



你的母親

吳多祿

引言

就像一個入讀小一 的小學生,在新學年的第 一天上課的時候,會很焦 慮地常回頭望向課室窗外 的母親,希望能得到母親 的一些鼓勵和指引。當省 會長吳志源神父第一次告 訴我,要接任聖安多尼堂 主任司鐸一職時,我告訴 他:「我沒有服務本堂的

經驗。」我也像一位入讀小一的新生,不知道該做什麼,唯有 不停地望向天上的母親,聖母瑪利亞,求她祝福和帶領。

依賴聖母

在十字架上的耶穌,看著自己的母親瑪利亞説:「女人, 看你的兒子!」(若19:26)然後,耶穌看著若望説:「看,你 的母親!」(若19:27)耶穌愛人的情懷,竟然這麼深,甚至在 自己受著極大痛苦,面臨死亡的時刻,也掛念著人類,誠意邀 請自己的母親瑪利亞,成為人類的母親,並吩咐自己的門徒, 要聽從這位慈母的指引。

聖母自從接受了耶穌的邀請,成為了人類的母親後,便 時刻照顧著我們。回想自己的一生,聖母都在不停地照顧著自 己,保護自己。聖母甚至在自己生命遇到極其危險的時刻,拯 救了我的生命。聖母就是這樣,時常與耶穌拉著自己的手行 走。在2019年,自己有幸能往花地瑪和露德朝聖,親自多謝聖 母的帶領和照顧。

現在,全世界都遇著新冠疫症,不但經濟嚴重損失,而 且很多人都失去了寶貴的生命。幸好,有疫苗的出現,但似乎 亦不能使疫症消失。祈求聖母祝福我們,使我們充滿希望和信 心,透過大家的關懷互愛和醫藥的發展,使疫症真的停下來, 所有人都能重過正常的生活。

跟隨基督

為我來説,服務堂區是一種召叫。耶穌對那兩個門徒説: 「你們來看看吧!」(若1:39)我真的要來堂區看看,究竟我

能怎樣服務堂區的兄弟姊妹。既然是耶穌的邀請,我便要首先 認識這位師傅。透過每天默想福音和天主的聖言,耶穌會慢慢 把祂的計劃顯示給我。在耶穌的善心撒瑪黎雅人的比喻中,耶 穌教導我:「你去,也照樣做吧!」(路10:37)耶穌召叫我去 關心這位在眼前的受傷路人,以酒和油為他抹傷口。在這社會 中,很多人,也包括自己,都是充滿著肉體和心靈的創傷,需 要有人以喜樂和溫良,為他們包紮傷口。

在3月2日晚上,省會長吳神父和梁熾才神父邀請我出席 堂區牧民議會會議,希望能借此機會,介紹我給大家認識。在 會議期間,我靜靜地聽大家的工作報告,很欣賞大家的努力和 熱誠。其中,我聽到大家很努力地為鄰近的居民,提供防疫的 物資。我想這正是耶穌在比喻中,所講的善心撒瑪黎雅人的行 動。耶穌就是透過我們的服務,去幫助這些有急需的兄弟姊妹。

培育青年

周守仁主教在晉牧禮後的致詞中,指出青年是教會的希 望,而聖安多尼堂亦是由慈幼會會士所服務的堂區,所以關心 青年,愛護青年和培育青年,很自然成了堂區的重點服務。但 是培育青年的信仰並不簡單。不只是香港,全世界的堂區都是 一樣,很少青年在聖堂出現。要培育青年的信仰,首先要吸引 青少年返回聖堂。按照現代心理學的理解,青少年的心理需 要是合群和友誼。青少年在堂區最希望看到的,不是神父或修 女,而是自己的朋友。在外地進修時,發覺青年在星期日返回 華人聖堂,最主要的原因是希望見到自己熟識的朋友。當然恭 敬天主都是返回聖堂的原因,但吸引著他們返回聖堂的是他們 的朋友。怎樣能把青年的朋友也吸引到聖堂?怎樣使在聖堂中 的青年都成為朋友?怎樣使堂區的每一員都成為青年的朋友? 我想都值得我們去思考。聖方濟沙雷氏認為一滴蜜糖比一桶的 醋更能吸引昆蟲,我想耶穌的慈愛,鮑思高神父的歡樂和溫和 是能吸引青年返回堂區。

最後,我想借此機會,感謝梁熾才神父對堂區所付出的辛 勞。他在教友的信仰培育,禮儀的安排和聖堂的維修方面,都 付出了不少的時間和精神。祈求天主和聖母祝福梁神父,使他 身體健康,能繼續服務教會和青年。

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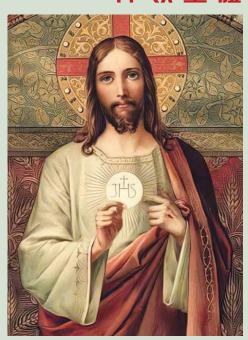
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防疫禱文

神領聖體經



我的耶穌, 我真心全信祢 在聖體聖事內, 我爱祢超過一切, 我渴望領祢 到我心中。 既然我現在 不能實領祢, 請當我至少 神領祢的恩典吧! 我擁抱祢, 完全與祢結合, 像祢實在到了 我的心中一樣。 別讓我 再與称分離吧!

二零二二年四月份禮儀生活 按教區公告:聖堂暫停開放【直至4月20日】

- 1. 依循教區按政府抗疫措施的特殊牧民指引(2月24日公告), 堂區作出以下配合:
 - 聖堂暫停開放:直至4月20日(星期三)凌晨
 - 暫停「公開」彌撒
 - 暫停「明供聖體、送聖體儀式 |
 - 暫停「任何實體宗教聚會」
- 2. 教友可採用下列方式替代參與主日彌撒的本份:
 - a. 觀看任何網上直播或重温的主日彌撒(如教區網站 www.catholic.org.hk 及公教報網站 http://kkp.org.hk),神領聖體;或
 - b. 反省主日彌撒經文、閱讀聖經或誦念玫瑰經。
- 3. 教友可<mark>善用網上服務</mark>,例如網上平日彌撒、信仰培育資訊及其他神業,如晨禱、玫瑰經、三鐘經等(參見以上網站)。
- 4. 聖周禮儀直播: 教區安排見第3頁



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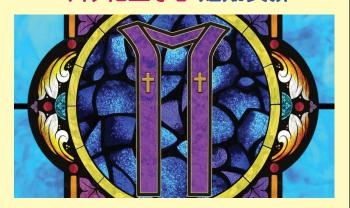
聖安多尼之友會 \$300

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吴多禄神父出生於一個公教家庭,小時入讀 聖類斯中學,在露德聖母堂長大,後因搬遷 的原故,加入了聖安多尼堂,直至中學畢業 後,進入慈幼會。1989年,吳神父在聖安多 尼堂晉鐸。後往加拿大進修心理學和教育學。 回港後,在慈幼學校服務,並在聖神修院神 哲學院任教。2002年,被派往聖類斯中學服 務。2012年,再調往慈幼會修院服務。2022 年,修會安排吳神父3月6日接任聖安多尼堂 主任司鐸。

