfolds. But we're not alone in this. Some of us will become seriously ill, and undoubtedly there will be fatalities — along with all of the suffering that follows for those with loved ones who become ill. Many of us face the prospect of economic troubles, the loss of jobs, the collapse of businesses, with all the trials these misfortunes entail. We must support one another in this time of trouble, not only with sympathy but with ready acts of practical kindness — that is, works of mercy.

#### 7. We're Obliged To Care For Those "On The Peripheries"

Here, too, I'm echoing a theme dear to the heart of Pope Francis. The pains caused by the pandemic will fall particularly hard on the poor, the elderly and the chronically ill. We Christians have a particular duty to care for them. One simple but much needed work of mercy will be to stay in touch (by phone?) with the elderly who are quarantined. We should be sure that "social distancing" doesn't result in losing "spiritual closeness." Not least should we remember that many of the inconveniences we experience in order to mitigate the spread of the virus are aimed at protecting the vulnerable. With that in mind, it should be easier to be at peace with these inconveniences.

#### 8. Read God's Word Through The Lens Of This Time

The Psalmist says, "O that today you would hear his voice" (Ps 95:7). As you read any passage of Sacred Scripture that is part of your prayer during these days, listen especially for how in his word God is speaking directly to you about how to find the grace he offers in this time (see No. 1 above). He wants to speak to your heart: to offer his wisdom about what this crisis means, his guidance about how to respond, his assurance that "all things work for good for those who love [him]" (Rm 8: 28). He is close; listen for him.

#### 9. Our First "Touchstone" Is Eucharistic Communion

During this time when the public celebration of Holy Mass has to be suspended, we need the graces of the Eucharist more than ever. For these are the graces whereby the Holy Spirit works in our lives — through our dying to self and living for the Father that is Jesus's Paschal Mystery. These graces can be available to us through Spiritual Communion. Please pray for Spiritual Communion in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice at least every Sunday, if not more often. And gather as a family to pray together for this Communion.

#### 10. Our Second "Touchstone" Is Our Lady's Protection

From the cross, Jesus gave us his Mother to be ours. In every age — from the days before Pentecost until today — the Church has been blessed through the Mother of God interceding for us, from her being close to us with her care and protection. Let us renew our commitment to "fly to her protection." I invite you to join with me in praying the "Memorare" on page 6, every day to commend not only the Church but also our country, indeed the whole world, to the loving care of the Blessed Virgin Mary. And, I follow the admonitions of Blessed Solanus Casey, "thanking God ahead of time" for the graces he will give us in answer to her prayers, and I will work to build a Lourdes Grotto on the grounds of our Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament as a token of appreciation for what I am sure he will do for us through her intercession.

#### **Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus** (Heb 12:1)

That's the best way I can summarize what I believe we need to do to come out of this pandemic as the daughters and sons God calls us to be.

Keep focused on Jesus' example of abandonment into the hands of God the Father.

Keep close to Jesus in prayer.

Keep confident that Jesus is with us in this time of trial.

Keep at peace, for Jesus is Lord, conqueror of sin and death, victor over every evil.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

"Heavenly Father, protect thes<mark>e members of</mark> our Armed Forces. Be their constant companion and their str<mark>ength in bat</mark>tle, their refuge in every adversity. Guide them, Lord, so that they may return home safely." Amen.

MA3 Sean Abraham PFC Keith Bizek Cpl Luke Boudreau, USMC Staff Sgt David Brash PVT Nick Calvas, Army SPC Alexander Collins PFC Connor Danaher, USMC **PVT Michael Dawson** SO2 Ryan Desjarlais Major Kevin J. Dobzyniak Sgt Aaron Fryer Lt CDR Ted Haskell, USN Bradley Anthony Hura, National Guard Major Joseph Johnson Captain Stephen Kerr Major Natalie Ann Korona Airman First Class Jamison R. Kucinski Lieutenant Daniel Kuriluk Captain Matthew Kuriluk Commander Ron Kuzdak Airman 1st Class Lauren LaCaprara PO3 Carmen LaForest Airman Christopher J. (Seraceno) Lapinski Private Ian W. Laskey Major Adam J. Lytle, D.D.S. Airman 1st Class Brittany Mack

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Please let us know if you have a loved one who is serving in the military and we will acknowledge them in our weekly column.

Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!



#### **PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED:**

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He show His face to you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

~ Blessing of St. Francis

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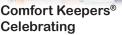
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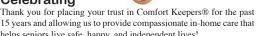












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