Welcome!

Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our faith Community here at St. Luke Parish. Whether you are a long time resident or have newly arrived in the parish, we thank God for you.

If you are not registered, please email us.

**CHAPEL** is open for visit to our Eucharistic Lord every day, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### SACRAMENTS

**Eucharistic Celebrations (Outdoors)**
- First Friday of the Month—8:30am
- Saturday—5:00pm
- Sunday—8:00am and 10:00am

**Baptism (Infants)**
- Saturday—11:00am

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

**Reconciliation (Confession)**
- 4:00—4:30pm in the Church
- Please sign up at saintlukefc@gmail.com

**Marriage**
- Please call the Parish Office at least 8 - 12 months before the desired wedding date.

**Anointing of the Sick**
- For Last Rites please call or email us.

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor**
- Rev. Jonathan G. Paala

**Deacon**
- Deacon Mar Tano

**Director of Religious Education**
- Sr. Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM

**Secretaries**
- Maria Teresa Alvarez
- Maryvee Estacio
GOD’S MERCY

In many of our relationships with others—friends, spouse, neighbors, or co-workers—often the most difficult times come when someone damages the relationship. There are moments when only apology and forgiveness can lead to healing. In this week’s readings, we are reminded how our connection with God is woven into our relationships with others. God is the source of all mercy, and all of us stand in need of forgiveness. As we are able to accept the mercy of God deep within our hearts, we become empowered to show mercy to others. When things go badly in our relationships, we can remember that God is present at the center of these difficult moments. God is offering grace to ask forgiveness, to receive apology, and to accept the forgiveness extended to us.

FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING

In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive “seventy-seven” times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach.

Jesus’ parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us. Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

It is also tempting to view this teaching on forgiveness in isolation. This would suggest that the burden is placed entirely upon the offended person to go on forgiving, without mentioning any accountability on the part of the offending person. This interpretation can often be dangerous. The call to forgive should never be used as a cover for bullying or for oppressive relationships of any kind.

It is helpful to consider all of chapter 18 in Matthew’s Gospel, which teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation, and the exercise of authority in the Christian community. Last week’s Gospel (Matthew 18:15–18) provides guidance on how Christians can call to accountability someone who has hurt others, to protect the weak, and to seek reconciliation as a community. The parable we hear today reminds us that, like the master who protected the second servant from the cruelty of the unforgiving servant, God seeks to guard the most vulnerable from harm.

The Gospel of Matthew presented an alternative to the violence-based order of his day. Matthew described Jesus’ vision of community, in which power is used at the service of all and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

TODAY’S READINGS

Sirach 27:30 — 28:7
Psalm 103:1–4, 9–12
Romans 14:7–9
Matthew 18:21–35
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You missed the point,” we might be tempted to shout at the servant in today’s Gospel. His master had just forgiven a huge debt when he cried for mercy, and yet, when given the opportunity to show mercy himself, he instead acted violently and with retribution toward a fellow servant. Certainly, he had missed the point of his master’s merciful actions toward him, and suffered the consequences as a result. He missed the point. He is not alone, however. We all “miss the point” sometimes—we miss the point of God’s enduring covenant of love, and miss the mark in our call to live as though we are the Lord’s, for this is who we are.

BECOMING MORE LIKE CHRIST

When Peter asked Jesus how many times he must forgive, he was probably stunned at Jesus’ response. Peter had asked, “As many as seven times?” Seven being the perfect number, surely this is enough forgiveness, Peter likely thought. Jesus’ response seems lavish beyond proportion. “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” Jesus understands the fullness of God’s mercy and teaches that disciples are called to this same lavish outpouring of mercy. God showers compassion on humanity, beyond what might seem sensible or wise, yet we are called to “remember the Most High’s covenant, and overlook faults,” to give others the benefit of the doubt, knowing that God does this and more with us, each and every day. As recipients of God’s compassion, we must extend forgiveness and care beyond what might seem reasonable, because God’s love is beyond human reason.

HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

All this might seem just too much for us. It is one thing to recognize God’s enduring covenant love. It is another to grasp that we are called to the same sort of lavishness in mercy and forgiveness ourselves. Saint Paul helps us put this in perspective. We no longer live for ourselves, but for the Lord. In life and death, we belong to God and are called to be witnesses to God’s love, even in the most challenging circumstances. A friend turns away from us; we are called to turn toward the friend with mercy. A co-worker hurts us; we are called to approach him or her with forgiveness, seventy-seven times no less! God’s love is always about what is just and right. As God’s people, we live and die for the Lord, forgive even when it doesn’t make sense to do so, and leave the rest in God’s hands.

Readings: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Rom 14:7–9; Mt 18:21–35

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FORGIVENESS
Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again. Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: “Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?”

