



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

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We are a Catholic parish where people experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes how they live.

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Parish Office Schedule

Monday - Friday by phone: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Church Building Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

The church and chapel are the only areas open during these hours.

Mass Schedule

Live-stream on Facebook and homepage stamadison.org, then posted to YouTube

Sunday: 9:00 AM in English; 10:30 AM in Spanish

Monday: Fr. Bart will offer Mass in private

A staff member will post a personal prayer or devotion to Facebook sometime during the day

Tuesday - Saturday: 8:00 AM

Confession

Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturday: 9:00–10:00 AM

Adoration

Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturday: 9:00–10:00 AM



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

"El que entra por la puerta, ése es el pastor de las ovejas. A ése le abre el que cuida la puerta, y las ovejas reconocen su voz; él llama a cada una por su nombre y las conduce afuera". - Jn 10, 2-3

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Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua
03 de Mayo de 2020



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday/ Vocation Sunday

TODAY IS KNOWN AS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY because, in each year of the liturgical cycle on this fourth Sunday, the Gospel is always taken

from the tenth chapter of John where Jesus speaks of himself as the “Good Shepherd.” Our covenant relationship with God is built both on God’s call to us and on our response to God. To be sheep of God’s pasture, we must attune our ears to the sound of his voice calling us to abundant life.

The Second theme of this Sunday is the theme of Vocations. On this Sunday, we are especially asked first of all to pray that the Church may be provided with the leaders needed to do its work of spreading the Gospel. We know that at this time we have a shortage of priests and religious. So today we want to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. And we also want to do our part to promote religious vocations in our families. But we also want to pray about how we can help in our own vocations as Baptized Catholics to spread the Gospel ourselves. We too can spread the Gospel by being part of the great work of the New Evangelization. We can ask ourselves, “Where is God calling me to make my own unique contribution based on the particular talents God has given me?”

May Crowning

Today, as we begin the month of May, we will be celebrating May Crowning at the beginning of our 9:00 AM live streamed Mass. May is the Month of Mary and May Crowning is a traditional Catholic devotion where love and honor for our Blessed Mother is expressed through Marian hymns, prayers, and flowers. Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, in his weekly address to the faithful on April 30, 2006, explained Mary’s month in this way:

In the days that followed the Lord’s Resurrection, the Apostles stayed together, comforted by Mary’s presence, and after the Ascension they persevered with her in prayerful expectation of Pentecost. Our Lady was a mother and teacher to them, a role that she continues to play for Christians of all times. Every year, at Eastertide, we relive this experience more intensely and perhaps, precisely for this reason, popular tradition has dedicated to Mary the month of May that normally falls between Easter and Pentecost. Consequently, this month which we begin tomorrow helps us to rediscover the maternal role that she plays in our lives so that we may always be docile disciples and courageous witnesses of the Risen Lord. Let us entrust to Mary the needs of the Church and of the whole world.

Home Altar Honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary

I want to invite you to create a home altar in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary where you can place a candle, a statue of Mary, your rosaries, and other Marian art and images. You can also add flowers and have your own May Crowning in your home. Traditionally, children are meant to lead the May Crowning and offer the flowers to Mary. Since we cannot gather at Church publicly, please keep this tradition alive in your homes through the practice of making a prayer space honoring our Blessed Mother.

Live Streaming On Facebook AND YouTube!

Please take note that we are now live-streaming all of our Masses on both Facebook and YouTube. We hope that this improvement will help you pray along with us during these difficult times. Our Mass schedule is

- Tuesday-Saturday 8:00 AM
- Sunday 9:00 AM

Prayer for Life

For persons with disabilities: May their lives always be recognized as worth protecting and fighting for, especially during times of widespread illness; We pray to the Lord:



Prayer for Justice

For our elected officials: That they may make decisions that will protect the newly unemployed and all who are struggling to make ends meet due to the economic impacts of the pandemic; We pray to the Lord:

Baptism Prep. Sessions and Baptism Ritual Update

Good news! Baptism Preparation Sessions are still happening and so is the celebration of Baptisms! If you are looking to baptize your first child, please contact Lorianne Aubut at lorianne@stamadison.org to learn how to attend an online Baptism Preparation session.



