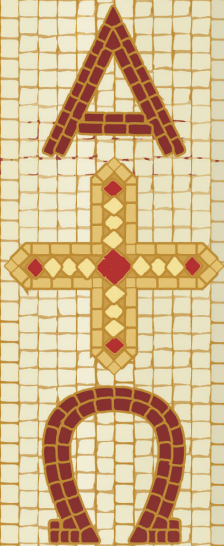


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APRIL  
26  
2020



THIRD  
SUNDAY OF  
**Easter**



The two disciples recounted  
what had taken place on the way  
and how Jesus was made known to them  
in the breaking of bread.

LUKE 24:35

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Dominican Community:

Rev. Roberto Corral, OP, Pastor  
 Rev. Francis Goode, OP, Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Donald Bramble, OP, Prior and Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Jude Eli, OP, In residence  
 Rev. Cassian Lewinski, OP, Retired  
 Rev. Denis Reilly, OP, Retired

### Parish Staff:

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Michael Finocchiaro, OPL  
 Dir. Religious Ed: Christina García & Michelle Pérez  
 RCIA & Adult Education: Sr. Joyanne Sullivan SND  
 RICA y Ministerios Hispanos: Sor Lidia Hernández, OP  
 Confirmation/Youth Ministry: Randy de Vera  
 Ministry to the Ill & Elderly: Concie Kibbe, OPL  
 Health Ministry: Mary Lynne Knighten  
 Music Ministry: Rudy Acosta  
 Administrative Assistant: Mario García  
 Communications: Jay Cooney  
 Secretary: Cecilia Treat  
 Plant Manager: David Lear  
 Custodian: Jose Vidaurri

### Parish Pastoral Council:

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### St. Dominic's School:

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 Secretary: Angela Nuño  
 Pre-School / Extended Day Care

<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 AM	John Scher, thanksgiving
	9:00 AM	Marcelino Butiu, †
	11:00 AM	Mario and Jimena Guemo, †
	1:00 PM	Hector Brito and Amalia Lassalle Garcia
	5:00 PM	Dec. Dom. Laity of Province
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	Michelle Encarnacion, birthday
	6:00 PM	Pilar and Lourdes Carreon, †
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	Maximo and Carmen Aquino, †
	6:00 PM	Elaine Weddell
<b>Wed.</b>	8:00 AM	Johnny Spiller, birthday
	6:00 PM	Anna Wood and family, thanksgiving
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	Florencio Ann and Vanjie Reyes, birthday
	6:00 PM	Reynaldo M. Roldan, †
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	Miguel Huerta, †
	6:00 PM	Dec. Dominican Friars, Parents, friends and benefactors
	6:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
	6:00 PM	Reynalda Martin, †
	6:00 PM	Patrocinio and Ireneo Balangue, †
	6:00 PM	Helen Espinoza Palomino, †
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	Mary Jo Shannon, †
	5:00 PM	Tomas Cosio

**(Important: These Masses will be celebrated in the private chapel of St. Dominic's Priory. All the written intentions will be honored. Thank you for your understanding.)**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

## **SCHEDULE UPDATES**

**CHURCH HOURS:** Closed until further notice.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Closed to the public. Call if there is a need.

**CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH:** Canceled except in case of emergency.

### **EVENTS CANCELLED OR POSTPONED:**

**DAILY & SUNDAY MASS IN CHURCH:** Mass has been cancelled from March 17 until further notice.

#### **MINISTRY ACTIVITIES:**

All Ministry Activities are currently cancelled or postponed. More info to come.

#### **SAINT DOMINIC SCHOOL:**

The School is closed.

#### **QUEENSCARE NURSE:**

There will be no nursing services until further notice. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

#### **Adoration, confessions:**

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**A Message from Fr. Roberto**

**Where Are You, God?**

I am repeating this message which I first wrote on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, shortly after the tragic death of Kobe Bryant and the other passengers with him because I think this coronavirus pandemic and its impact on our lives is causing many of us to ask the same question: Where are you, God? Once again, here is my answer to that question.

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The question above can easily pop into our minds when we are going through difficult times, particularly on such a large scale as the current pandemic. It can seem that God is absent or unconcerned or even that God does not exist. Another temptation is to think that God is punishing us for something. But, as I have mentioned in past homilies, **God does not punish us, and God does not cause evil.** Therefore, disease, natural disasters, wars, famine, etc. are not a punishment from God. Rather, they are simply part of the price we humans have to pay for living in an imperfect world with imperfect human beings. We are told in Genesis that the world is beautiful and good; yet it is still imperfect. Our human bodies are amazing organisms; yet our bodies and genes are also imperfect. So babies are sometimes born with inexplicable imperfections and people sometimes get sick with cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer’s and other terrible diseases simply because our imperfect bodies are susceptible to them. Human beings are good because we are made in the image of God; yet we are also prone to sin and cause damage to others and to ourselves.



Hospital ward during current pandemic



<http://a57.foxnews.com/images.foxnews.com/content/fox-news/world/2017/09/24/>

This world and this life are not perfect because they are not supposed to be. Only in heaven will we – and all of creation – find perfection: **“For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope” (Romans 8:19-20).** In the meantime, God accepts the imperfect natural laws that guide this imperfect universe, this imperfect world and our imperfect bodies, and we must live with these imperfections as best we can.

A few years ago, I read a very insightful and challenging book with the irreverent title, *“Where the Hell Is God?”* by a Jesuit priest named Fr. Richard Leonard,

SJ (Paulist Press, Mahwah, NJ: 2010). He has some very good insights that I hope we find helpful at this time as well as at other difficult moments in our lives. Fr. Leonard, in the preface of his book, gives a list of what he calls “seven steps to spiritual sanity when we are tempted and give in to the temptation to ask, ‘Where the hell is God?’”

