

Tales From The Flock

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A Letter from Our Priest

Dear Ones,

Found this treasure to share with you today:

"Reflection:

I'm a strong believer that there is a spiritual purpose behind everything that happens, whether that is what we perceive as being good or being bad. As I meditate upon this, I want to share with you what I feel Covid-19 is really doing to us:

- It is reminding us that we are all equal, regardless of our culture, religion, occupation, financial situation or how famous we are. This disease treats us all equally, perhaps we should too. If you don't believe me, just ask Tom Hanks.

- It is reminding us that we are all connected and something that affects one person has an effect on another. It is reminding us that the false borders that we have put up have little value as this virus does not need a passport. It is reminding us, by oppressing us for a short time, of those in this world whose whole life is spent in oppression.

- It is reminding us of how precious our health is and how we have moved to neglect it through eating nutrient poor manufactured food and drinking water that is contaminated with chemicals upon chemicals. If we don't look after our health, we will, of course, get sick.

- It is reminding us of the shortness of life and of what is most important for us to do, which is to help each other, especially those who are old or sick. Our purpose is not to buy toilet rolls.

- It is reminding us of how materialistic our society has become and how, when in times of difficulty, we remember that it's the essentials that we need (food, water, medicine) as opposed to the luxuries that we sometimes unnecessarily give value to.

- It is reminding us of how important our family and home life is and how much we have neglected this. It is forcing us back into

our houses so we can rebuild them into our home and to strengthen our family unit.

- It is reminding us that our true work is not our job, that is what we do, not what we were created to do. Our true work is to look after each other, to protect each other and to be of benefit to one another.

- It is reminding us to keep our egos in check. It is reminding us that no matter how great we think we are or how great others think we are, a virus can bring our world to a standstill.

- It is reminding us that the power of freewill is in our hands. We can choose to cooperate and help each other, to share, to give, to help and to support each other or we can choose to be selfish, to hoard, to look after only ourselves. Indeed, it is difficulties that bring out our true colors.

- It is reminding us that we can be patient, or we can panic. We can either understand that this type of situation has happened many times before in history and will pass, or we can panic and see it as the end of the world and, consequently, cause ourselves more harm than good.

- It is reminding us that this can either be an end or a new beginning. This can be a time of reflection and understanding, where we learn from our mistakes, or it can be the start of a cycle which will continue until we finally learn the lesson we are meant to.

- It is reminding us that this Earth is sick. It is reminding us that we need to look at the rate of deforestation just as urgently as we look at the speed at which toilet rolls are disappearing off the shelves. We are sick because our home is sick.

- It is reminding us that after every difficulty, there is always ease. Life is cyclical, and this is just a phase in this great cycle. We do not need to panic; this too shall pass.

Whereas many see Covid-19 as a great disaster, I prefer to see it as a great corrector. It is sent to remind us of the important lessons that we seem to have forgotten and it is up to us if we will learn them or not." Unknown
Pax, Suzi+

Calendar of Events

Holy Week Drive-In Services at the Church Parking Lot

April 5, 2020.....Palm Sunday
Festival of the Palms, Morning Prayer
Tune your radio to 93.5 FM. You must
be at the church to tune in.

All Week
Drive thru Stations of the Cross
At your Leisure
At the Church Parking Lot

April 12, 2020.....Easter Sunday
Festival of Easter
Tune your radio to 93.5 FM. You must
be at the church to tune in.

Other Upcoming and Continuing Events

Monday-Thursday Evenings
Compline at 8:00 P.M. CST
Dr. Robertson is on Facebook Live

Daily Office (Mon.-Sat.)
Morning Prayer at 9:00 am CST
Evening Prayer at 6:00 pm CST
with Fr. Bill Stanford from
St. Christopher's in Ft. Worth
on Facebook Live and Zoom

Noonday Prayers (Mon.-Fri.)
At 12 Noon CST
with Fr. Brad Dyche from
St. Luke's in Stephenville
On Facebook Live

Apr. 19, 2020 - 2nd Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer at 9:30 am
Tune your radio to 93.5 FM. You must
be at the church to tune in.

Apr. 26, 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer at 9:30 am
Tune your radio to 93.5 FM. You must
be at the church to tune in.

For your prayers:

Betty, Alan, Comeau family, Medical
& 1st Responders, all who are affected



This wonderful local ministry is lead by one of our new members, Jennifer Asante-Wiredu! They have a bin for pick- up and donations right here at Good Shepherd. These hard-working folks have already made literally thousands of masks for Lake Granbury Medical Center and other medical facilities, all Hood County first responders, and employees at HEB and other essential businesses. If you would like to be a part of their on-going ministry to keep our local public servants safe from the Corona Virus, Jennifer says, "They can call me directly at 817-559-7200 for delivery needs or they can donate to any of the bin locations. We're in desperate need of elastic."

Sweet Tidbits...

and Fun Tales

Deacon Chuck Oglesby shares:

I have to give my wife her insulin injection every morning. When I have syringe and alcohol wipe ready, I sing her the "Tummy Song".

"Let me see your tummy, Sweetie, please, please do.

I need to give you your Lantus 'cause it's good for you.

Keep the love light glowing in your pretty eyes so blue.

Let me see your tummy, I'm in love with you."

Sung to the tune of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart".

Love and Blessings,
Chuck Oglesby

More Sweet Tidbits... and Fun Tales

Charlaine Schulz shares:

As many of you know, I am a writer of mystery and fantasy fiction. This past week, I participated in a video panel about violence against women in crime fiction last Saturday. It was sponsored by the Pixel Project, and also included my friends Laurie King and Dana Cameron. I have a link, if anyone wants to watch it. It was fun to do something so stimulating.

If you like hearing writers talk about their craft, you can listen in by going to this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wC4T4k4GnHM&feature=youtu.be>

Charlaine

Sue Norton shares:

They say having a schedule is the best thing so I will share (or is it confess?)

9am - get up if not already and get dressed.

10 am - read the Lenten booklet and another verse or psalm.

11 am check social media/make a list of whom needs contact today

Noon - make lunch, eat and clean it up. Decide what dinner will be and that it's thawing out.

1-3 pm - do other chores etc.

3-5 pm - call Mom, call others that need checking on

5 pm -make dinner, eat and clean up.

6 pm - Take a walk to the mail box and then handle the mail

7-10 pm Watch movies/shows with husband. Crochet a beanie for NICU.

Any other spare time, play candy crush or do sudoku puzzles.

Also refer to Psalm 91 if start to get worried or fearful.

Rich and Connie Zapp share:

Richmond and I arrived safely to our daughters home last week and are happily sheltering in place in WA. Have been busier here than in retired life in Texas: building fences, gardening, power washing and prepping decks for painting, and just enjoying family! Miss all our Good Shepherd family.



Randy Rife shares:

Amazon has suspended all print-on-demand t-shirts. Our Church shirts are temporary unavailable for ordering. We'll let you know when shirts can be ordered again, and we'll have some new items too!

Melinda Ray shares:

Hello, Everyone! It's been fun putting together this newsletter for you! There will be another one coming out in about three weeks! Be thinking about something you can share - a recipe, a funny story, a favorite poem or scripture, or just a helpful hint for dealing with isolation, boredom, stress, or fear! If you have little bits of joy to share too - even better! Meanwhile, remember, because of the steadfast power of Jesus' Love, we are never ever alone!