Regarding the Baptisms: although, the public celebrations of Masses are not being held, Father Bart can still celebrate the ritual of Baptism without a Mass. There are specific guidelines to follow if you choose to baptize your child during these moments of the pandemic. Please contact Lorianne to start the conversation. Praying for all our young families!

Heart of Our Faith Retreat

The Heart of Our Faith Retreat scheduled for Saturday, March 14 is now a five-part video series that can be watched on YouTube! Visit stamadison.org for a link to our YouTube page.

The Care of Creation Team Invites You to Join Them May 16 to 24!

From May 16-24, the Care of Creation team invites you to unite with Catholics worldwide to celebrate the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis’s encyclical, *Laudato Si’*. During this extraordinary time of difficulty, Catholics everywhere can unite to reflect, pray, and prepare for a better future together. The week allows us to prepare for the Season of Creation in September, and to remember that everything is connected.

Check back here for reflections and prayers over the next several weeks leading up to *Laudato Si’* Week, and visit laudatosiweek.org for more information.”

Enrich Your Faith on Formed.org

The parish has gifted everyone with a subscription to Formed.org. Consider watching a movie "with" a group of friends, and chatting about it afterwards on the phone! Not yet on Formed.org? It's this easy: Log on to the site, choose "I belong to a parish", type in St. Thomas Aquinas, and register free with only your email address. You will then be signed in automatically anytime you want to watch, listen or read, all as a generous gift from our parish!

Mother's 2020 Day Crib Fill

Cancelled: In Person Mother's Day 2020 Crib Fill.

Because the "Safer at Home" order has been extended until the end of May, we will not be able to fill the Pack 'n Plays in our Gathering area this year.

Instead, we'll fill our 'virtual donation box' with financial gifts that will be distributed equally among

- 1) Our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Conference,
- 2) Pregnancy Helpline,
- 3) Elizabeth House
- 4) The Women's Care Center

Our support is especially important in these challenging times. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas, noting in the memo line "Crib Fill" and either bring them or mail them to the parish office.

Totus Tuus 2020 Update

Registration for our Summer Camp for Children: Totus Tuus has been postponed. We will not open registration until we hear from our diocese if they will continue their plan for Totus Tuus this summer. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Update: First Communion 2020

Dear Parents of Students in First Communion Preparation, I hope that you are all doing well! I want to share with you the latest update from our diocese and from our pastor, Father Bart, in regards to the celebration of First Communion. Please read below the note from Father Bart: "Governor Evers has extended our Safer At Home mandate to the end of May. We will have to postpone our First Communion and Confirmation Masses. At this time our hope is to celebrate First Communion as soon as possible and celebrate Confirmation at the end of September 2020. Please keep all of our youth preparing for the Sacraments in your prayers. We will keep you posted as to when these Masses will be celebrated. Thanks for being patient during this difficult time for any future planning."

We will create a plan soon and offer you the details on how First Communion Mass will look. If you have some initial questions, or concerns please let me know so we can consider those in our plan of action. Thank you again for your patience as we go through these unexpected changes in our plans.

Blessings, Lorianne

MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous support of our Make Disciples Capital Campaign.

As of April 28:

Campaign Goal.....	\$3,500,000
Amount Pledged to Date.....	\$3,038,344
Received to Date	\$1,017,422
Number of Households Participating.....	434

Make Disciples Capital Campaign

During this time of the Stay at Home orders; I have been calling people to check in on them. I haven't gotten very far; but one thing I have heard over and over is they are so thankful for the live-stream of our daily and weekend Masses. This capability of live-streaming is because of the expertise of Greg Buchberger and your pledges to the Make Disciples Capital Campaign. Without your financial support of our campaign, we could not be live-streaming as well. The projects are going to begin on May 11! Once everything is finished, it will be much easier for us to use live-streaming to allow those who cannot be physically present with us to stay connected to our parish! Thank you so much for your generosity!

Holly Irving



Back Breaking Labor of Love

Ismael and Nacho work to remove the flooring from the music area in preparation for the construction crew starting on May 11!

