

“Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted.” Jn 6:1-15



July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

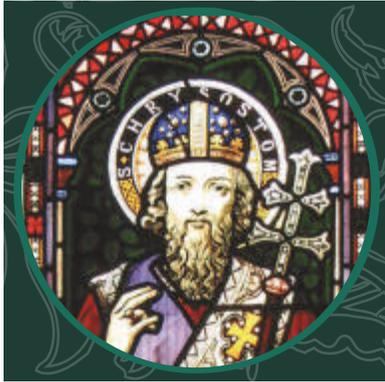
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# A LETTER FROM OUR PRIESTS

From a homily on the 2nd letter to the Corinthians by Saint  
John Chrysostom, bishop

## I Rejoice Exceedingly in all my Tribulations



**St. John Chrysostom**



Brought to Constantinople after a dozen years of priestly service in Syria, John found himself the reluctant victim of an imperial ruse to make him bishop in the greatest city of the empire. Ascetic, unimposing but dignified, and troubled by stomach ailments from his desert days as a monk, John became a bishop under the cloud of imperial politics.

If his body was weak, his tongue was powerful. The content of his sermons, his exegesis of Scripture, were never without a point. Sometimes the point stung the high and mighty. Some sermons lasted up to two hours.

His zeal led him to decisive action. Bishops who bribed their way into office were deposed. Many of his sermons called for concrete steps to share wealth with the poor. The rich did not appreciate hearing from John that private property existed because of Adam's fall from grace any more than married men liked to hear that they were bound to marital fidelity just as much as their wives were. When it came to justice and charity, John acknowledged no double standards.

Theophilus, archbishop of Alexandria, and Empress Eudoxia were determined to discredit John, who finally did manage to have John exiled. He died in exile in 407.

Learn more at  
[www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-chrysostom](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-chrysostom)

Again Paul turns to speak of love, softening the harshness of his rebuke. For after convicting and reproaching them for not loving him as he had loved them, breaking away from his love and attaching themselves to troublemakers, he again takes the edge off the reproach by saying: Open your hearts to us, that is, love us. He asks for a favour which will be no burden to them but will be more profitable to the giver than to the receiver. And he did not use the word "love" but said, more appealingly: Open your hearts to us.

Who, he said, has cast us out of your minds, thrust us from your hearts? How is it that you feel constraint with us? For, since he has said earlier: You are restricted in your own affection, he now declares himself more openly and says: Open your heart to us, thus once more drawing them to him. For nothing so much wins love as the knowledge that one's lover desires most of all to be himself loved.

For I said before, he tells them, that you are in our hearts to die together or live together. This is love at its height, that even though in disfavour, he wishes both to die and to live with them. For you are in our hearts, not just somehow or other, but in the way I have said. It is possible to love and yet to draw back when danger threatens; but my love is not like that.

I am filled with consolation. What consolation? That which comes from you because you, being changed for the better, have consoled me by what you have done. It is natural for a lover both to complain that he is not loved in return and to fear that he may cause distress by complaining too much. Therefore, he says: I am filled with consolation, I rejoice exceedingly.

It is as if he said, I was much grieved on your account, but you have made it up for me in full measure and given me comfort; for you have not only removed the cause for any grief but filled me with a richer joy.

Then he shows the greatness of that joy by saying not only I rejoice exceedingly but also the words which follow: in all my tribulations. So great, he says, was the delight that you gave me that it was not even dimmed by so much tribulation, but overcame by its strength and keenness all those sorrows which had invaded my heart, and took away from me all awareness of them.

## DAILY READINGS

DAY	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Sat 7/24	<b>Ex</b> 24:3-8		<b>Mt</b> 13:24-30
Sun 7/25	<b>2 Kgs</b> 4:42-44	<b>Eph</b> 4:1-6	<b>Jn</b> 6:1-15
Mon 7/26	<b>Ex</b> 32:15-24, 30-34		<b>Mt</b> 13:31-35
Tues 7/27	<b>Ex</b> 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28		<b>Mt</b> 13:36-43
Wed 7/28	<b>Ex</b> 34:29-35		<b>Jn</b> 15:15b
Thurs 7/29	<b>Ex</b> 40:16-21, 34-38		<b>Jn</b> 11:19-27
Fri 7/30	<b>Lv</b> 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37		<b>Mt</b> 13:54-58
Sat 7/31	<b>Lv</b> 25:1, 8-17		<b>Mt</b> 14:1-12
Sun 08/01	<b>Ex</b> 16:2-4, 12-15	<b>Eph</b> 4:17, 20-24	<b>Jn</b> 6:24-35