「修和聖事」短期安排



日期:由現在至4月20日(周三) 時間:每天早上10:30-11:00

【劉戩雄神父/梁熾才神父】

每天傍晚 5:45 — 6:15【梁啟光神父】

其他時間【黃家輝神父】

教區網上靈修



四旬期明供聖體

• 星期三 4月6日及13日

晚上8:00 — 9:00

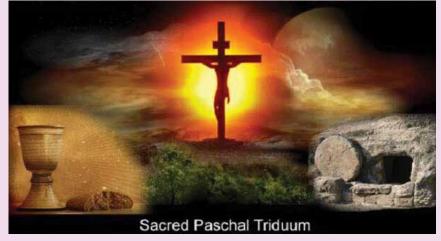
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• 星期五 4月1日及8日

晚上8:00 — 9:00

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聖周四 4月14日

聖油彌撒:早上11:00主的晚餐:晚上8:00

聖周五 4月15日 【守大小齋】

● 救主苦難禮儀:下午3:00

聖周六 4月16日

• 救主復活夜間禮儀: 晚上8:00









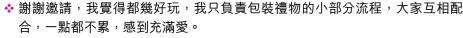
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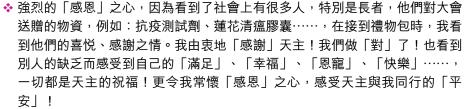
為響應周守仁主教四旬期的「照顧鄰人」呼籲,堂區樂融融愛德服務小 組於3月26日在聖安多尼堂派送禮物包給西區223戶基層家庭,包括口罩、潔 手液、快速抗疫測試包、蓮花清瘟膠囊、午餐肉、豆豉鯪魚、淮山麵、米、凍 肉、維他高鈣奶、維他命C片、超市現金券、快餐餐券等。



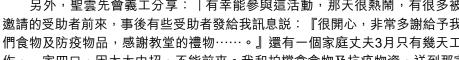
這次活動我們激請了堂區三大委會屬下的善會會員參與這項有意義的愛德 服務,報名參與相當踴躍。當日出席的義工有35位,大家都充滿喜樂,發揮各 人的小宇宙,在短短三小時內包裝及送出223份禮物。以下是一些弟兄姊妹的開 心分享:

- ❖ 樂在其中。
- ❖ 高興可以幫助有需要的人。
- ❖ 可以返回聖堂好開心,好懷念以前 到聖堂參與彌撒或做義工的日子, 見到大家喜樂地忙碌,自己也享受 其中。





另外,聖雲先會義工分享:「有幸能參與這活動,那天很熱鬧,有很多被 邀請的受助者前來,事後有些受助者發給我訊息説:『很開心,非常多謝給予我 們食物及防疫物品,感謝教堂的禮物……。』還有一個家庭丈夫3月只有幾天工





作,一家四口,因太太中招,不能前來。我和拍檔拿食物及抗疫物資,送到那家庭大門前放下。事後該戶來電表示很高興 教會雪中送炭。雖然是小小行動,但我內心很感動這次活動很有意義,感謝天主賦予的使命!」





派口置 傳主愛

3月25日上午,「樂融融」愛心派口罩小組第20次到西 環街坊中作「派送口罩行動」。

當天派了90多包和60張於26日舉行活動的參加券。由 於限聚今,我們都是兩人一組,預足夠距離地去進行派口 置。

今次我們著重和街坊談話。第五波的疫情影響不少街 坊,特別是長者經濟情況十分困難,不少的連基本生活都出 現問題。我們一邊和他們傾談、給予安慰和祈禱,分享天 主的愛,為他們送暖。我們亦約他們,在聖堂可以公開活動 後,邀請他們到堂區參觀和聯誼,甚至接受信仰。



重溫【四旬期運動】主題反省

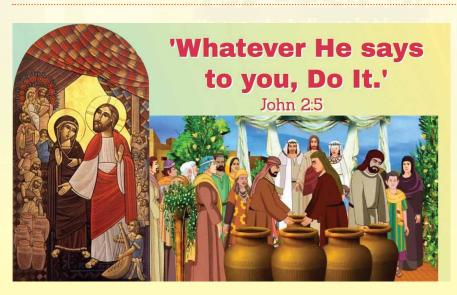
今年的四旬期運 動是以「看,都成了新 的」(格後5:17)為主 題。「新」這個意念, 年中不時都會碰到。西 曆元旦日是新一年的開 始;對於我們中國人, 農曆新春也是新年,更 有「一元復始、萬象更 新 | 的説法; 對基督徒 來說,我們又有另一個 新年,就是新的禮儀 年,即將臨期開始;到 四旬期到來,我們也常 説是更新的時刻,總之 就是「日新又新」。不 過,基督徒的「更新」 不等同於現代世界推崇 的「創新」。創新是以 新思維和想像去擴展個 人能力,但基督徒的更 新卻是回歸福音的核心 和根源,就是對天主的 信德,正如聖保祿宗徒 所説:「這正義是源於 信德,又歸於信德。| (羅1:17)

(Rm 10: 11,13)

用的這兩句舊約聖經的意 思?福音記載了魔鬼這樣 挑戰耶穌:「你若是天主 子,就命這些石頭變成餅 罷!」(瑪4:3);當耶 穌被懸在十字架時,「司 祭長與經師也譏笑他,彼 此説:『他救了別人,卻 救不了自己!默西亞,以 色列的君王!現在從十字 架上下來罷,叫我們看了 好相信!』|(谷15:31-32) 在那兩個時刻,魔 鬼、司祭長和經師好像 羞辱了耶穌, 因為耶穌 沒有因自己餓了而將石 頭變成餅; 也沒有從十 字架上下來。但在魔鬼 試探後不久, 耶穌卻出 於對人的憐憫,用五餅 二魚餵飽了成千上萬飢餓 的群眾。同樣,耶穌在面 對苦難時曾呼號天主讓

他脱免苦杯,但他仍然「聽命至死」,「因此天主極其 舉揚他」(斐2:8-9),結果耶穌不需要從十字架下來, 而是光榮地復活升天;耶穌不但「沒有蒙羞」,而且真 的「獲救」了。祂為我們完美地演繹了這兩句經文的意 思。

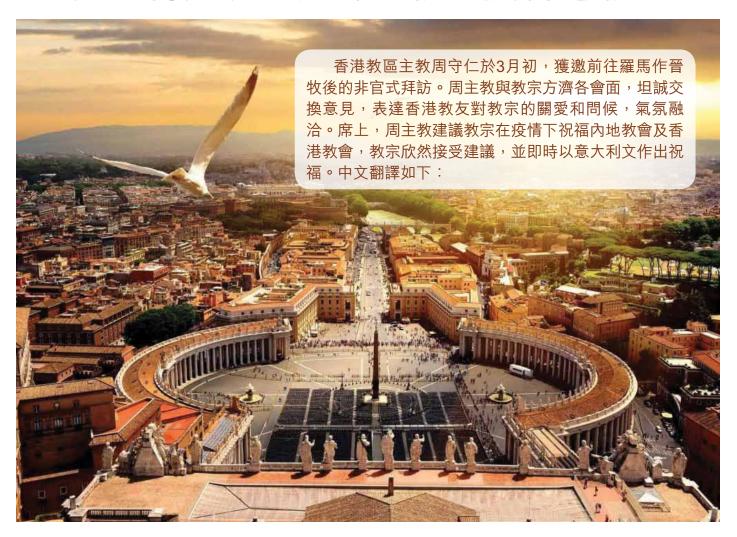
四旬期運動第一主日(3月6日)的副題是「信 靠」,有關的經文是取自當天的讀經二:「凡相信祂 的人,不至於蒙羞……凡呼號上主名號的人,必然獲 救。」(羅10:11,13)我們應該怎樣理解聖保祿引



