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 will be OPEN for PERSONAL PRAYER**
Monday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**SACRAMENTS**
- Eucharistic Celebrations
- Tune in to EWTN TV or watch livestream Mass at https://sfarch.org/livestreams
- Baptism (Infants)
- NO Sacrament of Baptism, unless urgent
- Reconciliation (Confession)
- Saturday, 4:00pm at 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 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
THE ONE WHO KNOWS US BY NAME

Today’s readings tell about the confusion and fear that followed Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. In Acts, the people ask, “What are we to do?” after they are reminded that they were part of the death of Jesus, who was Lord and Christ. In First Peter we are reminded of Jesus’ innocence. He did nothing to deserve the suffering and death that he experienced for us. Both the psalm and First Peter introduce the image of Jesus as shepherd. John’s Gospel talks about Jesus as shepherd but not in the usual way. We recognize this shepherd’s voice because he calls each of us by name. The confusion and fear we too often feel is calmed by the voice of the One who knows us by name.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

The readings describe that time when confused and frightened followers of Jesus looked to the apostles to tell them what to do after the Crucifixion and Resurrection. The answer seems simple. They must believe that Jesus, whom they crucified, is both Lord and Christ, both God and human. They must acknowledge their complicity in his death and seek forgiveness. They must be baptized. In First Peter the standard for their behavior is Jesus’ behavior. Jesus, though free from sin himself, bore our sins and returned no insult or threat. Peter introduces the image of the shepherd who is the guardian of us who have gone astray. The Gospel emphasizes not the shepherd’s leadership but that we are called by name.

LISTEN FOR YOUR NAME

The emphasis in John’s Gospel is not on the leadership of the shepherd. The focus is specifically on the voice of the shepherd. We listen for the shepherd who calls us by name. We are not called to follow passively. We are called to recognize our name when it is spoken. We are to listen so that we can hear the voice of the One who knows who we truly are—not the external, transient realities like “I am a doctor” or “I am a mother.” Our real name known to our Creator is much more than the roles we fill or the work we do. If my name is who I truly am, then I must listen for the One who calls me “forgiven” and “merciful” and “beloved.” For this is my true name. This is my true nature.

TODAY’S READINGS

Acts 2:1, 4a, 36–41
Psalm 23:1–6
1 Peter 2:20b–25
John 10:1–10
May 3, 2020

IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD
For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).
Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).
Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).
Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo
Thursday: National Day of Prayer

COUNTING SHEEP
When at night you cannot sleep, talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.
—Anonymous

PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS’ INTENTION
FOR DEACONS
We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

No daily and Sunday Mass in Church until further notice.
Mass intentions will still be offered during the private Mass celebrated by our Pastor, Fr. Jonathan Paala.
Tune in to EWTN TV or watch livestream Mass at https://sfarch.org/livestreams

Holy Mass Intentions for May 4 — 10, 2020

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Legend: † - Deceased, SI-Special Intention, BD-Birthday

Adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament
Blessed Easter! The Lamb Who was slain, is the Lamb Who is Risen! Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament is the Lamb of God! Worthy is the Lamb! O come let us behold Him who has won for us salvation! O come let us adore Him, for the Bread of Life—our Eucharistic Lord Jesus—is really and personally here! O Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Lamb of God, be with us and bless us this Easter and always! O Mother of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Mother of the Lamb, lead us ever closer to Your Son’s Eucharistic Heart! Amen. Alleluia. therealpresence.org

“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 9:00 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
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.
†Sue Rathjen, †Terrence O’Donnell, †Pauline Glenn, †Mary Grace Reyes, †Gertrudes Ubaldo and all Coronavirus victims

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

Feliz Acosta           JoAnn Kozloski           Angelina Paguio
Baby Aleman            Jackie Kuo              Patti Fanfile
Juris Arcilla          Badette Ledesma         Rosetta Parisian
Mario Calabretta       Celia Leones            Tom Pope
Minerva Barnhart       Dancy Lim               Frances Presutto
Teresa Bautista         Christian Liwag          Angela F. Reyes
Jim Bortak             Arturo Martin            Estrella Reyes
Ruben Calderon, Jr.    Andres Mendez            Kathy Sampson
Michael Carmody        Angela Mihelec            Jennifer Shamway
Elizabeth Fong          Bozidar Mihelec           Manny Torres
Dennis B. Huang         Jon Miller               Priscilla Touchstone
Barbara Keefer          Edgar Navarro           Those suffering from
Tom Keefer              Ed Page                 the Coronavirus