## PARISH TIMES

### SUMMER MASS TIMES

#### Mass Times

**Monday - Friday**  
7:00am | 9:30am

**Saturday Vigil Mass**  
9:30am | 4:30pm

**Sunday**  
8:00am\* | 11:30am  
9:30am | 5:00pm

#### Confession

*Thursday*  
5:00-6:00pm

*Saturday*  
8:00-9:30am  
3:00-4:30pm

*Sunday*  
30 min. before  
weekend masses

#### \*Outdoor Mass

*Sundays 8:00am*  
*weather permitting*  
*Effective through*  
*July 25, 2021.*

**Daily Livestream  
of Mass**  
9:30am



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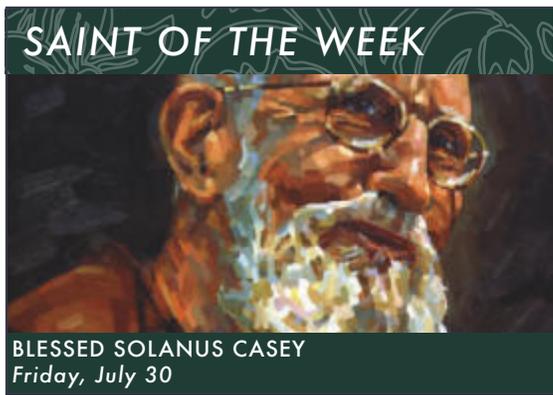
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**WORDS OF THE SAINTS**

God knows best, and, while we'll still hope for a favorable surprise, we can hardly do better than not only being resigned to whatever God permits but even beforehand to thank Him for His mercifully loving designs.

-Blessed Solanus Casey

**SACRISTY LAUNDRY** | **MYRA AKSAMIT**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, July 24**

9:30 Ann Marie Sonntag  
by Daniel and Joanne  
Beauregard  
4:30 Peace of Christ  
in our Communities

**Sunday, July 25**

8:00 Nativity of Our Lord  
Priests  
by the Fross family  
9:30 People of the Parish  
11:30 James Beauregard  
by Mom and Dad  
5:00 Ryan Siurek  
by the Siurek Family

**Monday, July 26**

7:00 † Terry Schell  
by the Fritz family  
9:30 † Harold and Gerry Swart  
by Marylou Sivigliano

**Tuesday, July 27**

7:00 Bang Le  
by Monica Trinh  
9:30 † John Wesley Cook  
by the Cordova family

**Wednesday, July 28**

7:00 Bev and Larry Grau  
by Tom Grau  
9:30 Birthday Blessings  
for Marylou Sivigliano

**Thursday, July 29**

7:00 † Alejandro Iberra  
Rodriguez  
by the Cordova family  
9:30 † Mary Deedon  
by Sandy Deedon

**Friday, July 30**

7:00 Iveta Andrasova  
by Hilda Fejka  
9:30 † J. Kerstiens and  
M. Fabre  
by Moreira Family

**Saturday, July 31**

9:30 † Manuel Figueroa  
by the Ocampo family  
4:30 Peace of Christ  
in our Country

**Sunday, August 01**

7:30 † Rita Bevelaqua  
by Roberta Hebert  
9:30 People of the Parish  
11:30 † Norbert Knoch  
by Joe and Jan Sindelar  
5:00 † Connie and Phil  
Gadecki  
by the Opie family

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, July 25**

8:00am Outdoor Mass  
Weather Permitting\*  
9:30am Mass  
11:00am Parishioner's Rosary  
11:30am Mass  
5:00pm Mass

**Wednesday, July 28**

7:00am Mass  
9:30am Livestream Mass  
10:00am SVdP  
2:00pm St. Joseph Book  
Club  
2:00pm Stephen Ministries  
6:30pm Boy Scouts