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord. Jesus’ parable in today’s Gospel reminds us of God’s compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).
Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).
Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).
Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

Prayer of Reparation especially during these times when we are witnessing the desecration of the Blessed Eucharist and statues of blessed Saints...

“Most Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.”

PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS’ INTENTION
RESPECT FOR THE PLANET’S RESOURCES
We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
NO Weekday Public Masses (intentions will still be offered during the private Mass celebrated by our pastor, Fr. Jonathan)
5PM SATURDAY ANTICIPATED OUTDOOR MASS
8AM & 10AM SUNDAY OUTDOOR MASSES

Holy Mass Intentions for September 14 — 20, 2020

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Legend: † - Deceased, SI-Special Intention, BD-Birthday
Missa Pro Populo-General Intentions/Mass for the People

Adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament
“When we go before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we represent the one in the world who is in most need of God’s Mercies. We stand in behalf of the one in the world who does not know Christ and who is farthest away from God and we bring down upon their soul the Precious Blood of the Lamb.”
—POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

“For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”
—John 6:33

Although the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has been suspended until further notice, the Chapel will remain open, Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to allow moments of personal encounter with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

For Online Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, visit: virtualadoration.home.blog

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine
Friday: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5781
Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

We pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (3x)

Eternal rest grant unto the souls of Your beloved, O Lord.

† Fr. Frank Bagadiong, † Fr. Dennis Steik, † Fr. Raymond Zohlen, † Fr. Tom Timmins, † Clarita Dela Cruz, † Alex Minerva, † Manisha Patil, † Chris Miller, † Zenaida Froilan, † Arturo Almeda, † Myke Viray, † Teresa Bautista, † Sue Rathjen, † all victims of the coronavirus pandemic

We pray for God’s healing mercies upon the sick:

Feliz Acosta  Badette Ledesma  Patti Panfile
Juris Arcilla  Celia Leones  Rosetta Parisian
Minerva Barnhart  Dancy Lim  Violet Pastrana
Jim Bortak  Christian Liwag  Tom Pope
Mary Ann Bravo  Arturo Martin  Frances Presutto
Ruben Calderon, Jr.  Natividad Martin  Angela F. Reyes
Bobby Calderon  Fr. Kieran McCormick  Estrella Reyes
Michael Carmody  Andres Mendez  Kathy Sampson
Elizabeth Fong  Angela Mihecie  Jennifer Shamway
Dennis B. Huang  Bozidar Mihecie  Manny Torres
Barbara Keefer  Jon Miller  Joe Touchstone
Tom Keefer  Virginia Molina  Priscilla Touchstone
JoAnn Kozloski  Edgar Navarro  Those suffering from
Jackie Kuo  Ed Page  the Coronavirus

“...for by His wounds you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)
The liturgy of the Cross is a triumphant liturgy. When Moses lifted up the bronze serpent over the people, it was a foreshadowing of the salvation through Jesus when He was lifted up on the Cross. Our Mother Church sings of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross.

We make the Sign of the Cross before prayer which helps to fix our minds and hearts to God. After prayer we make the Sign of the Cross to keep close to God. During trials and temptations our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross. At Baptism we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, signifying the fullness of redemption and that we belong to Christ. Let us look to the cross frequently, and realize that when we make the Sign of the Cross we give our entire self to God — mind, soul, heart, body, will, thoughts.

O cross, you are the glorious sign of victory.
Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.

Symbol: The cross of triumph is usually pictured as a globe with the cross on top, symbolic of the triumph of our Savior over the sin of the world, and world conquest of His Gospel through the means of a grace (cross and orb).  catholicculture.org

Prayer to Christ Crucified

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Your face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment.

While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said to You, my Jesus: “They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones.”

Amen.
This feast dates back to the 12th century. It was especially promoted by the Cistercians and the Servites, so much so that in the 14th and 15th centuries it was widely celebrated throughout the Catholic Church. In 1482 the feast was added to the Missal under the title of "Our Lady of Compassion." Pope Benedict XIII added it to the Roman Calendar in 1727 on the Friday before Palm Sunday. In 1913, Pope Pius X fixed the date on September 15. The title "Our Lady of Sorrows" focuses on Mary's intense suffering during the passion and death of Christ. "The Seven Dolors," the title by which it was celebrated in the 17th century, referred to the seven swords that pierced the Heart of Mary. The feast is like an octave for the birthday of Our Lady on September 8th.—Excerpted from Our Lady of Sorrows by Fr. Paul Haffner (Inside the Vatican, September 2004)

This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance.

May the numerous tears of the Mother of God be conducive to our salvation; with which tears Thou, O God, art able to wash away the sins of the whole world. Amen.