Charitable Gift Annuities

Guaranteed for life! That is what you get by making a gift in exchange for a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA). You are guaranteed a certain income for the rest of your life no matter how long you live or what interest rates are. Your gift gives twice—first to you in income and possible tax deductions and then to the parish at the end of your life. By endowing your gift, it will keep on giving forever.



Pray for Our Loved Ones
SERVING WITH THE ARMED FORCES

- CW4 Steve Artz
- A1C Margarita Clayton
- A1C Colin Donovan
- Captain Alex Harms
- SPC Shalice Hood
- SSGT Mark Jurakovich
- SSGT Mike Levesque
- Major Stuart Mark Slattery
- SGT Jack Vilim
- SSG Michael Bosold
- SFC Enrique Andres Cervantes
- Major Tim Doll
- A1C Brianna Herreid
- A1C Nicholas Jones
- LT Bradley Kirschbaum
- CPL Alyssa Rivera
- Steven Thomas
- 1st Lt. Christian Waechter
- Colleen Virgil

Thank you to all active and non active military members and their families that serve our country. We hold you in our heart and thank you for your service.

Please let Clarice (833-2600) know if there has been a change to the status of your family member.

Resources for Human Needs

- SVdP Conference:** St. Vincent du Paul Conference (food, rental assistance, school supplies, utilities) Phone messages only 608-205-8276
- www.momhelps.org/:** Middleton Outreach Ministry (food, rental assistance, utilities, clothing, rides, home chores)
- www.womenscarecenter.org/Madison.html:** Women's Care Center (counseling, ultrasound, baby items, parenting class)
- www.catholiccharitiesofmadison.org/:** Catholic Charities (adoption, aging services, developmental disabilities, counseling, alcohol - drug abuse treatment, adult day care)
- www.cmcmadison.org/:** Catholic Multicultural Center (meals, health services, education, job development, immigration legal help)
- abuseintervention.org/:** Domestic Abuse Intervention Service (crisis response, emergency shelter, support groups)
- www.silentnomoreawareness.org:** Abortion recovery help and awareness campaign
- hopeafterabortion.com:** Project Rachel (resources for abortion recovery)
- Madison AI-Anon Hotline:** support for people troubled by someone else's drinking or drug use - 608-255-5181
- www.elizabethhousedane.org:** Care Net Pregnancy Center of Dane County (residential maternity and parenting program)
- National Suicide Hotline:** 800-273-8255
- National Hotline for Sex Trafficking:** phone 1-888-373-7888 or text "help" to 233733

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, May 2

8:00 AM 50th Anniversary of Gary and Susan Hamblin ✦

Sunday, May 3: 4th Sunday of Easter;

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

9:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:30 AM Matilde Corona Verruecos and Carlos Rojas ✦

Monday, May 4

Private Mass: Otto and LaVerne Paradise and Vicki ✦

A staff member will post a personal prayer or devotion to Facebook sometime during the day

Tuesday, May 5: Cinco de Mayo

8:00 AM Kirsten Vanderscheuren ✦

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 AM Piotr Sak and Jan Szylow ✦

Thursday, May 7: National Day of Prayer

8:00 AM Tom Hess and Connie Kirschbaum ✦

Friday, May 8

8:00 AM Ed and Shirley King and Virginia Stiemsma ✦

Saturday, May 9

8:00 AM Paolo and Antonio Rufino ✦

Sunday, May 10: 5th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

9:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:30 AM Fr. Donald Murray ✦

Readings for the Week of May 3

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 - 13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

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Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

April 25/26

Offertory / Envelopes \$16,164

Counters Schedule

Due to Mass suspension and safety measures for COVID-19 counters are on hold until the public Mass schedule resumes.

Cemeteries and "Safer at Home"

Diocese of Madison Cemeteries are open. Please come decorate the graves of your loved ones (while observing the decorating regulations and the social distancing requirements). Burials continue, and we work closely with funeral homes to maintain safety during times of loss.

During this health emergency, we have established **safe practices for grave sales.** Our offices are closed to the public, but you can buy a grave starting with a phone call. Our family advisors can meet you outside at a safe distance to select graves. All paperwork and payment can be handled remotely. And while Wisconsin's "Safer at Home" order is in effect, we are offering special financing options.