**Friday, July 30**

7:00am Mass  
7:30am Men of Emmaus  
9:00am ENDOW  
9:30am Livestream Mass  
10:00am SVdP  
10:00am HS Youth- All Day  
6:30pm Ministry Leaders'  
Dinner

**Monday, July 26**

7:00am Mass  
9:30am Livestream Mass  
10:00am SVdP  
6:00pm SVdP Volunteer Mtg

**Thursday, July 29**

7:00am Mass  
9:30am Livestream Mass  
10:00am SVdP  
5:00pm Confession  
5:00pm Knights of Columbus

**Saturday, July 31**

7:45am Cenacle Prayer Group  
8:00am Confessions  
8:50am Pro-Life Rosary  
9:00am CL  
9:30am Livestream Mass  
3:00pm Confessions  
4:30pm Mass

**Tuesday, July 27**

7:00am Mass  
9:30am Livestream Mass  
10:00am SVdP  
1:00pm Bible Study

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[app.flocknote.com/nool](http://app.flocknote.com/nool)

If you're going to the hospital and need a visit from a priest or deacon, please call the front desk at: 303-469-5171

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Joanne Farver at 303-466-8859 or at [joannefarver@comcast.net](mailto:joannefarver@comcast.net).

**Prayers for the sick and for the deceased:**  
We pray for all who are sick, and for our deceased relatives and friends that they may speedily attain the blessedness of heaven and rejoice in the eternal treasure of God's glory and love.



Our program consists of amateur and professional musicians who come together to provide the highest quality music for our worship, and we welcome you to be a part of that. Please find below a list of our most popular groups currently open for membership. For most groups, no prior singing experience is needed - just a quick vocal placement prior to the first rehearsal. Singers must be able to match pitch and blend with others. Instrumentalists will be asked for a recording in lieu of an in-person audition this fall.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

### *Children's Choir*

NEW TIME

Meets Wednesdays at 4:00pm

Sings at the 9:30am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month (September - May)

First practice is Wednesday, August 18 at 4:00pm; come early to sign up for the choir.

## ADULT CHOIRS

### *Lux Ensemble*

Saturday 4:30am Mass  
Rehearsal at 3:00pm

### *Mane Ensemble*

Sunday 7:30am Mass  
Rehearsal at 6:45am

### *Nativity Choir*

Sunday 9:30am Mass  
Rehearsal at 8:30am

### NEW *Borromeo Schola* (chant)

Sun 11:30am Mass  
Rehearsal at 10:30am

### *Venia Ensemble*

Sunday 5:00pm  
Rehearsal at 3:45pm

### *Funeral Choir*

Choir meets 30 minutes prior to funeral masses

## INSTRUMENTAL

### *Parish Orchestra*

NEW TIME

Meets on Sundays at 2:00pm

Plays on major holidays and feasts

The following instruments are welcome: flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons, trumpets, French horns, trombones, violins, violas, timpani/percussion, cello,

For questions and more information, contact Marcia Marchesi at [m.marchesi@nool.us](mailto:m.marchesi@nool.us)

## FROM THE PARISH

### COMMITTED ADORERS NEEDED

Committed adorers of the Blessed Sacrament are urgently needed for Thursdays between 1:00-3:00pm. If you are able to spend time with our Lord during these hours, please consider signing up at [www.nativity.weadorehim.com](http://www.nativity.weadorehim.com)



In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host.

- Pope Benedict XVI

### 8AM MASS CHANGING SOON

July 24-25 is the last weekend for the 8:00am outdoor Mass. Starting the weekend of July 31-August 1, we will be returning to our original 7:30am indoor Mass.

### CUSTODIAL HELP NEEDED

A part-time custodian is needed to join our evening crew providing nightly cleaning services in the school and church. This position requires availability from 5:00-9:00pm, weeknights and some weekend evenings. If you are interested, please contact Ron Kaiser at [r.kaiser@nool.us](mailto:r.kaiser@nool.us).



### COFFEE AND DONUTS

Help is still needed to serve coffee and donuts following the 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:30am Sunday Masses. No experience is necessary to help. If you are interested, please contact Merrilyn at [m.sikora@nool.us](mailto:m.sikora@nool.us).