回顧過去兩年多以至今天, 對我們信德的衝擊實在不小。全 球面對的疫情好像沒完沒了,縱 然我們不斷向天主呼求,但祂卻 好像沒有回應,我們不禁會問: 為甚麼天主總是這麼沉默?到今 天我們還未見到疫情會何時和怎 樣完結。但聖母媽媽給了我們很 好的示範,當她向耶穌説出人面 對的困難時,所得的答案是他的 時刻尚未來到,然而她仍然向我 們說:「他無論吩咐你們甚麼, 你們就作甚麼。| (若2:3-5) 我 想這就是「信靠」的真諦。

(資料:天主教四旬期運動籌備委員會)

教宗疫情下祝福內地教會及香港教會



教宗何內地教會在疫情下的祝福

親愛的弟兄姊妹,天主教的信友們,我懷著感恩與愛慕之情問候你們!感謝你們為信仰所做的見證;感謝你們對我們的主耶穌基督和天主聖母瑪利亞的孝愛;這次新冠疫情給我們帶來了許多痛苦,感謝你們為這疫情所做的工作和忍受的一切!讓我們偕同主一起前行;有時候,主似乎隱沒不見了,但是祂常常和我們在一起!我們要耐心地盼望!我的心和你們在一起,我非常愛你們!我為你們祈禱;也請求你們為我祈禱!現在,我因全能的天主,聖父,聖子和聖神降福你們眾人!

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教宗何香港教會在疫情下的祝福

我願意向香港的弟兄姊妹,送上我的問候!我現在和你們的主教在一起,向你們送上我的祝福,並致以最美好的祝願!我祝福你們成為優秀的公民,在困難的時刻仍充滿勇氣!我特別想念你們中許多因這次新冠疫情而受苦的人,我的心和你們在一起!這次疫情在全世界奪去了許多人的生命,在你們的城市也是一樣,我的心和你們在一起!我為你們祈禱!也請你們為我祈禱!我降福你們眾人,聖父,聖子和聖神!你們要懷著對主耶穌基督和祂的神聖母親瑪利亞的孝愛,繼續前行!請你們為我祈禱!拜拜!

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教宗奉獻烏克蘭俄羅斯於聖母無玷聖心

教宗方濟各邀請全 球的主教、神父及修會 團體於3月25日預報救 主降生慶節,與他一起 為和平祈禱,並將俄羅 斯和烏克蘭奉獻於聖母 無玷聖心。

當天羅馬時間下午 5時,教宗在聖伯多祿 大殿主持懺悔禮儀,席 間誦念奉獻俄羅斯和烏 克蘭於聖母無玷聖心禱 文,並邀請全球主教於 同日舉行同樣的禮儀。

與此同時, 花地瑪

教宗於3月20日主持公開活動期間,懇求國際社會 有關方面為停止這場戰爭付出努力,剛過去一個星期, 「導彈落到平民、老年人、兒童和孕婦身上。」

將國家和人民奉獻於天主之母是烏克蘭教會歷 史悠久的傳統。烏克蘭天主教希臘禮教會大總主教舍

聖母朝聖地將其中一尊花地瑪聖母像送抵烏克蘭,於 3月17日至4月15日恭放於利維夫(Lviv)的聖母聖誕堂,供教友敬禮祈禱,在聖母的臨在下,祈求天主保護烏克蘭以至整個世界的和平。

為烏克蘭祈禱文

上主,求你寬恕我們世人挑起戰爭的罪過。

主耶穌基督,天主子,求你垂憐我們罪人!

主耶穌,你誕生在飽受炮彈轟炸的基輔,求你垂憐我們!

主耶穌,你在哈爾科夫防空洞中,死在母親懷裡,求你垂憐我們!

主耶穌,你年方二十,竟被派上前線,求你垂憐我們!

主耶穌,你注视著在十字架影子下持械相鬥的人,求你垂憐我們!

上主,求你 意恕我們。

上主,求你寬恕我們,因為我們將你雙手釘在十字架上還不夠,還要渴飲被武器殘殺者的血。

上主,求你寬恕我們,因為你創造我們的雙手,原為護守照顧,但現在竟成了摧毀生命的工具。

上主,求你寬恕我們,因為我們繼續殺害弟兄;求你寬恕我們,因為我們不斷如同加音,拿起田裡的石頭 來砸死亞伯爾。

上主,求你寬恕我們,因為我們繼續千方百計,為自己的暴戾找藉口,且極力將我們的暴行變成合理。

上主,求你寬恕我們世人挑起戰爭的罪過。

上主,求你寬恕我們世人挑起戰爭的罪過。

主耶穌基督,天主子,我們向你呼求!求你制止加音的手!

求你光照我們的良心;

不要讓我們的惡意得逞;

不要讓我們任性妄為!

上主,求你制止我們!求你制止我們!

當你制止加音時,求你也顧念他。他是我們的弟兄。

上主,求你制止暴力!

上主,求你制止我們!

亞孟。



教宗於3月16日公開接見活動中,以那不勒斯總主教 撰寫的祈禱文,為烏克蘭祈 達。

● 香港教區禮儀委員會恭譯

(資料:《公教報》)

第6處——韋羅尼加為耶穌抹面

章羅尼加為耶穌擦去臉上的汗水和塵 埃,因而保留了耶穌的面容在布上。 醫院的病房裡,醫護人員努力救治確診 者,盡一切辦法紓緩他們的病情;縱使 最終無法救治他們,也陪伴他們尊嚴地 離去。這些是韋羅尼加的時刻;是時困 和善意、溫柔和關心的時刻。這些時刻 讓一切變得不同,讓痛苦、孤獨和悲傷

的迷霧消散,並讓耶穌的面容,深深印在每一個人的心中。

第7處——耶穌再次不支而倒地

耶穌再次跌倒了。他臥在路上,嚐著塵土,士兵不斷喊叫打他,要他站起來,繼續往前走。再一次,我們跌倒了。為我們無法送別親友,目睹自己摯愛的人離開;為死亡人數上升,我們感到無能為力、沮喪和憤怒。我們跌倒了,我們也嚐到了塵土——絕望、痛苦和悲傷。再一次,當我們看到耶穌就在那裡;再