Contact us by calling Mount Olivet in Janesville or Mount Thabor in Beloit at 608-754-3472; or Resurrection in Madison at 608-238-5561. Or contact us online at madisondiocese.org/cemeteries.

Cementerios y "Más seguros en Casa"

Los cementerios de la Diócesis de Madison están abiertos. Pueden ir a decorar las tumbas de sus seres queridos (observando los requerimientos y regulaciones indicados aquí the decorating regulations y aquí the social distancing requirements). Las sepulturas continúan y trabajamos muy cercanamente con las funerarias.

Durante estos tiempos de emergencia, hemos establecido **prácticas seguras para las ventas de las tumbas.** Nuestras oficinas están cerradas al público, pero estamos disponibles por teléfono. Nuestros servidores los pueden asistir afuera manteniendo distancia para que ustedes escojan la tumba. Todos los documentos y pagos se manejarán remotamente. Y mientras continuemos con la orden de "Más Seguros en Casa" en Wisconsin, ofreceremos opciones financieras especiales.

Contacte a los cementerios Mount Olivet en Janesville o Mount Thabor en Beloit al 608-754-3472; o Resurrection en Madison al 608-238-5561. O por línea: madisondiocese.org/cemeteries.

Enriquece tu fe con Formed.org

La parroquia le ha otorgado como regalo a todos los feligreses una suscripción a FORMED.ORG Consideren ver una película con amigos o familiares en la computadora o celular. Si todavía no tienes Formed.org sigue estos pasos. Ve a la página Formed.org, escoge individuo y que perteneces a una parroquia, escribe "St. Thomas Aquinas, Madison" y regístrate gratuitamente usando tu dirección de correo electrónico. Después podrás entrar automáticamente en cualquier momento que quieras ver, leer, o escuchar algo en Formed.org Disfruten este regalo de nuestra parroquia!!!

Aviso: Primera Comunión 2020

Queridos Padres de estudiantes en Preparación de Primera Comunión,

Espero que en este momento se encuentren bien! Quiero comunicarles el nuevo aviso que recibimos de parte de nuestra diócesis y de nuestro párroco, Padre Bart, con respecto a la celebración de la Primera Comunión. Por favor lean este mensaje de parte del Padre Bart: "El Gobernador Evers ha extendido el mandato de Más Seguros en Casa hasta finales de mayo. Por esta razón estaremos posponiendo nuestras Misas de la Primera Comunión y la de la Confirmación. En estos momentos es nuestro deseo el poder celebrar la Primera Comunión lo más pronto posible este verano y la Confirmación a finales de Septiembre del 2020. Continuaremos orando por todos los estudiantes en preparación sacramental en las próximas semanas y meses. Los mantendremos informados cuando tengamos fechas de estas Misas. Gracias por su paciencia durante este tiempo difícil mientras trabajamos en un nuevo plan."

Estaremos creando un nuevo plan y les ofreceremos los detalles de cómo será la Primera Comunión. Si usted tiene preguntas o preocupaciones con este cambio, por favor me deja saber para que podamos tomarlo en consideración en nuestro plan de acción. Muchas gracias nuevamente por su paciencia mientras vivimos estos inesperados cambios en nuestros planes.

Bendiciones, Lorianne

Changes Around the Parish!

Chapel



Sacristy



Parroquia Santo Tomás de Aquino

Ama a Dios. Ama a los Demás. Haz Discípulos!

Somos una parroquia Católica donde las personas presencian a Jesucristo de una manera que cambia la manera en la que viven.



Padre Bart Timmerman, Párroco

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua: Domingo del Buen Pastor/Domingo de las Vocaciones

Hoy se conoce como el **Domingo del Buen Pastor**, ya que cada año litúrgico el Evangelio del Cuarto Domingo de Pascua proviene del 10mo capítulo de Juan, cuando Jesús se identifica como el “Buen Pastor.” Nuestra relación con Dios es creada a través del llamado de Dios y nuestra respuesta hacia Dios. Para ser las ovejas del pastor, debemos estar dispuestos a escuchar su voz para así recibir vida en abundancia.