“...for by His wounds you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)
**LIVE STREAM MASSES**

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)*

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**Masses every day at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco**

- [https://www.youtube.com/archdioceseofsanfrancisco](https://www.youtube.com/archdioceseofsanfrancisco)
- **Monday through Friday:**
  - 7:30 am and 12:10 pm
- **Saturday:** 8:00 am and 5:30 pm
- **Sunday:** 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00 am; Spanish Mass at 1:00 pm

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**Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)**

- Comcast 229 Direct TV 370, Dish 261,
- AT&T 562, Astound 80, Sirius
- [www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/united-states](http://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/united-states)

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**Bishop Barron’s Word on Fire**

- [https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass](https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass)

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**SAN MATEO COUNTY**

**St. Gregory Parish**, San Mateo

- [http://saintgregorychurch.org](http://saintgregorychurch.org) and [https://www.facebook.com/saintgregorychurch](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](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 10:00 am

**Our Lady of the Wayside**, Portola Valley

**and St. Denis**, Menlo Park

- [https://www.facebook.com/groups/1243580612689197](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1243580612689197)
- Monday-Saturday 11:30 am

**St. Augustine Parish**, South San Francisco

- [https://www.facebook.com/SACC45thYear](https://www.facebook.com/SACC45thYear)
- Daily Mass 10:00 am

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**All Souls Parish**, South San Francisco

- [https://allsoulsparishssf.org/](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](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](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](https://www.pius.org/stream)
- Evening Prayer Daily, 6:00 pm
- Daily Mass 11:00 am (Spanish) and 12:00 noon (English)
- Sunday 9:30 (English) & 11:30 am (Spanish)

**St. Raymond Parish**, Menlo Park

- [https://www.facebook.com/fatherjerome.cudden](https://www.facebook.com/fatherjerome.cudden)
- Daily 9:00 am (including Sunday)
Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities has launched a Walking with Moms in Need: a Year of Service project starting March 25, 2020. During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, we can come together to build a foundation of prayer for this effort from our home base. Sign up today at www.walkingwithmoms.com for the prayers and to support this year-long project.

Novena to St. Gianna Beretta Molla. Beginning on April 28, the feast day of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, the USCCB will share a novena seeking her intercession for pregnant women and all who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. St. Gianna was a 20th century physician, wife, and mother. To receive this novena, sign up at www.walkingwithmoms.com/saint-gianna-novena

Pray Daily for Pregnant Mothers. Go to: www.walkingwithmoms.com/prayer-for-pregnant-mothers

Rosary and Novena for Vocations

The Office of Vocations invites all Catholics to pray for our current seminarians and those being called to enter the seminary, and for an end to the pandemic. Pray the Rosary and Novena Prayer to St. Charles Borromeo each evening with others beginning on April 24 (the prayer is livestreamed on youtube.com/starparish). The Novena will culminate in the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on May 3. St. Charles Borromeo was a priest who helped to care for the sick in a plague during the 1600s in Milan. He also is the patron saint of seminarians. Contact Fr. Cameron Faller 415-614-5683 | faller.cameron@sfarch.org

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

“I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide.” John 15:16

St. Mary’s Cathedral Offers Crisis Prayer Helplines

All are invited to e-mail prayer petitions to Deacon Sandoval at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. We will remember those who are suffering illness of spirit, mind, or body, those who are grieving, and those who are infected or affected by the coronavirus. Crisis Helpline Prayer Phone Support is also available. Please e-mail your request to Rcs7777@comcast.net or by phone. We are available particularly for those who are sick, homebound, or in hospital, and those are infected and affected by the coronavirus.

Marriage Encounter Weekend Set for August

Marriage Encounter is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you might be taking for granted. The next scheduled Marriage Encounter is August 1-2 in San Francisco. For information and updates, visit the website, sanjosewvme.org , or contact Ken and Claranne at 408-782-1413.