一次,當我們看到他被粗暴地從地上拖起來,他踉踉蹌蹌,但仍繼續前行時,我們也有力量站起來繼續。因為我們知道 耶穌明白。

第8處——婦女為耶穌痛哭



面對女人的痛哭,耶穌的反應似乎很奇怪。不要為我哭,但為你自己和為你的孩子痛哭。耶穌是預言猶太聖殿將於公元70年被摧毀,兒童被殺,耶路撒冷大部份地區都變成廢墟。即使耶穌在前前。 爾髏地時,原來他牽掛的不是自己,而是他人。當我們在這些日子裡哭泣時,我們是否也能超越自己的悲傷和痛苦,

為那些生活在戰火、醫療資源匱乏的國家的人們哭泣嗎?為 那些沒有更多眼淚可哭的人哭泣嗎?即使耶穌在他最痛苦的 時刻,他也在想著我們,安慰著我們。

第9處——耶穌第三次跌倒在地

耶穌第三次跌倒,他身體的每一部份都碎裂了。在這一刻他一定想知道是否永遠不會再起來。我們看到醫護人員經過12、14或16小時的輪班後筋疲力盡;我們看到他們倒在醫院休息室裡,目睹著一張張苦難的面孔,一個個推叠着的逝者。他們甚麼也沒說,只是在絕望中陪伴他們。這是基督第三次跌倒。在我們



最絕望的時刻,他與我們在一起,準確理解我們的感受,更 不會把我們棄置不顧。

第10處——耶穌被剝去衣裳



當耶穌死在十字架上時,他是赤身裸體的。當人的衣服被剝光,便是尊嚴被剝光,成為一件物體,任由他人擺佈,這是最大的屈辱。耶穌進入了我們最黑暗的時刻,出現在當我們被羞辱、被剝奪了我們很多尊嚴的時候。防疫措施剝奪了我們很多生活的權利和自由,甚至教堂學校也被迫關閉。在這些被剝奪自由的生活中,

我們發現了甚麼?我們重新發現愛和被愛有多基本和重要。 在十字架上,耶穌失去了衣服,外在的一切都被剝奪,但他 最偉大的服裝,即他的本質——純潔的愛永遠不會被剝奪。

第11處——耶穌懸在十字架上

耶穌最後的話是寬恕的話。疫情期間,我們每天都收到很多信息,不假思索也轉發很多信息。有沒有想過,這些信息是虛假的還是真實的?是帶給人焦慮、恐懼和仇恨?抑或是安慰、希望和寬恕呢?讓我們花點時間靜下來,聽聽耶穌最後對我們講的話——愛的話,和平和寬恕的話。



第12處——耶穌在十字架上括生

耶穌基督的死徹底地改變了死亡的事實。一位教友的媽媽,身體一直頗健康,一天在院舍半夜突然的離世,令她本來已經紮根不深的的信仰更加動搖!不停地問天主,為什麼會這樣發生,為什麼天主這樣對待媽媽和我!原本抱有的希望、計劃、目標一下子突然全部幻滅,剩下的全是遺憾、內疚!但在這極

度痛苦中,她讓十字架上張開雙臂的基督去擁抱自己。在默 默無語中,她發現那位與基督一起哀傷的天主。只要我們需 要,我們可以簡單地讓自己被擁抱,讓痛苦被天主的愛所轉 化。

第13處——聖母懷抱耶穌

疫情期間,有很多人永遠無法將親人的 遺體抱在懷裡,甚或瞻仰遺容。所以現 在是為那些願意為我們做這件事的人祈 禱的時刻。例如負責洗潔屍體並細一 備的護士;處理遺體的殮房員工;準備 土葬或火化工作的殯儀業人士等;通過 這些人以及教會的祈禱,耶穌就在那 裡。耶穌要親自抱著我們親人的身體, 直達天父的面前。



第14處——耶穌被埋葬

耶穌被刺穿、流血和冰冷的身體被安放在墓中,一片寂靜。我們等,因這不是故事的結局,就像春天的花的一些經光禿禿的樹上綻放;復活的發望也在從石頭鑿出來的墳墓中激發傷,以一樣。當我們跑到墳墓裡,我們跑到墳墓裡,我們跑到它是空的。冠狀病毒的黑暗終會過

去。

第15處——耶穌復活

「因為我深信:無論是死亡……或其他 任何受造之物,都不能使我們與天主的 愛相隔絕,即是與我們的主基督耶穌之 內的愛相隔絕。」(羅8:38-39)



(默想提供:蔡惠民副主教)

置WAY OF THE CROSS

瘦情下的视猫 十字架普路默想

序言

「一粒麥子,如果不落在地裡死了,它還只是一粒;然而它若死了,就結出許多果實來。」(若12:24) 四旬期內,我們舉行拜苦路,不單是紀念主耶穌的苦難,而且還跟隨他行走我們的苦路。所以我們並不 是孤零零的一個人行走,而是由復活的基督陪伴著,行走這條通往永生的道路。



第1處——耶穌被判死刑

當耶穌被判死刑時,我們可能會感到不公平,因為比拉多根本找不到耶穌犯罪的指控。同樣,對某些人來說,確診冠狀病毒就像被判處死刑一樣,面對無受感染的親人、家人和朋友,我們可能也會感到不公平?或反覆問點解是我自己。今天,耶穌也明白我們內心的憤動。今天,耶穌也明白我們內心的憤

怒、沮喪或無奈,他邀請我們一起積極地迎上這無理的判 刑。

第2處——耶穌肩負十字架

耶穌背起他的十字架,那是一塊非常沉重的木頭,加上他已可想而知知,痛苦的程度可想而知刻,我們自己背負著甚麼十字架?發現自己費以會不完,我們有沒到無助的十字架?害怕察覺自己傳染給家者的十字架?那些無家可歸的人背著的十字家人無法探望的長者、那些在院舍家人無法探望的長者



那些因疫情而生計大受影響的商戶、工人。讓我們再次感受 一下自己背負的十字架。你是否願意與耶穌分享一下?他最 明白背負十字架到底是甚麼感覺。



第3處── 耶穌體力不支[,]第一次跌倒地上

耶穌跌倒並不奇怪。試想一下,十字架已經很重、他因失血過多而變得虛弱、還有耶路撒冷正午的酷熱、地面的參差不齊、四周擠來擠去的人群。如果我們在這些壓力重重的日子裡也倒下了,這也不足為奇。回想一下,跌倒可能是種

種的防疫措施令我們不滿、抱怨,甚至破口指責他人的時候;可能是我們在排隊檢測時失去耐性的時候;可能是我們面對親人感染,但得不到支援,焦慮無助的時候。當我們倒下來時,我們看到耶穌也倒在地上,被壓得喘不過氣來。與耶穌一起,我們找到了額外的力量站起來繼續前進。

第4處-

耶穌遇見了自己的母親

很難想像聖母看到耶穌受苦的時候,她的內心有多疼痛。當母親無法進入醫院的隔離病房,陪伴正在掙扎著呼吸的孩子時,內心是多麼痛苦和悲傷。同樣,對於無法在院舍或醫院探望父母的的大數,內心的焦急和內疚亦非筆墨所能形容。但耶穌明白,聖母也明白!當耶穌將聖母託付給心愛的門徒若望的時候,



他向我們展示了他對母親的關心。這份關心並沒有帶走聖母 的恐懼和痛苦,但卻意味著她並不孤單,因為耶穌確保我們 永遠不會孤單。

第5處——西滿負擔耶穌的刑具



時,讓自己能盡一點力關心有需要的人,反使我們的重擔變得輕鬆一點。在這次疫情中,誰需要我們幫助背負十字架?