1. *God does not directly send pain, suffering, and disease. God does not punish us.*
2. *God does not send accidents to teach us things, though we can learn from them.*
3. *God does not will earthquakes, floods, droughts, or other natural disasters. Prayer asks God to change us to change the world.*
4. *God's will is more in the big picture than in the small.*
5. *God did not need the blood of Jesus. Jesus did not just come "to die," but God used his death to announce the end to death.*
6. *God has created a world that is less than perfect, and in which suffering, disease, and pain are realities; otherwise, it would be heaven. Some of these problems we now create for ourselves and blame God.*
7. *God does not kill us off.*

So what does God do when terrible things happen to us and to our world? I believe that God suffers with us. God is right there crying with us, holding us, consoling us and strengthening us. That is the kind of God we have because **“God is love” (1 John 4:8).**

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **United Together in Prayer**

We ask you, as the People of God, to unite in a special prayer for victims of child sexual abuse today, Sunday, April 26, 2020.

*Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds  
and transform brokenness into wholeness.*

*Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace,  
to act with justice.*

*Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.*

*Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace and justice.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord.*

*Amen.*

### **Unidos en oración**

Les pedimos a ustedes, como el Pueblo de Dios, que se unan a la oración especial para las víctimas de abuso sexual infantil hoy, domingo 26 de abril del 2020.

*Espíritu Santo, consolador de corazones, cura las heridas de tus hijos e hijas y transforma su  
fragilidad en integridad.*

*Concédenos el valor y la sabiduría, la humildad y la gracia para actuar con justicia.*

*Infunde tu sabiduría en nuestras oraciones y acciones.*

*Permite que todos los que han sido lastimados por el abuso encuentren la paz en la justicia.*

*Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor.*

*Amén.*

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Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

¿Dónde Estás, Señor?

Repito este mensaje que escribí por primera vez el 2 de febrero, poco después de la trágica muerte de Kobe Bryant y la de los otros pasajeros que lo acompañaban, porque creo que esta pandemia del coronavirus y su impacto en nuestras vidas nos están causando a muchos de nosotros hacer la misma pregunta: ¿Dónde estás, Señor? Una vez más, aquí está mi respuesta a esa pregunta.

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La pregunta anterior puede surgir fácilmente en nuestras mentes cuando atravesamos tiempos difíciles, particularmente en una escala tan grande como la pandemia actual. Puede parecer que Dios esté ausente o despreocupado o incluso que Dios no exista. Otra tentación es pensar que Dios nos está castigando por algo. Pero, como he mencionado en homilías pasadas, **Dios no nos castiga y Dios no causa la maldad.** Por lo tanto, las enfermedades, los desastres naturales, las guerras, el hambre, etc., no son castigos de Dios. Más bien, son simplemente parte del precio que los humanos tenemos que pagar por vivir en un mundo imperfecto con seres humanos imperfectos. En Génesis se nos dice que el mundo es bello y bueno; sin embargo, sigue siendo imperfecto. Nuestros cuerpos humanos son organismos asombrosos; sin embargo, nuestros cuerpos y genes también son imperfectos. Así que los bebés a veces nacen con imperfecciones inexplicables y las personas a veces se enferman de cáncer, diabetes, Alzheimer y otras enfermedades terribles simplemente porque nuestros cuerpos imperfectos son susceptibles a ellas. Los seres humanos somos



Sala de hospital durante la pandemia actual

buenos porque estamos hechos a imagen de Dios; sin embargo, también somos propensos a pecar y causar daños a los demás y a nosotros mismos.

Este mundo y esta vida no son perfectos porque no se supone que lo sean. Sólo en el cielo nosotros y toda la creación encontraremos la perfección. Mientras tanto, Dios acepta las leyes naturales imperfectas que guían este universo imperfecto, el mundo imperfecto y nuestros cuerpos imperfectos, y debemos vivir con ellos de la mejor manera posible.

Hace unos años, leí un libro muy perspicaz y desafiante con el título irreverente, “¿Dónde Diablos Está Dios?,” escrito por un sacerdote jesuita llamado P. Richard Leonard, SJ (Prensa Paulista, Mahwah, NJ: 2010). Él tiene algunas ideas muy buenas que espero que nos resulten útiles en este momento, así como en otros momentos difíciles en nuestras vidas. P. Leonard, en el prefacio de su libro, da una lista de lo que él llama “siete pasos hacia la sanidad espiritual cuando

somos tentados y cedemos a la tentación de preguntar, “¿Dónde diablos está Dios?”

1. Dios no envía directamente dolor, sufrimiento y enfermedad. Dios no nos castiga.
2. Dios no envía accidentes para enseñarnos cosas, aunque podemos aprender de ellos.
3. Dios no desea terremotos, inundaciones, sequías u otros desastres naturales. La oración pide a Dios que nos cambie a nosotros para que cambiemos al mundo.
4. La voluntad de Dios está más en el panorama general que en el pequeño.
5. Dios no necesitaba la sangre de Jesús. Jesús no sólo vino a "morir", sino que Dios usó su muerte para anunciar el fin de la muerte.
6. Dios ha creado un mundo que no es perfecto, y en el cual el sufrimiento, la enfermedad y el dolor son realidades; de lo contrario, sería el cielo. Algunos de estos problemas ahora creamos nosotros mismos y culpamos a Dios.
7. Dios no nos mata.



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Entonces, ¿qué hace Dios cuando suceden cosas terribles a nosotros y a nuestro mundo? Creo que Dios sufre con nosotros. Jesús está ahí llorando con nosotros, sosteniéndonos, consolándonos y fortaleciéndonos. Esa es la clase de Dios que tenemos porque “Dios es amor (1 Juan 4:8).”



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Mass Intentions

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