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Dear Parishioners,

It is spring, spring is a time of hope and revival. Though we are in difficult times nature is at its best for us to behold. The flowers are blossoming, nature comes almost alive these days. In our lives these days in spite of social distancing let us be close to the nature and to one another in our concern. We have made full commitment to keep our office open but we would like you to call us instead of coming to the office to deal with the concerns that you have. If the secretary is not available I will personally pick up the phone.

The diocese has advised us to contact the parishioners and donate the Sunday offering online. You will have my letter in a couple of days from either in your mail or in your email.

May the Lord help us in these days of need and difficulties. As we celebrated the Solemnity of St. Joseph the Patron of Canada may he intercede for us and help us out of this situation of uncertainty and helplessness.

Prayers and blessings,

Fr. John Alex Pinto OCD

Pastor



Articles of International Catholic Stewardship Council (March e bulletin)

Fourth Sunday of Lent Weekend of March 21/22, 2020

Saint Paul gives us a wakeup call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ's work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ's active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too. We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection: Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts? Is the light of Christ reflecting out from us to others?

The Coming of Spring: A Time for Hope

This year the spring season begins on Thursday, March 19, just three weeks before the great Easter Triduum begins. One of the first readings of the spring season gives us hope, for it reminds us of the Lord's return. Just as the earth shows an early sign of renewal, the prophet Hosea pledges that the Lord will return to heal us, bind our wounds, revive and renew us. "He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain that waters the earth" (Hosea 6:1-6).

For some people, Lent is a gloomy time. Perhaps a childhood memory of deprivation, with no real understanding of the reason for the sacrifice, clouds their memory of Lent. Perhaps for some Catholics, thoughts of the terrible suffering and death of Jesus overshadows and depresses their Lenten observance. For some, after a purposeful march to the altar to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, the discipline of Lent fades.

Not so for the Christian steward. Good stewards remain faithful to the discipline of the Lenten season, but they also remain hopeful with a deep sense of joy. After all, what is Lent but a reminder of our salvation?

What is Lent but the harbinger of the Life that conquered all death? It's not an accident that Lent occurs just as we begin to realize, at least for those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, that once again, the light and color of spring are returning.

In the midst of our Lenten discipline, the prophet means to comfort us. Just as the spring rains begin to fall, the promise of Easter's joy will soon be upon us. It is indeed a time of hope as the prophet encourages us to return to the Lord as well (Hos 6:1).

As Lent begins, we may struggle through cold and ice, in our world and in our hearts. But as Easter nears, the delicate leaves of crocuses and daffodils speak of Resurrection. Lent demands discipline, but it also inspires hope. As faithful stewards of the Gospel message, we know how the story ends!

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Mass Intentions		
Day	Time	Intention
Sun Mar 22	9:00AM	+Margaret Roybal+
	11:00AM	Thanksgiving Bernardo & Gamboa Family
	12:30PM	Sp. Int. of the Parishioners
Mon Mar 23	8:00AM	Sp. Int. of Nestor Chan
Tue Mar 24	7:00PM	+Milagros Jarcia Daluro+
Wed Mar 25	8:00AM	Sp. Int. of Kurt DuPerron
Thu Mar 26	8:00AM	+Remedios G. Legazpi+
Fri Mar 27	8:00AM	+Peter Tan+
Sat Mar 28	9:00AM	+Patrick Higgin Botham+
	4:00PM	Sp. Int. of Anne Engel