



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

March 29, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The invisible enemy is the term given to the Corona Virus. It shows up, we know not when nor exactly how. It has eluded our attempts to conquer it so far. It is the enemy because it is tearing up our economy and the health and life span of people around the world.

The title "invisible enemy" fits the devil, himself. It is hard to see him at work. He strikes when we least expect it. The devil can also wreck a country's economy with social injustices and, using alcoholism and drug addiction, the devil can devastate one's health and bring about an early demise.

The invisible enemy can tempt us to see the "lock down," (stay at home) as "free time," when these times should be more time for prayer. The devil's favorite strategy is to tell us we will pray later, and he knows this way he gets more people to go more days without prayer. These days of "lock down" should give us more time to pray, and heaven knows we need to keep asking God to help this country and the world fight that other invisible enemy, the Corona Virus.

Vice President Mike Pence: When it was first announced that the Vice President was in charge of the country's fight against this devastating "virus," the Vice President publicly announced that we needed the help of the Almighty. Though he is not a Catholic, he has said more than once that his moral concepts come from his education in Catholic schools.

Last Monday afternoon, at the president's two-hour press conference, along with his staff, the Vice President, again, talked about the experts in the medical fields and science labs around the world. He spoke of the millions of doctors and nurses, lab research

technicians and the millions of people **praying** for victory over this fast spreading virus. He said victory will be ours in the not-too-distant future.

The ultimate validity of vaccinations will not be conclusive for a year and a half, but the therapy for those who test positive has already begun to see the light of day. Apparently, a drug that is very inexpensive and on the open market, hydroxychloroquine, saved the life of a man with the Corona Virus. Then there seems to be another drug that has shown even better progress in arresting this deadly virus. Day after day more data is gathered to be sure that we have the conclusive evidence before we can be absolutely sure that there are no other side effects to these apparently, successful drugs.

I hope, by the time you read this, Congress has settled their differences for a two trillion dollar special aid bill for large and small businesses and for the millions who are unemployed.

As one great statesman said, at his age of 70, he is going back to work, with the small chance of contracting the virus, so that America will be the great place for his children and grandchildren to grow up and enjoy. The point is the cure can't be worse than the problem.

Most importantly, I hope that as many as possible of us are the millions of whom Vice President Pence said are praying for the victory over this virus. In the Gospel for this Sunday, when Jesus came to visit Mary and Martha over the death of Lazarus, Martha made a great statement when she saw Jesus coming. She said:

"Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died. But even now, I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Jesus ultimately told them at the grave to take away the stone at the entrance of the tomb, and Jesus brought Lazarus back from the

dead. We, too, need to ask the good Lord, many times during the day, with extra devotion and plenty of faith in the power of God, to free us from this invisible enemy, the Corona Virus! These are not completely “free days,” but rather prayer days. The Church, with Jesus in the Tabernacle, is open from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., 7 days a week during this time of “crisis.” Keeping the spirit of staying at home, we all should have a “prayer place” in our homes, a place and a reminder to pray during the day, especially during this time of crisis.

With prayers and blessings,
 Father Muller

P.S. As we enjoy good health, we want to help those who have lost their jobs and are living “hand to mouth.” The Catholic Center of Concern is open, and we have doubled our \$3000.00 a month from OLS for the needy.

Christine Golab and Kelly Green started a food truck non-profit food delivery service for needy people. They collect the food (unused) from restaurants and deliver it the next day to the homes of those in need. They feed 125 people a day, four to six days a week. Since the virus, they are trying to feed people seven days a week. With the restaurant businesses closed, except for “carry out,” they are asking if OLS people would prepare sandwiches, etc. and deliver them to OLS parking lot, where the food truck will wait for them from 9 -10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. The day of the first drop off and pick up is April 1. More information can be found on our website.



Vita D’Amico, Mary Ann Huie,
 Charlie Kai Wadsworth,
 Melanie Gilchrist, Kennie
 Skellie, Buddy DiChiara, Mary
 Laurie Bracken, Ann LaRussa,

Mike Skellie, Lillie Higgins, Norma Purdy,
 Harriet Dupree, Pat Salamone, Alan Pizzitola,
 Jude Tombrello, Claudia Tombrello, Jacob
 Hayes, Robbie Baldwin, and Sister Joan
 Harrington

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 10 AM (Share with Partner)
Monday at 12 Midnight (Adorer Needed)
Tuesday at 11 AM (Adorer Needed)
Friday at 8:00 AM (Share with Partner)
Friday at 11 PM (Adorer Needed)
Saturday at 11 AM (Share with Partner)
Saturday at 11 PM (Share with Partner)

Our goal is to have at least 2 people on each hour. These are the hours needed but do select an hour that best fits your schedule. Please call Mary Claire Brouillette at 871-2909 or Trudy Carpri at 643-0248.



Monday, Mar. 30	Special Intention Tommy Priola Anne Vickers
Tuesday, Mar. 31	Special Intention Tommy Priola Annie Diergo
Wednesday, April 1	Special Intention Sp. Int. Laura Vizzina Donald & Marcelle Taccone
Thursday, April 2	Special Intention Sp. Int. Christine LaRussa Tommy Priola
Friday, April 3	Special Intention Giovanna Sciro Sp. Int. Maria Petrey
Saturday, April 4	Donors to OLS School Foundation Jason Cole Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens
Sunday, April 5	People of the Parish Robert Cianchetti James Lopez, Sr.

Many thanks to all of you who offered prayers of thanksgiving and kind words for my Jubilee Celebration. Your kindness and generosity mean so much to me.

Father Balta