As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul. Below are the seven sorrows of Mary:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:25-35)
2. The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15)
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50)
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (John 19:25-30)
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37)

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And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed—and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."
UPDATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Luke Religious Ed Classes
Although classes already started on September 2nd, you can still enroll your child until the end of September. This Fall, Saint Luke will offer a BLENDED Learning environment – a combination of VIRTUAL Zoom classes, a bring-home TEXT-BOOK, and occasional IN-PERSON session (of 8 to 10 students only) when the county of San Mateo permits it. Gathering the students for the IN-PERSON session is dependent on whether the public schools in San Mateo will open this Fall. Registration Forms are available in the office or may be downloaded from the St. Luke Church Website, www.saintlukefc.org.

God’s Gifts during the Pandemic
Outdoor Masses ... Christ is truly alive among us for healing & strength as we worship God together
First Friday (8:30am) | Saturday (5pm)
Sunday (8:00am & 10:00am)
Confession ... Christ granting us peace, forgiveness, and healing for new life in His Spirit
Saturday (4:00-4:30pm or by appointment)
Baptism ... Christ makes us adopted children, and coheirs with Him as temples of the Holy Spirit
Saturday (11:00am)
Visit to the Blessed Sacrament ... Christ waits for you to be with Him...
Chapel open M-Sun 8am to 6pm
“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)

Thanks for Your Donations
In spite of the difficult situation we are facing, I wish to thank you for your continuous support of our parish through your prayers and generous donations. I pray that you and your families will remain safe and well within the shelter of our merciful Savior.
— Fr. Jonathan Paala
Go to sfarch.org/lifeline select “St. Luke Parish”. You can also mail or drop your donation in the parish office mail box or Sunday Collection Box. Thanks so much! God bless your generous hearts!

Get Updates from St. Luke through Flocknote
Connect with us through Flocknote.
To join, text Alleluia to 84576 or login to saintlukechurch.flocknote.com

Upcoming Respect Life Events
Healing After Abortion for Men (in English)
September 19, 8:30 a.m. to 3 pm.
A day long retreat for healing after abortion led by Contemplatives of St. Joseph Father Vito Perrone. For more information or to sign up https://sfarch.org/healing-for-men or projectrachel@sfarch.org or call 415-614-5567
This short video with Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ, invites men to the retreat — https://youtu.be/gXmbkSL6cIY

Healing Mass for Miscarriages & Infant Loss
September 26, 10 a.m.
Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ will offer a Mass and Healing Service for all those who have experienced the loss of an infant whether by miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant death. Sign up at https://sfarchdiocese.org/infant-loss-mass

Act Now to Help Save Catholic Schools
COVID-19 has contributed to the permanent closure of 130 Catholic schools across 23 states. Additionally, internal surveys show ten percent of Catholic schools are now uncertain if they can open their doors this fall. That means as many as 500 or more Catholic schools could be in jeopardy.
Please join the USCCB in asking Congress to include additional relief for Catholic schools in the next emergency relief package.
Public schools are asking for $300 billion dollars, and it is important to make sure that hard-hit Catholic school families also receive emergency relief. Please take a moment to contact your Members of Congress to ask for emergency aid to Catholic schools and hard-hit families in the next COVID-19 relief package. We are asking Congress for direct funding to families for education expenses, including Catholic school tuition. We encourage you to add your own personal story about your Catholic school experience in the message as well. Go to https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/76171/
Respond
Sign the Petition
Archbishop Cordileone Calls on San Francisco to Lift Unfair Restrictions on the Mass
Archbishop Salvatore has asked the city government to free up the requirements for worship. A petition that can be filled out online is now available to be signed. We ask you to support and sign the petition by going to www.benedictinstitute.org/lifunfairrestrictions. You can read Archbishop’s full statement on the archdiocesan website, https://sfarch.org

Meetings for Men Discerning a Priestly Vocation
Monthly meetings for men interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood are resuming: for San Mateo County on the first Monday of each month; for San Francisco County on the third Monday. The question of meetings online via Zoom or meetings in person is still to be settled. Any man interested in participating should contact one of the priests below:
First Monday Meetings:
St. Pius X Church, Redwood City
Fr. Tom Martin
martin.thomas@sfarch.org

Third Monday Meetings:
Church of the Visitación, San Francisco
Fr. Cameron Faller
faller.cameron@sfarch.org.415-317-4436

Fall Marriage Encounter Weekends
A Get-Away Weekend!!! Do you need a vacation Give yourself and your spouse time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Enjoy a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you!
The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Nov 13-15, 2020 in San Jose, CA and Oct 2-4, 2020 in Reno, NV.
For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit sanjosewwme.org, or contact Ken & Claranne applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