四月神修話語。

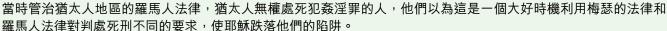
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「你們中間誰沒有罪,先向她投石吧! (若8:7)

生活反省

梅瑟給猶太人定下的法律原意是要求人民保持聖潔,在 賞善罰惡之餘要善待兄弟和奴隸(肋25:35-55),對待罪犯雖容 許「以牙還牙,以眼還眼」,但不可過份報復,缺乏天主慈 悲寬恕的本質(肋24:17-23)。

經師和法利塞人要尋找陷害耶穌的機會,他們帶來了一個 犯姦淫時被捉住的婦人,要耶穌定她的罪處以死刑。因為按照



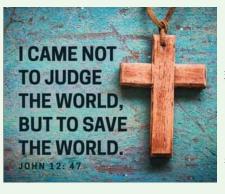
若耶穌按梅瑟法律去處死那罪婦,耶穌的判決便違反了羅馬人的法律。若耶穌以富於慈悲仁愛的心寬恕了那罪 婦,祂便違反了梅瑟的法律。因此,耶穌巧妙地廻避了陷阱並回答他們説:「你們中間誰沒有罪,先向她投石罷!」 (若8:7)耶穌讓他們各自反省己罪,使他們撫心自問確認良心有愧,失去見證人應有的理據和勇氣,並由年老的至年 幼的一個一個地溜走了。這事件充分彰顯了耶穌的智慧,更表現耶穌正義和慈愛寬仁的本質。,祂不是來審判世人, 祂雖惱恨罪惡,但不放棄罪人。「因為人子來,是為尋找及拯救迷失了的人。」(路19:10)

若望福音帶大家尋找耶穌對梅瑟法律審判的基本詮釋:要求有力證據,正義可靠的證人,和無罪忠信的判官。 耶穌不單提醒群眾梅瑟法律規定見證人需要首先投石,更在經師和法利塞人的法律上加上對證人和判官更高和更嚴 格的要求:「你們要自己沒有罪,才可以做審判的見證人,才可以定人罪。」試問人誰無過?這正正道出只有那無 罪之身,正義無私的耶穌基督才有資格審判和定人罪。

曾幾何時,我們也會批評別人的不是,更忘記了自己可能犯了更嚴重的過錯,甚至因偏見或不求證,對別人莽 加標籤或擯棄。我們是否用責己從寬,責人以嚴的態度面對別人的過錯?作為基督徒,我們該以善意和正義了解別 人行為背後的動機和苦衷,學習基督的慈悲去處事。正如耶穌所説:「為什麼你只看見你兄弟眼中的木屑,而對自 己眼中的大樑竟不理會呢?」(瑪7:3)

今天基督聖言的核心訊息就是:我們有沒有資格去定他人的罪,滿身罪污的我們跟本未夠資格做證人,更何況 做判官?耶穌説:「你們不要判斷,你們也就不受判斷;不要定罪,也就不被定罪」(路6:37)。雖然只有主耶穌 才有資格審判世人的罪,祂不但沒有定那婦人的罪,反而用寬恕給予她改過的機會。耶穌説:「因為我不是為審判 世界而來,乃是為拯救世界。」(若12:47b) 因此 當我們意識到自己犯了罪,就需要謙卑悔改,承認自己的過失, 為得罪天主而誠心懺悔,盡早領受修和聖事和為過犯做相應的補贖,並立志不要再犯。

耶穌是天主子也是上主的僕人,祂的名字有「天主拯救」的意義,祂為了我們罪人身陷苦難,並於罪惡的死亡 中拯救萬民,在我們的困境中祂賜給我們生命之神,使人可以避免因邪惡導致進入死亡的路徑,並選擇跟隨基督走 上正義永生的坦途。祂邀請罪人赴天國喜宴(谷2:17),因為罪人的悔改帶來天上的歡樂(路15:7),並彰顯天父對 罪人的無限仁慈。既然我們的身份是天主的子女,在生活中我們需要活出基督徒的精神,好能真正的實踐天主的憐 憫。





So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to

He who is without **sin among you, let** him throw a stone at her first.

祈禱

主耶穌我們感謝祢,祢以慈愛和溫柔對待我們罪人,祢沒有定我們的 罪,反而為我們死在十字架上,為我們贖罪承擔了我們一切的罪過,使我們 獲得罪惡的赦免。

上主,求祢以修和聖事淨化我們的心靈,使我們遠離黑暗的誘惑,擺脫 罪惡的羈絆,決心以新生活去迎接逾越奧蹟,活在主基督的聖愛內。

求祢幫助我們以憐憫待人,並在我們所做的一切事上,都能跟隨基督的 教導,以合平祢的聖意行為事工悦樂主懷。亞孟。

四句期杂志

四旬期是準備慶祝基督死而復活的時期。 在這個時期,我們要知恩悔改。

就讓我們一起定下目標,想想在今個四旬期,

願意為甚麼人/事祈禱,

為耶穌多做甚麼愛德、克己善工吧!

歡迎大家列印出來,

寫下自己的決志・

然後貼在當眼處以作提醒。



今個四旬期· 我願意多游這些愛德善工



今個四句期, 我願意為這些人/事祈禱



今個四句期。 我願意克己,拒絕這些誘惑



教友總會製作

【四句期】反省 — 堅定於主的愛

天主是愛,我們每一個人與主的關係,都是一個獨特的 主 是 我 的 救愛情故事。雅歌形容「洪流不能熄滅愛情,江河不能將它沖 援。主能夠給我無去」(雅8:7),我們是否時刻沐浴在這份愛中呢? 比的安全感,因為

首先讓我形容一下這位至愛。他在我未認識他時,先 愛了我,他總是在這愛情路上做主動,他讓我認識他,自由 地愛上他。他寫了很多情信給我,就在73卷的聖經內,他 啟示了自己,向我示愛,等待著我的回應。我愛上他的教導 與行實,這完全與我對真善美愛的嚮往吻合。我驚訝地發現 他竟然為我忍受肉體與心靈的苦難,犧牲至死,他用行動印 證了他對我的愛。他説:「我天天和你在一起,直到今世的 終結」(瑪28:20)。他又表達要和我心心相印:「你住在 我內,我也住在你內。」(若15:4),這是多麼的甜蜜啊! 他是我最可靠的終身伴侶,完全知道我的需要,體諒我的軟 弱,因而在他面前,我可以毫無保留的展現真我。他知道我 的極限,在人生的經歷中他必與我同在,不離不棄,他知道 我會怕,所以他很多次叫我:不要害怕。可是,我這無知而 又有很多限制的人,未能時時把他放在心上,又不經意地會 傷他的心。我真慚愧,他總是一次又一次的寬恕我,在他身 上我認識到甚麼是無條件的愛,我是多麼的幸福啊!