El segundo tema de este domingo es el de las Vocaciones. En este domingo, en especial, oramos para que la Iglesia tenga suficientes líderes que hagan el trabajo del Evangelio. En estos tiempos sabemos que no tenemos suficientes sacerdotes y religiosos y religiosas. Hagamos nuestra parte en orar para que veamos un aumento en estas vocaciones. Hagamos promoción de las vocaciones sacerdotales y religiosas en nuestras familias y compartamos el Evangelio con todas las personas y todos los católicos bautizados, ¿Cómo me está llamando Dios de manera única para contribuir en esta misión con los talentos que Él mismo me ha dado?

Coronación Mariana

Hoy para comenzar el mes mariano de mayo, queremos celebrar la Coronación de la Virgen en la Misa de las 10:30 AM. Mayo es el Mes de nuestra Santa Madre y la Coronación es una devoción tradicional de nuestra Iglesia donde expresamos nuestro amor y honor con canciones y oraciones marianas y flores ofrecidas a la Virgen. El Papa Emérito Benedicto XVI nos dijo en su mensaje el 30 de abril de 2006, que debemos ser valientes y dedicar el mes de mayo a María, quien fue una maestra para los discípulos y hoy todavía nos ayuda a ser testigos del Señor Resucitado. Llévemole a ella todas las necesidades de la Iglesia y las del mundo entero.

Altar Doméstico en Honor a la Virgen María

Los quiero invitar a que hagan un altar doméstico en sus hogares en honor a la Virgen María. Pueden colocar sus rosarios, estatuas e imágenes marianas. Pueden añadir flores y pueden hacer la coronación en sus hogares. Ya que no podemos reunirnos en la Misa, los invito a que mantengan la tradición viva al crear este altar y coronar sus estatuas marianas y hacer las oraciones marianas en honor a nuestra Santa Madre.

Misas

Debido a la pandemia del coronavirus, todas las celebraciones públicas de la Misa se han suspendido. De martes a sábado a las 8:00 AM las Misas en inglés serán grabadas en vivo en Facebook.com/Stamadison. El domingo la Misa en inglés a las 9:00 y la Misa en español a las 10:30 serán grabadas en vivo. También las subiremos a nuestro canal de YouTube

(youtube.com/c/StThomasAquinasChurchMadison/) para que las puedan acceder luego.

Confesiones

Martes, jueves, sábado 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Adoración al Santísimo

Martes, jueves, sábado 9:00 - 10:00 AM

El Rosario y el Estudio bíblico

se han suspendido hasta el fin de la pandemia.

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Sacramentos y otros

Para Bautismos, Primera Comunión. Confirmación, Matrimonios y Quinceañeras contacte a Lorianne Aubut. Para la unción de los enfermos contacte a Mary Bailey.

Transmisiones en VIVO por Facebook y ahora por YouTube!

Por favor noten que estamos transmitiendo las Misas en vivo por Facebook y ahora comenzamos por YouTube también de martes a sábado a las 8:00 AM (en inglés) y todos los domingos a las 10:30 AM (en español).

Aviso del Campamento Totus Tuus

El Registro para el Campamento de Verano de niños: Totus Tuus has sido pospuesto. No abriremos el registro hasta que escuchemos de parte de la diócesis si el plan de continuar el campamento con el equipo de Totus Tuus ocurrirá para este verano. Lamentamos cualquier inconveniencia.



Pope Francis Writes New Prayers and Asks Catholics to Pray the Rosary for End to Coronavirus Pandemic

Pope Francis asked Catholics to make a special effort in May to pray the rosary, knowing that by doing so they will be united with believers around the world asking for Mary's intercession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic. "Contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary, our mother, will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial," the pope said in a letter addressed to all Catholics and released by the Vatican April 25, 2020. Pope Francis wrote two prayers to Mary that can be recited at the end of the rosary, prayers he said he would be reciting "in spiritual union with all of you."

First Prayer

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Second Prayer

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God."

