



*And it happened that, while he was with them at table,
he took bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them.
-LK 24:30*

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

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WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER

When this is all over, I will smile at people and they won't have to take my word for it because I won't be wearing a mask.

When this is all over, I will continue to wash my hands with soap and hot water and enjoy the feeling of vanquishing germs. Take that!

When this is all over, I will view keeping surfaces clean and practicing good hygiene as a civic duty. You're welcome.

When this is all over, I will remind myself that social distancing and staying home was hard, but it may be one of the most important things I've done in my life.

When this is all over, I will continue to think of Ohioans as special for the way we kept the virus from causing far more damage. (I know it's not a competition, but compared to almost every other state, Ohioans did a really good job keeping each other safe. O-H-I-O.)

When this is all over, I will visit the great parks in our area, to walk or bike or jog, and remind myself how sublimely nature can soothe the soul.

When this is all over, I will never lose my gratitude for those on the front lines in keeping our country going, and the extraordinary courage it took for medical professionals and truck drivers and garbage collectors and farmers, and everyone else who helped do a hard job well.

When this is all over, I will not forget small business owners and workers. I will not forget how hard it has been for them and I will do my part to support them and their businesses.

When this is all over, I will hug my kids for no reason and make time for them that isn't just watching their game.

When this is all over, I will never take my faith for granted again. And I will continue to pray for those who struggle, and those who mourn, and those who face life alone.

When this is all over, I will treasure the Eucharist as the sublime gift it is and our gathering for Mass as a kind of miracle: God reminding us how much we are loved.

When this is all over, I will do something for my church. It hung in there for me and extended itself to all of us through daily Masses (online) and groups that kept meeting (online) and the spiritual programs it offered (online)...And, I will not use the word "online" again for a year.

When this is all over, I will never again take for granted the pleasure of having a Gathering Area at church, or a Café where people stop and visit.

When this is all over, I will come to the 11:30 Mass on time. Just because I can.

When this is all over, I will not forget how wonderful Holy Martyrs' staff is, how caring and competent and how hard they worked to keep us connected when we couldn't be together.

When this is all over, I will do something for my local community.

When this is all over, I will remember that one good thing that came out of this crisis has been the caring and reaching out to others that occurred. And I will do my part to ensure it doesn't end.

When this is all over, I will appreciate everything. Maybe not the isolation and the distancing, and having to eat my own cooking every day, but everything else.

When this is all over, I will not pick up where I left off before I learned the word "corona." I want a better life. I want the important things to be important again.

When this is all over, I will appreciate my family more. And neighbors. And friends. And strangers who are just trying to get through their day. And I will act in such a way that they will appreciate me.

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Parish News



Eucharistic Adoration Live on Facebook

**Friday Evenings
6:00 - 7:00 PM**

Come and take advantage of this opportunity to encounter the Lord through personal prayer and meditation.

Sunday and Weekday Masses Live from Holy Martyrs

Holy Martyrs will be livestreaming the Sunday Mass at 9:30 AM
Daily Mass Monday through Friday at 12:00 noon.

Please go to:
<https://holymartyrs.online.church/> or
www.facebook.com/holymartyrschurch

Baptism Prep Session



The Baptism Prep Session scheduled for **Sunday May 3 has been postponed**. Please check the bulletin or our website for further updates on when it will be rescheduled.

Holy Martyrs Virtual Program Offerings

You will be pleased to learn that Holy Martyrs is continuing many of our programs, such as SPIRIT and Life Teen, CONNECT Small Groups and ChristLife Series through Facebook, our Website and other virtual platforms.

More and more people are liking our facebook page. Have you visited our facebook page lately?

www.facebook.com/holymartyrschurch

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Daily scripture readings for this week can be obtained on the USCCB website, where you can sign up to have readings emailed to you. You can also download one of these apps on your phone: *Laudate* or *The New Missal*.

Hymns for April 26

Entrance Hymn: Jesus is Risen, 182
Offertory: O Lord, I Am Not Worthy, 491
Communion: In the Breaking of the Bread, 323
Sending Forth: Sing with all the Saints in Glory, 607



During this time of uncertainty when we are asked to isolate ourselves physically, staying connected to each other and Christ through the various resources and online offerings suggested on our website can be spiritually rewarding.