## COMING SOON

August 7-8

### Mission Appeal Weekend

Congregation of Daughters of Mary-Tabora



The Congregation of the Daughters of Mary, with its headquarters in the Archdiocese of Tabora, was founded in 1933 by the Missionaries of Africa. It was established in response to the tremendous social, economic, and spiritual needs of the local people.



In a few short weeks, you will be invited to be partners in the work of the Daughters of Mary, to make a difference in the lives of the suffering poor with your prayer and financial support. Your support and prayers are so much appreciated and will always be put to good use.

#### Our Numbers

- 365 Professed Sisters (25 retired; 48 studying; 292 working in the Missions)
- 75 in different levels of formation
- All sisters are from, live and work in Tanzania
- 20 have retired, 20 are studying, 320 are in Mission

Learn more about the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary-Tabora at [www.daughtersofmary-tabora.org](http://www.daughtersofmary-tabora.org).

### Upcoming Feasts

Sts. Anne and Joachim	Monday, July 26
St. Martha	Thursday, July 29
Blessed Solanus Casey	Friday, July 30
St. Ignatius of Loyola	Saturday, July 31
St. John Vianney	Wednesday, Aug 4
Transfiguration of the Lord	Friday, Aug 6
St. Cajetan	Saturday, Aug 7
St. Sixtus and Companions	Saturday, Aug 7



## NATIVITY FAITH & REASON: JOB OPENINGS

Nativity: Faith & Reason School has two part-time staff openings for this fall for a lower-grade Spanish teacher and a school receptionist.

The mission at Nativity states that: We are a family of learners in the Catholic tradition, partnering with parents to build a community of faith and academic excellence. Our mission is to form saints and scholars who impact our world with gospel values.

If you feel that the Lord is calling you to our mission, and are interested in discussing the details of either position, we would be happy to speak to you.

Please contact the school principal, Holly Peterson, at [h.peterson@nool.us](mailto:h.peterson@nool.us).

## STEPHEN MINISTRY



Are you, or someone you know, going through a difficult time? Our Stephen Ministers have been trained to follow Jesus' model as a listener, spending a great deal of time learning and practicing these skills because of their importance as a caregiving tool. These, along with other essential caregiver skills, are why Nativity's Stephen Ministry is able to offer you a very confidential relationship with someone who will listen with compassion and provide nonjudgmental care and encouragement during your time of need. Your Stephen Ministers are equipped, ready, and waiting to provide the comfort and care God very much desires you to have!

Please contact Stephen Ministry via our confidential email, [stephenministry@nool.us](mailto:stephenministry@nool.us) or leave a message on our confidential helpline, 303-469-5171 ext. 113.

## RESPECT LIFE

### Saturday Morning Rosary

Join us every Saturday before the 9:30am Mass as we pray a Rosary for Life.

**PRAYERS NEEDED:** In the fall the Supreme Court will hear a case regarding a Mississippi law that bans abortions after 15 weeks of gestation. If the Court upholds that law, it could be the first step in overturning Roe v. Wade, which through the Supreme Court, made abortions legal at all stages across the country in 1973.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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“Given the breakdown in family life, the wholesale attack on innocent and defenseless human lives, and the violation of the integrity of the union of marriage in our society, the call to the martyrdom of witness is ever more urgent.”  
—Cardinal Burke



## Listen to the Weekly Homily

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## THE HOPE CORNER: A MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

### Crisis Lines:

If you or anyone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, please call Colorado Crisis Services at 844-493-8255 or text "TALK" to 38255 or call any of the following crisis lines:

- Metro Crisis Service** 888-885-1222
- Emergency Psychiatric Service** 303-447-1665
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline**, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), Text HELLO to 7417, [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/)
- Veterans Helpline** 1-800-273-TALK
- National Crisis Text Line**, text "home" to 741741
- Substance Abuse and Addiction Hotline** 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

The Hope Corner is a free mental health ministry committed to instilling hope and reducing stigma. Please contact The Hope Corner with any questions or comments. If you or a family member are in need of a referral, information or community-based resources, contact: Becky Kusick, MA, LPC at, [hopecornerministry@gmail.com](mailto:hopecornerministry@gmail.com) or 303-907-6499. If you are having a mental health crisis, please call Colorado Crisis Services at 844-493-8255 or text "TALK" to 38255.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let Jesus feed your marriage! Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:

- Durango or Dillon:** September 17-19, 2021
  - Colorado Springs:** November 5-7, 2021
- Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early.