Daily Rosary via Phone

Participate with fellow Catholics in prayer for protection from and defeat of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Restorative Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of San Francisco offers a Daily Rosary Rally and Community Prayer at 7:00pm, in which we can join together through our phones. For a complete schedule, and instructions on how to join the community in prayer, visit the Rosary Rally page sfarchdiocese.org/rosary

Mental Health during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Archdiocesan Mental Health Ministry has posted on its webpage an article and a video that can help with stress and anxiety during this unprecedented time of pandemic. The article and the video recommend, and demonstrate, the practice of prayer. In addition to these new additions, the Mental Health webpage has many other resources, and contact information for mental help consultations and interventions. Visit sfarch.org/mental-health.
A Conversation Helpline from Archdiocesan Staff
For many, these are tough times. Some of us feel overwhelmed, anxious, depressed, and maybe even hopeless. Talking over your concerns with a caring person can help you gain some perspective. Praying with someone can help you place your confidence in the God who cares for you and your future even more than you. You are invited to reach out for a friendly conversation with Deacon Fred Totah, Director of Pastoral Ministry, (415) 614-5504 or Richard Collyer, Mental Health Ministry Coordinator, (415) 614-5693 Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.
Or leave a message anytime, and be sure that your call will be returned. All calls will be treated confidentially. Referrals are available to counselors or other assistance. But we are here primarily to talk with you, pray with you, and share emotional support and accompaniment as we all navigate these difficult times. Visit sfarch.org/helpline

Vatican Publishes Papal Prayers and Talks on Pandemic
The Vatican has published a downloadable beautifully formatted PDF booklet that gathers together many of the public addresses and prayers made by Pope Francis in recent months with regard to the coronavirus pandemic. The Dicastery for Communication of the Holy See has posted on its website the book, entitled “Strong in the Face of Tribulation,” containing prayers, supplications and the Pope’s homilies as “a sure support in time of trial”. Read the Vatican Press article and download at https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-04/downloadable-publication-popes-prayers-and-homilies-now-avail.html

St. Mary’s Cathedral Grief Support Group Via Zoom
Friday, May 15, 10:30 am – 12:00 noon
“Through Darkness into New Light” is a ministry for those grieving or bereaved. This meeting will be online, on the Zoom platform, accessible by computer or telephone. Please e-mail your request to join the group to Rcs7777@comcast.net.

St. Dominic Church: Online Grief Support Group
An online grief support group is now forming at St. Dominic Church. It will meet for six weeks, Sunday afternoons, and is limited to eight persons. There is no charge. Do you feel alone in your grief? You need not be. Grief is a natural response to loss, and is expressed in many different ways. Come receive hope and encouragement, and explore how our faith supports us during difficult times. Facilitators are Deacon Chuck McNeil and Sr. Maggie Glynn FSP. A face-to-face meeting with a facilitator is required to register. To set up an interview or if you have questions, contact Dech. Chuck McNeil, deaconchuck@stdominics.org (415) 567-7824

Avoid This E-mail Scam
A familiar e-mail scam is operating again. It generally involves an e-mail purporting to originate from a priest or bishop and asking for donations or contributions in the form of gift cards. As we have warned before: no priest or bishop or archbishop will ever ask for money in this way. Anyone who receives such a message should ignore it and delete it. Anyone with a concern should phone the parish or the archdiocese (415) 624-5500.

THE EUCHARIST
“All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man.” — St. John Vianney, Cure d’Ars

BLESSED MOTHER OF GOD
“When you see the storm coming, if you seek safety in that firm refuge which is our Blessed Mother there will be no danger of your wavering or going down… Look on me with compassion. Don’t abandon me. Don’t abandon me, my Mother! And recommend this prayer to others.” —St. Josemaria Escriva
Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Month of May
is dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary

Regina Coeli
Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.
Let us pray.
O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer to our Eucharistic Lord Jesus

Act of Spiritual Communion
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.
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 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

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone is asking the faithful to unite in prayers with the entire Church and utter the above prayer each day to seek the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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
Deer Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, 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. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

**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.