**Please check our website at
<http://holymartyrs.net>**

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I Can Do That

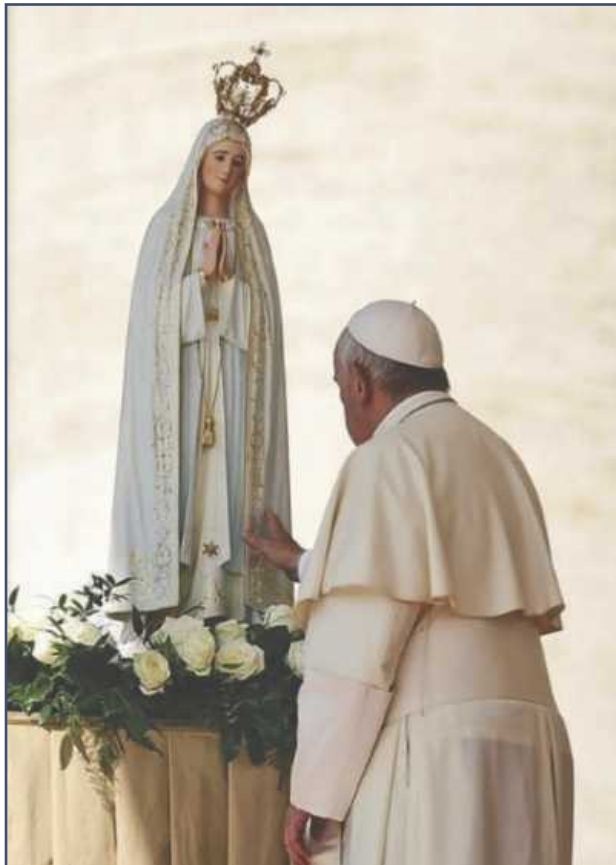
"The external deserts of the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast."
Laudato Si

More and more of the earth's valuable land is becoming a desert. Our current agricultural practices contribute to the desertification of the earth. Changing our farming and gardening practices will help to correct this.

Planting a Victory garden during the terrifying time of World War II enabled ordinary citizens to participate in the war effort. We can plant victory gardens in the fight for clean air and water. Growing your own food helps to eliminate the pollution caused by transporting food. In addition, if your garden is grown without the use of chemicals you further reduce air pollution caused by their production. Regenerative gardening practices go still farther. They pull the carbon out of the air and put it back into the earth, enhance the health of the soil and aid in water absorption. You can learn about these newer practices online or by reading books such as *Kiss the Ground* by Josh Tickell and *Growing Good Food: A Citizen's Guide to Backyard Carbon Farming* by Acadia Tucker and Joe Wirtheim.

Regenerative gardening of the soul involves renewing our connection with God and creation making an oasis out of our internal desert.

With a garden there is hope. Plant a healthier earth in your own backyard.



PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. **We entrust ourselves to you**, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. **Help us, Mother of Divine Love**, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and **deliver us from every danger**, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer by Pope Francis

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

Grateful Giving Holy Martyrs Parish

April 5, 2020

Weekly Offering	\$ 8,258.00
Electronic	\$ <u>7,209.00</u>
Total	\$15,467.00

Thank you!

Consider a Gift of Stock to Support the Ministries of Holy Martyrs

In gratitude for all that God has given us, we, as Christians, are called to give back to our community and our church. In addition to the Sunday offertory, one way of giving back might be transferring appreciated stock to help Holy Martyrs continue its mission to lead people to encounter Christ, grow in faith, and make disciples. By transferring stock directly to our parish, you may be able to avoid capital gains taxes.

For more information about what you need to do to make such a gift, please contact
Therese McDonnell at 330-722-6633 or
tmcdonnell@holymartyrs.net

Catholic Home Missions Collection

This week is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, more than 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities.

Your support of this appeal eases the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

Find more information at
www.usccb.org/home-missions.



Launched by Pope Francis, **MISSIO** connects you with communities around the world and helps you make a direct and lasting impact on the lives of others.

The Divine Mercy Kids' Prayer Group, Uganda

Father Bomukama Denes of St. Mukasa Preparatory Seminary in Kampala, Uganda needs support in organizing a prayer group for kids.