For questions, contact Brenda or Gary Granger: 720-213-8833

For more information about World Wide Marriage Encounter, please visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @wwmeColorado

## MARY'S HOMES OF HOPE

Mary's Home of Hope has openings for women with children, pregnant women, and single women in need. This is a Christ-centered community that provides opportunities for stable success in the world. Residents are able to participate in workshops offered by professionals, engage in Bible studies and faith classes, and learn to budget their income while paying a small rent based on earnings and bills. For inquiries, please contact Lynn Reid, O.F.S. at 303-424-9007.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

### Because They Were Not Looking for Jesus

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" – Luke 24:32

There is a story about a Coloradan who moves to Kansas and has a house with a big picture window looking out over the vast plains. "The only problem," he says, "you can't see anything."

Around the same time, a Kansan moves to Colorado and has a house with a big picture window with a view of the mountains. "The only problem," he says, "I can't see anything. The mountains are in the way."

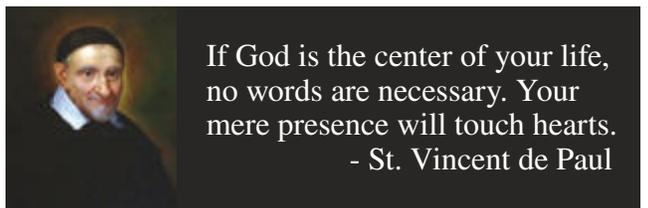
This story reminds us of the two disciples who decided to go to a village near Jerusalem at the time it was discovered Jesus' body was not in the tomb. They were on the Road to Emmaus, it was getting late, they were talking about the day's events, and they hurried. A traveler joined them asking what they were talking about, and the two were amazed that this newcomer did not know about what had happened with Jesus. But even after clarifying the scriptures written by Moses and the prophets concerning Jesus, the disciples had no idea that Jesus himself was in their midst. This traveler, at dinner, when breaking bread and giving thanks, revealed himself, then disappeared. They then realized Jesus had traveled with them, but they were not looking for Him.

Sometimes, we are all guilty of not recognizing what is in front of us: hope, peace, the truth. A simple gesture of breaking bread and giving thanks was the moment that the identity of the savior was made clear and hearts leapt with renewal. Jesus Christ is alive and resurrected! Once you recognize Him, you will see him everywhere.

The SVdP Society wants to say thank you to all of those who have continued to support us and invites newcomers to find out more of what the SVdP Society at Nativity does. Join us at our next meeting to learn more.

Also, please join our Flocknote for up-to-date information and changes to our meeting times!

<https://nool.flocknote.com/svdp>





## SUMMER EDITION

### SUMMER ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### REGISTER YOUR STUDENTS

There is still room for more Knights to join our Nativity: Faith & Reason family! Registration is still open for the fourth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. To learn more about registration or to schedule a school tour, please visit <https://school.nool.us/enroll> or call the school at 303-466-4177. Please contact Maddie Ernzen, Marketing & Development Director, with any questions!

#### SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Nativity looks forward to the possibility of having volunteers in our building again next school year! Want to get involved? We are looking for a variety of volunteers—from helping out in the lunchroom, covering recess duty, reading with students in the classroom and more! If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about these opportunities, please contact Shannon Spinuzzi in the school office at [s.spinuzzi@nool.us](mailto:s.spinuzzi@nool.us).

#### CALL FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Are you or someone you know looking for a substitute teaching gig next school year? Nativity: Faith & Reason is looking for subs! We'd love to have you join our family of learners and leaders, helping us to carry out our mission of forming saints and scholars. Please contact our assistant principal, Lissette Gutierrez, for more information at [l.gutierrez@nool.us](mailto:l.gutierrez@nool.us).

#### DONATE TO PRESCHOOL

We're proud to announce that Nativity is opening up its second full-size preschool classroom this fall! As our preschool program has only been around for three years, we are ecstatic about the growth!