我的至愛「主耶穌基督」是我的光明。在他內我認識到 真理,我從哪裡來,會往那裡去,如何能夠活得有意義,不 被俗世所侵蝕。主是我的明燈,使我認識自己,認清自己的 軟弱,然後我幸福地接受他的醫治,不斷的在他內成為一個 新人。 援比他者罪祂容的的知跟以自史的。的就和惡的許計意道隨了己,昨主安是統一,發劃義明的。個這天夠感物者都堅的都我,知望人救今給,的,是信,有不因道人的援天我因創除來主在一需為便類救是與無為造了自所他定要我可或恩我明

能夠與主結合

天。

Abide IN ME, and I in YOU. JOHN 15:4

是何等的福氣,讓我們能夠時常沐浴在這份愛中,讓我們不要只做一個愛情路上的接收者,因為當我們為愛付出時,才真正擁抱幸福。讓我們全心全意全靈地與主連繫,渴望知道主此時此刻對我們的心意,一起與主攜手勇敢的面對一切。這樣,我們便能堅定於主的愛,安然度過每一天,真正獲享基督徒的平安與喜樂。

見證天主的大愛

詩聖家聖詠團琴師吳永順 Vincent

黃家賢 Patrick

今年元旦,我們聖家聖詠團在母佑堂辦了一個小型慶祝會,慶祝新一年的來臨,期間琴師吳永順Vincent敍述了他成為我們團體琴師的點點滴滴,包括聖家聖詠團的成立等等。我們聽了覺得很有意思,故此於2月3日(年初三),我和新任團長Raymond約了Vincent作深入訪問,將資料記錄下來並經過整理後,在此與大家分享。



訪問中,Vincent(圖左一)回憶說1980年正在修讀大學第一年的時候加入團的,當時團還未稱為「聖家」,而名字是「提前彌撒歌詠團」,由聖安多尼堂一班聖母軍組成,其中一位他讀中學時的師兄說想找一個人彈琴,因為他們原本琴師經常缺席,所以就決定加入這個團,且還與他的三妹和弟弟一起加入。後來覺得可為團改另一個名稱:因發現團是由幾個家庭組成,建議稱為「聖家聖詠團」,至於聖家英文名字為"Holy Family",且「勝家」又是衣車牌子,其英文品牌名稱是"Singer",所以團英文名字就更新為"Holy Family Singers"了。

當問及他彈琴點滴時,他憶述5歲開始彈琴。他就<mark>讀於</mark>聖安多尼小學,媽媽負責教上午班音樂,而他跟下午班教<mark>音</mark>樂的梁晶瑩老師彈琴,而這位梁老師後來亦負責聖安多尼<mark>的</mark>聖詠團,她在本堂時的服務崗位為「音樂統籌」,人們都稱她「梁主任」。由於家裡有鋼琴,故此Vincent小時候已經常彈琴,他表示初時彈是有膽怯,但後來彈熟了,可以甚至琴譜不用望,都可以全心投入地去彈,由於他彈功了得,故他中七時考獲八級鋼琴資格。

而問及他在團中有甚麼難忘事時,他表示自1980年加入到現在,可以用「人面全非」來形容,他認為是自然的事,因為相隔幾年有些團員去了外國讀書甚至移民,或結婚後搬到別處,又或因工作關係離開,其間曾被禮委叫停辦,但他承諾會辦得更好,所以直到現在仍可繼續。他想起聖家聖詠團最強盛時曾經可以唱4聲部 "SATB",及可以7人唱"A Cappella~無伴奏合唱",他加入聖詠團後,人數最多時大約20人,但記得在90 — 00年代,卻曾試過一個人服務一台彌撒,當其時他自己要自彈自唱。

他亦憶述前任團長Louise和她的哥哥曾在《聖母頌》演出時負責拉小提琴,而他負責彈琴伴奏;另外有時彌撒完了就一起去吃飯,這些事也令他開心難忘。

談到對聖詠團的展望時,他表示聖詠團團員有凝聚力很重要,且要投入,音樂上要有提升,使每個人覺得自己有得着,對所屬的 choir 有所貢獻,否則會進步慢,團員甚至可以互相鼓勵及扶持,因為聖詠團是由不同的人組成,如果當中有一位俗稱「搞手」的領袖,可以把不同的人聯繫在一起就更好,這也可使其他人容易加入聖詠團,而且也可以透過一些傾談、或聚餐、甚至旅行、避靜等活動來維繫團員間的感情及增加團員對聖詠團的歸屬感,這些都是減少團員自然流失的好方法。

當問及有甚麼動力促使他40多年來繼續守護着聖家聖 詠團,他提及每當服務完一台彌撒,見到教友們開心已經是 一種動力,還有自己既然身為天主教徒,且作為琴師,就覺 得自己有本份要坐在那個司琴位置,而聖家聖詠團很自然已 成為他生命的一部份。

我們覺得聖詠團的核心價值,是希望用我們的團體生活 及歌聲作為見證,將天主的大愛傳給我們所服務的人。

後記

聖家聖詠團團長楊偉民Raymond

「主!感謝祢的愛!求祢繼續帶領聖詠團以及每一位成員,在祢內成長,並在生活中見證祢對世人的愛,亞孟!」



This is your mother (Jn 19:27)

Fr. Peter Ng SDB

Introduction

When a primary one student goes to school on the first school day, he would look anxiously at his mother who is standing outside the classroom in order to obtain some support and instruction from his mother. When Provincial Fr. Joseph Ng told me that I would become the parish priest of St. Anthony's Church, I told him that I had no experience to take care of a parish. Like a new primary one student, I have no idea what I should do in a parish. What I can do is to look at our Heavenly Mother Mary and ask her to bless and guide me.

Rely on the Blessed Mother

On the cross, Jesus looked at His mother Mary and said, "Woman, this is your son." (Jn 19:26) Then Jesus looked at John and said, "This is your mother." (Jn 19:27) Jesus loved his disciples deeply and remembered them even when he was dying on the cross. Jesus invited his mother to become the mother of humans and asked his disciples to listen to his mother.

After the blessed Mother Mary has received the invitation of Jesus to become the mother of humans, she looks after her sons and daughters day and night. When I looked into my whole life, I found that our Blessed Mother was always looking after me and protecting me. When I was in danger, she saved my life. Even now, she is still holding my hand and telling me where I should go. In 2019, I had a chance to go to Fatima and Lourdes to thank our Blessed Mother for her guidance and protection.

Now, the outbreak of Covid-19 all over the world not only brings a great loss in economy, but also takes away many valuable lives. Although different kinds of vaccine have come out, it seems that they still cannot stop the spreading of the virus. Let's ask our Blessed Mother to bless us so that we shall be able to face the difficulties with hope and confidence. With the help of medicine and Christian love, we hope that the spreading of the virus will stop and everything will go to normal again.

Follow Jesus

For myself, to serve a parish is a vocation. Jesus told the two disciples, "Come and see." (Jn 1:39) It is true that I shall have to come and see what I can do to serve my brothers and sisters in the parish. Since it is the invitation of Jesus, I have to know and understand what the Master has asked me to do. Through meditating on the Gospel and the Word of God, Jesus will gradually reveal His plan to me. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said to me, "Go and do the same, yourself." (Lk 10:37) Jesus asks me to take care of this wounded person and cure him with wine and oil. In this society, there are many people, including myself, who are wounded in heart and body. They need some people to cure them with joy and loving-kindness.