The goal is to teach children about Divine Mercy. How to pray the Chaplet using World Mission Rosaries. All participants would receive a T-shirt, a rosary, and banner. The kids would feel included, a sense of purpose, as one body praying.

Also, as important is to provide them with a nutritious, balanced meal. Please help this cause by donating. As little as \$25 would help provide several children with the ability to be nourished, spiritually and physically.



For more information on this and other projects,
please go to:
<https://www.missio.org/explore.aspx>

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SPIRIT and LIFE TEEN



HM Kids - Staying connected to our faith and our community.

We are looking at so many changes to our daily routine that we now may want to consider using a bit of that time to attend Mass as a family.

Daily Mass will be livestreamed from Holy Martyrs at 12 noon at <https://holymartyrs.online.church/>

Sunday Mass will be livestreamed from Holy Martyrs at 9:30 AM at <https://holymartyrs.online.church/>

Time Travelers is also recorded each week and can be reached from our website at www.holymartyrs.net/timetravelers with a link to YouTube for the video.

Catechists are staying connected with their families to assist parents with continuing our HM Kids lessons for the balance of the semester.

Families of our second grade First Communion class should have received a packet in the mail with information concerning First Communion. If you have not yet received this packet, please call the HM Kids Office.

Due to increased health concerns related to the COVID-19 outbreak Life Teen and SPIRIT have been suspended from meeting in person. We are live streaming the following each week and look forward to having you join us.

Day	Time	Activity
Mon - Fri	12:00 PM	Livestream Daily Mass
Sunday	9:30 AM	Livestream Sunday Mass
	7:00 PM	Life Teen/SPIRIT LIVE (via ZOOM)
Tuesday		SPIRIT lesson via Flocknote (Move)
Thursday	4:00 PM	Pray in Chapel for SPIRIT students
Friday	6:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration LIVE



SPIRIT is on Facebook and on the Parish website

Daily and Sunday Masses will be live streamed at
<https://holymartyrs.online.church/>

Tuesday	Bible Study - Daily Gospel	12:00 PM	Instagram LIVE
Wednesday	Life Teen's Lectio Live-Digital Small Group	6:00 PM	Life Teen YouTube Channel YOUTUBE.COM/LIFETEENINC
Thursday	Rosary	12:00 PM	Instagram Live
Friday	Eucharistic Adoration LIVE	6:00 PM	Holy Martyrs Facebook Page
Sunday	Livestream Sunday Mass	9:30 AM	https://holymartyrs.online.church/
	LIFE NIGHT LIVE	7:00 PM	ZOOM

*Check us out on all our Social Media Platforms at **[HTTPS//LINKTREE/HOLYMARTYRSLT](https://linktree.com/holymartyrslt)***

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Other News

CONNECT! SUNDAY REFLECTION



HOPE TO DISPEL THE DARKNESS

Saint Luke presents Cleopas and his companion fleeing Jerusalem after the death and burial of Jesus and, although they had heard the testimony of the women that Jesus had been raised from the dead, their disappointment and grief would not allow them to believe such an amazing story. Their despair is captured in one simple but profound statement: "We had hoped..."

And yet, Jesus was there with them, walking with them through their grief, helping them recognize how God had been—and continued to be—at work in the violence of Good Friday and the silence of Holy Saturday. As Father James Martin, SJ, reflected in his book *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*: "The Risen Christ tells the two disciples that hope is never dead, and nothing is impossible with God. Then he shows them this by revealing himself fully. Seeing this, they are filled with joy. Hope has been rekindled and so their hearts burn. Their first impulse, as always in the Gospels and with us, is to announce the Good News."

The hope and promise of the Resurrection on that Easter Day was able to dispel the darkness of grief and despair for Cleopas and his friend.

This is what we celebrate as we continue to celebrate in this Easter Season: The Resurrection shows us that there is always hope and that Christ remains with us, journeying with us as we walk our pilgrim path: "Easter is a shout of victory! No one can extinguish that life that Christ resurrected. Not even death and hatred against him and against his church will be able to overcome it. He is the victor!" (Saint Oscar Romero).

- written by Br. Silas Henderson, SDS

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Friday - CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

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