

May 10, 2020, Fifth Sunday of Easter
Fourth Sunday After Easter (Latin Mass)



Our Dearest Mothers
A blessed and happy Mother's Day from all of us, and with tender gratitude to our dearest mothers. My mother and father are still both with us, at ages 87 and 94, still going strong. But not quite a strong as they were in 1991, as you can see in this picture, taken just after my ordination. Speaking of mothers....

Our Blessed Mother About a month ago, someone walked off with the statue of Our Lady that has graced the front office door. About three years ago, an unhappy person pushed our last statue down the steps, and within a week someone else had replaced the shattered statue. Now *that* statue has walked off, so if anyone has a closet full of 3-foot statues of *Our Lady of Grace*... we need another one. And speaking



Mom, Dad, and me after my First Mass

of mothers.... **Groceries for the Nuns** Many thanks to all who have brought food to the rectory for our dear Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Our parish priests have been doing most of their Masses during the lockdown, and we bring over your apples and oranges, cornflakes and cheese. am so blessed to be at this parish!

When will public Masses resume? That's a good question, and the Archbishop is working with the Mayor on that one. In the end, not one of us deserves the inestimable gift of the Most Holy Eucharist, so we have to wait patiently until the gift is given to us.

But it does seem odd that Covid restrictions have not been lifted on churches yet. I spent 45 minutes in Costco last week, closer than six feet to lots of people, touching things that doubtless had been touched by others. Food is

essential, but so is worship. I can guarantee the Mayor and the Governor that our church is safer than Costco. So why can we still not have public Masses? Why are we keeping the global economy at least partially shut down when initial predictions are shown to be grossly exaggerated? We must be safe, not only thinking of our own health but the safety of others. It is precisely for that reason that we must act in a measured, rational way, balancing health safety with the harm done to others by draconian measures. I think public Masses will resume as soon as the public values freedom of worship as much as grocery shopping. We must fight for this.

Fr. Joseph Illo (continued on page 2)



One of our newest Moms, Rachael, with Dad Spencer Christensen

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Thanks!

NOTE: THE SCHEDULE BELOW IS TEMPORARILY CANCELED. OUR PARISH LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE OF MASSES IS ON PAGE THREE OF THE BULLETIN.

Daily Masses Monday to Friday 7:30am (Latin) 12 Noon Saturday 8:30am	Weekend Masses Sat Vigil 4:30pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11:30 am (Latin), 7:30pm	Holy Day Masses 7:30am (Latin) 12 Noon (English), 6:00pm (Sung Latin Mass)	Confessions 15 minutes before every Mass, Saturday 3:15-4:15pm or by appointment
Eucharistic Adoration 24/7 Except Saturday 4pm through Sunday 9pm. After 6pm use passcode to enter the chapel.	Social Events Coffee & Donuts After 8, 9:30 & 11:30am Sunday Masses. Young Adults Tuesdays 8pm	Devotions to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus First Friday after the Noon Mass and at 6pm (Latin Mass). Divine Mercy Saturday at 3pm	Devotions to Mary of Perpetual Help Wednesday after the Noon Mass. Our Lady of Fatima First Saturday af- ter 8:30am Mass

PRAYER

The Sunday Scriptures

by Fr. Joseph Illo (Acts 6: 1-7, 1 Pt 2: 4-9, Jn 14: 1-12)

Troubled Hearts Our Divine Master speaks to our Covid anxiety in today's Gospel: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God..." If my heart is troubled, it is simply, and *always*, because I have lost a bit of my faith in God. A lady once told me she simply could not forgive someone who had terribly hurt her. The Holy Spirit inspired me to ask "have you prayed for him?" She began praying *for* him, and over time she became free of her anxiety. Are you anxious about *anything*? You must pray, and, with persistent prayer over time, joy will replace your anxiety.

	Time	Intention
Sat. 05/09	8:30am	+ Cheng Shiu Hung
	4:30pm	+ Rudolfo Duterte
Sun 05/10	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	+ Remedios and Conrado Catibayan + Lee Yau Tim
	11:30am	Int. of Mary Cynthia Valentine (Birthday)
	7:30pm	+ Maria Leonor and Eulofia Najarro
Mon 05/11	7:30am	Int. Paolo and Romina Maturano-Unda Int. for conversion of The Choy Family + Lourdes Tengco Pineda + Martinho Ignacinho Fernandes
	12noon	Int. for the conversion of Andrew Lai Family + Lai Siu Yeung + Maria Nam Vo
Tue 05/12	7:30am	+ Soledad Maturano-Gomez
	12noon	+ Emil Lobo
Wed 05/13	7:30am	+ Angel Garcia-Soliz
	12noon	+ Gabriel Duval Nicolas
Thu 05/14	7:30pm	+ Celia Iberri-Gomez
	12Noon	Int. Valentine Thomas Nieves (Birthday)
Fri 05/15	7:30am	+ Tristan Vigil
	12Noon	+ Susana So
Sat 05/16	8:30pm	+ Rene Ing
	4:30pm	In Thanksgiving of Agnes Doceolero for 50th Wedding Anniversary

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Spencer Christensen, Billy Kennedy, Edna Herrera, Dave Van Sciver, Rosa Lee, Maria Fernanda Marcal, Sally Tu, Maggie Tom, Chuck La Mere, Esmenia Batinga, Norah Uyeda, Margaret Stangl, Margaret Sellai, Rosie Santos, Valentine Nevis, Juliet Tan, Miriam Valle, Carmen Smith, Mario Bruno, Katrinka Perry and family, Margo Kingsburry, Vicki Kruschin, Fr. Brian Costello, Ersie Arban, Tom Schatz.