On March 2, Provincial Fr. Ng and Fr. Pedro Leong invited me to join the meeting of the Parish Council in order to introduce me to the council members. During the

meeting, I listened quietly to the reports of different groups of the parish. I really

appreciate their zeal and generosity. They worked very hard to provide the poor people who are living around our church with some materials to fight against the Covid-19. I believe that this is what Jesus wants us to do in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Through our service, Jesus serves the poor who need somebody to help them.



Be with the young

During his episcopal ordination, Bishop Stephen said that young people would be the hope of the Church. St. Anthony's Church is being served by Salesians. It is very natural that serving the young becomes one of the main services of the parish. However, to cultivate the faith of the young is not an easy job. Not only in Hong Kong, but also in the whole world, very few young people show up in churches. In order to cultivate the faith of the young, the first thing that we should do is to attract them to come to the church. According to the modern psychology, young people need a community and friends. In the church, those people whom young people mostly want to see are their friends, not priests and nuns. When I was studying in Canada, I found that the reason that young people came to the church was to see their friends and, of course, God too. Their friends attracted them to come to the church. How can we attract their friends to come to the church? How can we help those young people who come to our church to become friends among themselves? How do we become their friends? St. Francis de Sales said that a drop of honey would be able to attract more insects than a bucket of vinegar. I believe that Jesus' love and the lovingkindness of St. John Bosco will be able to attract young people to come back to the church.

Conclusion

Lastly, I would like to thank Fr. Pedro Leong for his service that he gave to the parish during the last five years. He made a great effort in cultivating the faith of the parishioners, arranging the liturgies and repairing the whole building of the church. May God bless him and give him health so that he will be able to continue to serve the Church and the young.

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Reflection

Our baptismal renewal at Easter binds us forever not only to Christ but also to each other. When we acknowledge our faith, we learn to live in love and harmony with one another and recognize the divine bonding that binds us together. The scriptures speak openly in **Revelation 21:3** of what God has accomplished for us and of what God can accomplish in us, "a bride adorned for her husband", i.e., the Church: The People of God on earth.

This resembles the famous quote proclaimed by the prophet Jeremiah after Yahweh promised to give the Israelite a heart with which to understand that Yahweh is the Lord: "They shall be my people and I will be their God." (Jer 24:7). This is repeated many times in the book of Jeremiah to express how God loves His people and keeps His mercy (Jer 31:1; 31:33; 32:38). The Acts of the Apostles shows how the Church is being built-up and growing in numbers. That growth was accomplished through the living out of the words of God in the Church.

The Eschaton is already on Earth but not yet accomplished until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Until then, life continues to perform on the uneven and unfair playing field of Earth. It has its share of war and peace, villains and heroes, sickness and health, immense pain and overwhelming joy. In the midst of all of this unevenness, the expressed intention of "making all things new" must mean having to change from our sinful past and beginning anew from scratch. And it is in this envision that John announces a new heaven and a new earth in the Book of Revelation (Rev 21:1-2). There is also a new Jerusalem, with people of all backgrounds forging a harmonious unity. Mourning and pain will be no more. It is a "consummation devoutly to be wished."

In John's gospel, with the departure of Judas from the upper room, Jesus realizes that his own glorification is at hand. When he is taken from the cross and goes to the Father, his era of glory will have begun. God will be glorified in the death of his Son for the salvation of the world, and God will in turn elevate and glorify his Son. But it does not stop there. The love that binds and glorifies the Father and the Son is to be seen in the world as the love of Christ in his disciples. "All will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another." By then the prophetical voice of Jeremiah echoes once more, "They shall be my people and I will be their God." (Jer. 24:7)

Health and peace have been recounted this Easter because of the Omicron outspreads and the outbreak of war in Ukraine. But the book of Revelation gives meaning to these sufferings and challenges. The living evidence that something bigger than life has happened is the love we have for one another. It is to be our sole distinguishing mark of our Confirmation, manifested in bearing the cross bravely for our neighbours.

We need to stop and think of the ways in which this becomes evident. We need to think of that person whom we feel we cannot tolerate. That difference with a relative that has never been resolved. The rancor that characterizes my relationship with my spouse, whom I quarrelled with consistently. The feelings of hostility toward that person at work who took the promotion I deserved. The unfair accusations made against me at various moments of my life, the countless heartbreaks, the harsh words that open up new wounds. We are being left in helpless desolation, loneliness and desperation. We were never told that the journey would be easy, only that it would be worthwhile. But this cannot be the end. The risen Jesus calls the Christian to something more. Forgiveness and reconciliation are what Christianity is all about.

Surely, there is enough dismay along the way to make us wonder. But love overcomes all obstacles, and Easter love symbolized by the sinless Christ dying on the cross for sinners is totally unmatched. As the Father loves Jesus, so Jesus loves us. It is in sowing the seeds of love in this troubled world that we prepare the way for the "new heaven and the new earth", through the living out of the words of the gospel, "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another". It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships if we are to enter the kingdom of God as what Paul said to the newly converted Christians. But this hardship will not be permanent. It is just one of our challenges that we must overcome to reach our destiny in the Parousia.

Prayer

Almighty God our Father, we are trapped in the midst of the world's unfair playing field. Our bodies are tired, our health is worn out, our hearts are broken, and our spirits are ripped apart. Please grant us your love and peace and the strength we need to overcome our challenges. Come and dwell among us and make us your happy and beloved people. Amen.

Video available in Parish Formation Group YouTube Channel



For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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on, up to Joseph (cf. Mt 1:20) and Mary. In this way, he sends us a clear and comforting message: once our lives are open to God, fear can no longer hold us in thrall. Dear sister, dear brother, if your sins frighten you, if your past worries you, if your wounds do not heal, if your constant failings dishearten you and you seem to have lost hope, do not be afraid. God knows your weaknesses and is greater than your mistakes. He asks of you only one thing: that you not hold your frailties and sufferings inside. Bring them to him, lay them before him and, from being reasons for despair, they will become opportunities for resurrection. Do not be afraid!

The Blessed Virgin Mary accompanies us: she cast her own anxiety upon God. The angel's proclamation gave her good reason to be afraid. He proposed to her something unimaginable and beyond her abilities, something that she could not handle alone: there would be too many difficulties, problems with the Mosaic law, with Joseph, with the citizens of her town and with her people. Yet Mary did not object. Those words – do not be afraid – were sufficient for her; God's reassurance was enough for her. She clung to him, as we want to do tonight. Yet so often we do the exact opposite. We start from our own certainties and, when we lose them, we turn to God. Our Lady, on the other hand, teaches us to start from God, trusting that in this way everything else will be given to us (cf. Mt 6:33). She invites us to go to the source, to the Lord, who is the ultimate remedy against fear and emptiness in life. There is a lovely phrase written above a confessional here in the Vatican that reminds us of this. It addresses God with these words, "To turn away from you is to fall, to turn back to you is to rise, to abide in you is to have life" (cf. SAINT AUGUSTINE, Soliloquies I, 3).