Take a stand for JUSTICE & LIFE for ALL this Autumn of 2020
From September 23 - November 1 commit to one (or more) hours weekly (or even daily!) at the 40 Days for Life peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil in front of the abortion business at:
2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City
You can make this commitment by scheduling yourself online at: www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity For scheduling by phone, questions, difficulties or help, contact Jessica (scheduler) at 650-918-9119 (mobile) or 650-572-1468 (landline) or email themunns@yahoo.com
God will surely bless you for it – you will not be at the vigil alone – and you may save a life!
Approved by the Archdiocese of San Francisco

Outdoor Cathedral Plaza Masses
1111 Gough St., San Francisco
Outdoor Masses continue on the Cathedral Plaza on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will be present. Parish livestreamed Masses and outdoor Masses are listed at sfarch.org/livestreams. Find additional ways to observe the commandment to keep Sundays holy at https://sfarch.org/keeping-the-sabbath. Schedules of future Masses at the Cathedral can be found on the website, sfarchdiocese.org/cathedral-livestreams.

Movie Tells the Life of Patrick Peyton, the Rosary Priest
Pray is an original documentary film that will be opening nationwide on October 9. It tells the story of Venerable Patrick Peyton, who dedicated his life and priestly mission to the message of family prayer.
“We have created a moving film that depicts the power of prayer, but Pray is more than a movie — it’s a prayer movement,” says Fr. David Guffey, C.S.C., national director of Family Theater Productions and executive producer of Pray. Fr. Patrick Peyton pioneered radio and television evangelism, and coined the famous phrase, “The family that prays together stays together,” which is more relevant today than ever, as families remain constrained by the regulations and dangers of the COVID-19 crisis and are turning to prayer privately and publicly. For complete information on the film and scheduled showings, visit the website, praythefilm.com
LIVE STREAM MASSES
For those who cannot celebrate with us in St. Luke’s...
At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the
invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood. Faithful to the
Lord's command the Church continues to do, in his memory and until his glorious return,
what he did on the eve of his Passion: “He took bread. . . .”
“He took the cup filled with wine. . . .” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1333)

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
in San Francisco
https://www.youtube.com/archdioceseofsanfrancisco
Monday through Friday:
12:10 pm
Sunday: 11:00 am

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)
Television Broadcast
5:00 am, 9:00 am, 4:00 pm, 9:00 am
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AT&T 562, Astound 80, Sirius
Website
www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/united-states

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St. Gregory Parish, San Mateo
http://saintgregorychurch.org and
https://www.facebook.com/saintgregorychurch
Daily including weekends at 12:00 noon

St. Charles, San Carlos/
St. Matthias, Redwood City
https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesParishSC
Monday-Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

Our Lady of Angels Parish, Burlingame
Monday-Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

St. Catherine of Siena, Burlingame
https://www.stcsiena.org

St. Augustine Parish, South San Francisco
https://www.facebook.com/SACC45thYear
Daily Mass 10:00 am

All Souls Parish, South San Francisco
https://allsoulsparishssf.org/
Daily 6:00 pm

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, East Palo Alto
https://www.facebook.com/Parroquia-de-San-Francisco-de-Asis-103290567983242
Monday-Friday 8:00 am (Bilingual)
Saturday 6:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday 7:30 am (English) and
9:30 am (Spanish)

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Daly City
https://www.facebook.com/olmdalycity
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am and 12:00 noon

St. Pius Parish, Redwood City
https://www.pius.org/stream
Daily Mass 12:00 noon (English)
Sunday 9:30 (English) & 11:30 am (Spanish)

St. Timothy Parish, San Mateo
https://www.facebook.com/sttimothysanmateo/
Sunday Masses: 9:00 am (English),
12:00 noon (Spanish)
Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Month of September is dedicated to
Our Sorrowful Mother

Prayer
Our Mother of Sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore Him in your arms, mourning and weeping. We honor you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We honor you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things for you. We honor you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of His passion. O Blessed Mary, Mother of Sorrows, stand by all your children who need comfort and love. Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our needs. Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.
(St. Louis De Montfort's Consecration)

Prayer to our Eucharistic Lord Jesus
Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I desire, my Lord, to receive You with the purity, humility, and devotion with which Your most holy Mother received You, and with the spirit and fervor of Your saints.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.
PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.
—Archbishop José Gómez of Los Angeles, President United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

BELLS CALL TO PRAYER
Set your alarm to these times, then pray the indicated prayer at that hour.
9:00 a.m. - Prayer for those infected with the virus and all who are ill
Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

12:00 p.m. - Prayer for health care workers and those attending to the sick
Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

3:00 p.m. - Prayer for first responders and essential workers
Lord, we pray for those who run to danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

6:00 p.m. - Prayer for people of every nation and their leaders
Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray for people of every nation and their leaders, asking that they be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

9:00 p.m. - Prayer for those who have died today
Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.
— Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago
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