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to our preschool wishlist, noted below, which will help the teachers coordinate each of the classrooms with adequate equipment.

##### Wishlist:

- Play kitchen
- Tricycles
- Helmets
- Craft supplies
- Wooden blocks
- Shape sorters
- Plastic animals
- Multicultural toys—babies, play food, books, puzzles, etc.

Please contact the school office with any questions!



Dear brothers and sisters, good afternoon!

Jesus's attitude that we observe in the Gospel of today's liturgy (Mk 6:30-34) helps us to grasp two important aspects of life. The first is rest. To the Apostles returning from the labours of the mission who enthusiastically begin to relate everything they had done, Jesus tenderly directs this invitation to the Apostles: "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while" (v. 31). An invitation to rest.

In so doing, Jesus gives us a valuable teaching. Even though he rejoices on seeing his disciples' happiness due to the wonders of their preaching, he does not spend time giving them compliments or asking questions. Rather, he is concerned about their physical and interior tiredness. And why does he do this? Because he wants to make them aware of a danger that is always lurking there for us too: the danger to be caught up in the frenzy of doing things, to fall into the trap of activism where what is most important are the results that we obtain and the feeling of being absolute protagonists. How many times this happens in the Church: we are busy, we run around, we think that everything depends on us and, in the end, we risk neglecting Jesus and we always make ourselves the centre. This is why He invites His disciples to rest a bit with Him on their own. It is not only physical rest, but also rest for the heart. For it is not enough to "unplug" ourselves, we need to truly rest. And how do we do this? To do so, we must return to the heart of things: to stop, to remain in silence, to pray so as not to go from the frenzy of work to the frenzy of times of relaxation. Jesus did not neglect the needs of the crowd, but each day, before anything else, he would withdraw in prayer, in silence, in intimacy with the Father. His tender invitation – rest a while – should accompany us. Let us beware, brothers and sisters, of efficiency, let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the mobile phone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.

Nonetheless, the Gospel tells us that Jesus and his disciples could not rest as they had wished. The people find them and flock to them from all sides. At which point, he is moved with compassion. This is the second aspect: compassion, which is God's style. God's style is to draw near, compassion and tenderness. How many times we find this phrase in the Gospel, in the Bible: "He had compassion on them". Touched, Jesus dedicates himself to the people and begins to teach again (cf. vv. 33-34). This seems to be a contradiction, but in reality, it is not.

In fact, only a heart that does not allow itself to be taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved; that is, of not allowing itself to be caught up in itself and by things to do, and is aware of others, of their wounds, their needs. Compassion is born from contemplation. If we learn to truly rest, we become capable of true compassion; if we cultivate a contemplative outlook, we will carry out our activities without that rapacious attitude of those who want to possess and consume everything; if we stay in touch with the Lord and do not anesthetise the deepest part of ourselves, the things to do will not have the power to cause us to get winded or devour us. We need – listen to this – we need an "ecology of the heart", that is made up of rest, contemplation and compassion. Let us take advantage of the summer time for this! It will help us quite a bit.

And now, let us pray to the Madonna, who cultivated silence, prayer and contemplation and who is always moved with tender compassion for us, her children.

Dear brothers and sisters, I express my closeness to the people of Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands affected by catastrophic floods. May the Lord welcome those who have died and comfort their families. May he sustain everyone's commitment to help those who have suffered serious damage.

In the last week, unfortunately, news has arrived of episodes of violence that have aggravated the situation of many of our brothers and sisters

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in South Africa, already affected by economic and health difficulties due to the pandemic. Together with the Bishops of the country, I address a heartfelt appeal to all those responsible involved, so that they may work for peace and collaborate with the Authorities to provide assistance to the needy. May the desire which guided the people of South Africa to be reborn in harmony among all their children not be forgotten!

I am also close to the dear Cuban people in these difficult times, especially to the families who suffer most from them. I pray that the Lord might help the nation construct a society that is more and more just and fraternal through peace, dialogue and solidarity. I urge all Cubans to entrust themselves to the motherly protection of the Virgin Mary of Charity of Cobre. She will accompany them on this journey.

And I wish you all a happy Sunday. Please do not forget to pray for me. Have a good lunch and arrivederci!

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