In these days, news reports and scenes of death continue to enter our homes, even as bombs are destroying the homes of many of our defenceless Ukrainian brothers and sisters. The vicious war that has overtaken so many people, and caused suffering to all, has made each of us fearful and anxious. We sense our helplessness and our inadequacy. We need to be told, "Do not be afraid". Yet human reassurance is not enough. We need the closeness of God and the certainty of his forgiveness, which alone eliminates evil, disarms resentment and restores peace to our hearts. Let us return to God and to his forgiveness.

A third time the angel speaks to Mary and says: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you" (Lk 1:35). That is how God intervenes in history: by giving his very Spirit. For in the things that matter, our own strength is not enough. By ourselves, we cannot succeed in resolving the contradictions of history or even those of our own hearts. We need the wisdom and gentle power of God that is the Holy Spirit. We need the Spirit of love who dispels hatred, soothes bitterness, extinguishes

greed and rouses us from indifference. We need God's love, for our love is fragile and insufficient. We ask the Lord for many things, but how often we forget to ask him for what is most important and what he desires most to give us: the Holy Spirit, the power to love. Indeed, without love, what can we offer to the world? It has been said that a Christian without love is like a needle that does not sew: it stings, it wounds, and if it fails to sew, weave or patch, then it is useless. This is why we need to find in God's forgiveness the power of love: the same Spirit who descended upon Mary.

If we want the world to change, then first our hearts must change. For this to happen, let us allow Our Lady to take us by the hand. Let us gaze upon her Immaculate Heart in which God dwelt, "our tainted nature's solitary boast". Mary is "full of grace" (v. 28), and thus free from sin. In her, there is no trace of evil and hence, with her, God was able to begin a new story of salvation and peace. There, in her, history took a turn. God changed history by knocking at the door of Mary's heart.

Today, renewed by God's forgiveness, may we too knock at the door of her immaculate heart. In union with the Bishops and faithful of the world, I desire in a solemn way to bring all that we are presently experiencing to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I wish to renew to her the consecration of the Church and the whole of humanity, and to consecrate to her in a particular way the Ukrainian people and the Russian people who, with filial affection, venerate her as a Mother.



This is no magic formula but a spiritual act. It is an act of complete trust on the part of children who, amid the tribulation of this cruel and senseless war that threatens our world, turn to their Mother, reposing all their fears and pain in her heart and abandoning themselves to her. It means placing in that pure and undefiled heart, where God is mirrored, the inestimable goods of fraternity and peace, all that we have and are, so that she, the Mother whom the Lord has given us, may protect us and watch over us.

Mary then uttered the most beautiful words that the angel could bring back to God: "Let it be to me according to your word" (v. 38). Hers was no passive or resigned acceptance, but a lively desire to obey God, who has "plans for welfare and not for evil" (Jer 29:11). Hers was the most intimate sharing in God's plan of peace for the world. We consecrate ourselves to Mary in order to enter into this plan, to place ourselves fully at the disposal of God's plans. After having uttered her "Fiat", the Mother of God set out on a long journey to the hill country, to visit a relative who was with child (cf. Lk 1:39). May she now take our own journey into her hands: may she guide our steps through the steep and arduous paths of fraternity and dialogue, along the way of peace.



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Shepherd Flock's Dialogue April 2022



Chancery Notice: Temporary Closure of Church (till 20 April)

In line with the pastoral guidelines to abide by the anti-pandemic measures of the Government as announced by the Hong Kong Diocese on 24 February, St. Anthony's Church informs parishioners of the following:

- Church is temporarily closed: until 20 April (Wednesday)
- · Public masses are temporarily suspended
- · Eucharistic Adoration and the rite of giving Holy Communion are suspended temporarily
- · All other religious gatherings are temporarily suspended

Online Mass & Services:

- Sunday Masses participation through the diocesan website www.catholic.org.hk and receive Holy Communion spiritually; OR reflecting on the Sunday liturgical text, reading the Bible or saying the Rosary, etc.
- The faithful can avail themselves of various online services to take part in daily Masses or spiritual exercises, such as the Rosary, the Angelus and daily morning prayer by visiting the diocesan website, the "Click to Pray" network (https://clicktopray.org), the Sunday Examiner website (http://www.examiner.org.hk/), etc.

Holy Week Liturgies: Live Broadcast (via the diocesan website)

- Holy Thursday, 14 April 11:00am Chrism Mass; 8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday, 15 April 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (fast and abstinence)
- Holy Saturday, 16 April 8:00pm Easter Vigil

Pope consecrates Russia & Ukraine:

'Spiritual act of trust amid cruel war'

On March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Pope Francis led a celebration of the sacrament of penance and the act of consecration of all humanity – especially Russia and Ukraine – to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in St. Peter's Basilica. The following is the full text of the pope's prepared homily.

In the Gospel reading for today's Solemnity, the angel Gabriel speaks three times in addressing the Virgin Mary.

The first is when he greets her and says, "Rejoice, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Lk 1:28). The reason to rejoice, the reason for joy, is revealed in those few words: the Lord is with you. Dear brother, dear sister, today you can hear those words addressed to you. You can make them your own each time you approach God's forgiveness, for there the Lord tells you, "I am with you". All too often, we think that Confession is about going to God with dejected looks. Yet it is not so much that we go to the Lord, but that he comes to us, to fill us with his grace, to fill us with his joy. Our confession gives the Father the joy of raising us up once more. It is not so much about our sins as about his forgiveness. Think about it: if our sins were at the heart of the sacrament, almost everything would depend on us, on our repentance, our efforts, our resolves. Far from it. The sacrament is about God, who liberates us and puts us back on our feet.

Let us recognize once more the primacy of grace and ask for the gift to realize that Reconciliation is not primarily our drawing near to God, but his embrace that enfolds, astonishes and overwhelms us. The Lord enters our home, as he did that of Mary in Nazareth, and brings us unexpected amazement and joy. Let us first look at things from God's perspective: then we will rediscover our love for Confession. We need this, for every interior rebirth, every spiritual renewal, starts there, from God's forgiveness. May we not neglect Reconciliation, but rediscover it as the sacrament of joy. Yes, of joy, for our



shame for our sins becomes the occasion for an experience of the warm embrace of the Father, the gentle strength of Jesus who heals us, and the "maternal tenderness" of the Holy Spirit. That is the heart of Confession.

And you, dear brother priests who are ministers of God's forgiveness, offer to those who approach you the joy of this proclamation: Rejoice, the Lord is with you. Set aside rigidity, obstacles and harshness; may you be doors wide open to mercy! Especially in Confession, we are called to act in the person of the Good Shepherd who takes his sheep into his arms and cradles them. We are called to be channels of grace that pour forth the living water of the Father's mercy on hearts grown arid.

A second time the angel speaks to Mary. She was troubled by his greeting, and so he tells her, "Do not be afraid" (v. 30). In the Scriptures, whenever God appears to those who receive him, he loves to utter those words: Do not be afraid! He says them to Abraham (cf. Gen 15:1), repeats them to Isaac (cf. Gen 26:24), to Jacob (cf. Gen 46:3) and so