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

El Papa Francisco ofrece Nuevas Oraciones y le pide a los Católicos que recen el Rosario para el fin de la Pandemia del Corona Virus

El Papa Francisco le pide a los católicos que ofrezcan el mes de mayo para rezar el Rosario, de esta manera la unión de todos los creyentes promueve la intercesión de la Virgen María para el fin de la pandemia. El Papa ofreció un mensaje para todos, el cual fue publicado por el Vaticano el 25 de abril de 2020. El Papa Francisco escribió dos oraciones marianas que pueden ser recitadas con el rosario, y que el mismo Papa rezará con su rosario "en unión espiritual con todos ustedes."

Oración a María

Oh María, tú resplandesces siempre en nuestro camino como un signo de salvación y esperanza.

A ti nos encomendamos, Salud de los enfermos, que al pie de la cruz fuiste asociada al dolor de Jesús, manteniendo firme tu fe.

Tú, Salvación del pueblo romano, sabes lo que necesitamos y estamos seguros de que lo concederás para que, como en Caná de Galilea, vuelvan la alegría y la fiesta después de esta prueba.

Ayúdanos, Madre del Divino Amor, a conformarnos a la voluntad del Padre y hacer lo que Jesús nos dirá, Él que tomó nuestro sufrimiento sobre sí mismo y se cargó de nuestros dolores para guiarnos a través de la cruz, a la alegría de la resurrección. Amén.

Bajo tu amparo nos acogemos, Santa Madre de Dios, no desprecies nuestras súplicas en las necesidades, antes bien líbranos de todo peligro, oh Virgen gloriosa y bendita.

Oración a Maria

«Bajo tu amparo nos acogemos, Santa Madre de Dios».

En la dramática situación actual, llena de sufrimientos y angustias que oprimen al mundo entero, acudimos a ti, Madre de Dios y Madre nuestra, y buscamos refugio bajo tu protección.

Oh Virgen María, vuelve a nosotros tus ojos misericordiosos en esta pandemia de coronavirus, y consuela a los que se encuentran confundidos y lloran por la pérdida de sus seres queridos, a veces sepultados de un modo que hiere el alma. Sostiene a aquellos que están angustiados porque, para evitar el contagio, no pueden estar cerca de las personas enfermas. Infunde confianza a quienes viven en el temor de un futuro incierto y de las consecuencias en la economía y en el trabajo.

Madre de Dios y Madre nuestra, implora al Padre de misericordia que esta dura prueba termine y que volvamos a encontrar un horizonte de esperanza y de paz. Como en Caná, intercede ante tu Divino Hijo, pidiéndole que consuele a las familias de los enfermos y de las víctimas, y que abra sus corazones a la esperanza.

Protege a los médicos, a los enfermeros, al personal sanitario, a los voluntarios que en este periodo de emergencia combaten en primera línea y arriesgan sus vidas para salvar otras vidas. Acompaña su heroico esfuerzo y concédeles fuerza, bondad y salud.

Permanece junto a quienes asisten, noche y día, a los enfermos, y a los sacerdotes que, con solicitud pastoral y compromiso evangélico, tratan de ayudar y sostener a todos.

Virgen Santa, ilumina las mentes de los hombres y mujeres de ciencia, para que encuentren las soluciones adecuadas y se venza este virus.

Asiste a los líderes de las naciones, para que actúen con sabiduría, diligencia y generosidad, socorriendo a los que carecen de lo necesario para vivir, planificando soluciones sociales y económicas de largo alcance y con un espíritu de solidaridad.

Santa María, toca las conciencias para que las grandes sumas de dinero utilizadas en la incrementación y en el perfeccionamiento de armamentos sean destinadas a promover estudios adecuados para la prevención de futuras catástrofes similares.

Madre amantísima, acrecienta en el mundo el sentido de pertenencia a una única y gran familia, tomando conciencia del vínculo que nos une a todos, para que, con un espíritu fraterno y solidario, salgamos en ayuda de las numerosas formas de pobreza y situaciones de miseria. Anima la firmeza en la fe, la perseverancia en el servicio y la constancia en la oración.

Oh María, Consuelo de los afligidos, abraza a todos tus hijos atribulados, haz que Dios nos libere con su mano poderosa de esta terrible epidemia y que la vida pueda reanudar su curso normal con serenidad.

Nos encomendamos a Ti, que brillas en nuestro camino como signo de salvación y de esperanza. ¡Oh clementísima, oh piadosa, oh dulce Virgen María! Amén.