(continued from page one) Social and economic shut downs hurt the poor and the weak much more than the upper classes. In making public policies, it is so easy to forget the poor, who are largely invisible to those who control our media and make our laws. I recently read an inspiring book by Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict) written in 1989, *To Look on Christ*. "The entire life of a society," he wrote, "... can rest on a dictatorship of untruth: of how things are presented and reported instead of reality itself.... [in] a society shaped by the mass media, the image of man and his world has obtained an oppressive new reality. What is shown and 'appears' (on television, for example), is stronger than reality." I think the widespread fear during this pandemic, fueled by the media, indicates a loss of faith. If you don't believe in God, you don't believe in *nothing*. You will believe in *anything*. The media has provided us with something to believe in. It has provided us with *fear*, always a strong motive for belief. It has identified our enemy and offered us a safety net in which we can put our trusting faith.

The problem is: the media's portrayal of the situation is not based in scientific fact, nor in human reality. The fact is that curve has been flattened, and that fact is that humans need social interaction. I think we trust the media more than we trust God because belief in a personal God requires a personal surrender to His will. This surrender of will is intolerable to people who have made "free choice" the highest good. So we try to have it both ways: we surrender a little of our will to powers that do not demand a complete surrender. The powers of this world tell us that we will be safe as long as we give up just a few personal liberties. We can still keep our free choice to eat and drink what we want. We are free to watch Netflix all day (heck, porn sites are even offering two months of unlimited free content). Abortion clinics won't close, and pet food stores will remain open. But we keep isolated, even though sound science demonstrates a diminishing infection risk. If we don't learn something from the way the media has so easily frightened us with simple distortions of easily-obtainable facts, we have already lost some of our essential freedoms.

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Mondays to Sundays at 5pm, Fr. Cameron Faller's rosary and novena prayers live streamed. Novena to Our Lady of Fatima. May 5 to May 13.

Lauds (morning prayer) & Vespers (evening prayer):
Monday - Friday 7am to 7:10am & 5:45pm to 6pm.

Sunday, May 10, 9:30am English, 11:30am Latin, 5:30pm English Live Stream Masses .

Sunday, May 10, Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 13, Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (every Wednesday after the Noon Mass). Live streamed.

Thursday, May 14, Pro-Life Prayer Group Canceled. 7pm at Planned Parenthood Clinic at 1650 Valencia St. Please pray at home!

Saturday, May 16, Live Stream Mass, 8:30am, 5:30pm Vigil Mass.

Saturday, May 16, FAASTAR Flores de Mayo - Canceled.

Sunday, May 17, Live Stream Masses 9:30am, 11:30am (Latin), 5:30pm (English).

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Saturday: 8:30am, Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Sunday, 9:30am, 11:30am (Latin), 5:30pm

Daily rosary with Fr. Cameron Faller 5:00pm.

Novena to Our Lady of Fatima (May 4-13)

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A Blessed Mother's Day to all Mothers and Spiritual Mothers.



Happy 100th Birthday to Basilisa Lachica Halog!

"Bess" celebrated her 100th birthday on April 15, 2020. Mother of the late Leo Halog Jr. (former parishioner), Bess has been a loyal Star parishioner since 1965. She is one of the founders of our FAASTAR ministry, as well as member and former secretary of the

Holy Rosary Sodality. Over the years she helped with many parish activities, welcoming others and helping to build community. Bess usually attends the Latin Sunday Mass. Let us keep Bess in our prayers. Say Hi if you see her at Star!



Fr. Joseph crowning our Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of all Mothers! (May 1st, 2020).

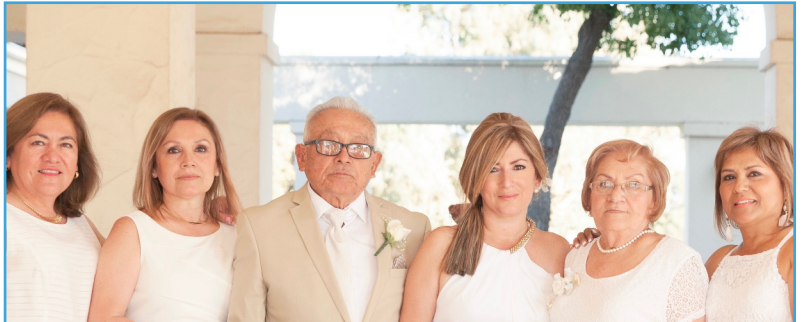
The Spiritual Communion Prayer

"My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you with my heart and soul. Since I cannot now receive you Sacramentally, I beg you to come into me spiritually. I wish to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your Most Holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints. Amen."



Mother and Daughter

We are thankful to Lis and Jade Worcester for caring about our dear priests. They volunteer at the rectory to cook on Fridays and many times the staff enjoys their healthy food too!



Meet my mom Maria Cristel - The pillar of our family! From left to right: Mariella, Pilar, Ronald, Elmy, Maria Cristel and Gisella. Working for this beautiful parish, I'm blessed to call Star my other family!

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Time: Thank you for your prayers!



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Mother and Son

Thank you to Miranda and Orion for sharing their talents with us. They are helping to keep the rectory deck plants healthy and beautiful! Orion serves at the Latin Mass most Sundays!