

Never Isolated in Christ

YOUR WEEKLY VIEW BEHIND THE MASK OF ASSUMPTION PARISH

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*For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:
By waiting and by calm you shall be saved,
in quiet and in trust shall be your strength.*

*Truly, the LORD is waiting to be gracious to you,
truly, he shall rise to show you mercy;
For the LORD is a God of justice:
happy are all who wait for him!*

-Isaiah 30:15, 18

Pastor's Note

Dear Assumption Parishioners,

There are a lot of things that are frustrating about this Coronavirus shutdown, but the one I am finding most maddening at the moment is just how much we do not know about the future. I am a guy who likes goals and plans and, even if the terminus is excruciatingly far away, if I know that I am making progress, I can be satisfied. But with Coronavirus, no one has a good idea of what the future is going to look like. Even our guesses are wild and speculative. And this is driving me nuts. I want to make plans, get ready, progress forward. I hate being in a holding pattern. I hate just having to wait!

But, like with all aspects of this crisis, grace endures. The Lord Jesus continues to walk with us and to teach us. I think he is teaching me (as he has been for a while now) to give up control, to live in the moment, to be attentive to what is happening *now*. I put a lot of my self-worth in plans and systems and progress, so this is a hard lesson to learn, which is why the Lord keeps finding new ways to remind me. It is so clear what he is calling me to do each day: wake up, say Mass, pray, and do my best. He is not expecting anything more or anything less. This routine, this monotony, is still absolutely maddening. But it also seems to be in service of my holiness, and I suppose a little frustration and madness can be worthwhile if the end goal is sanctity.

I hope you, too, have been finding the Lord in this shutdown. Or rather, I know that the Lord has been finding you, and I hope you have noticed, even if he is to be found in some hard lessons. We may think this time of isolation is wasted time, but Jesus does not waste time. He uses everything, always, for his glory and our good.

May the risen Lord continue to bless you and your families,

F. Moore

Parish News

Moving the Spanish Mass

We have not seen very high live attendance at our Spanish Mass, so we are going to try to move it earlier and see what happens. Going forward **our Spanish Mass will be at 10:00 a.m.** on Sunday, followed by a holy hour at or just before 11:00 a.m.

Young Adults Featured in Northwest Catholic

Our young adult group was featured in the Northwest Catholic for their efforts to stay connected online, in an article written by parishioner Mary Louise Van Dyke. Check out the article!

[Click here for the article.](#)

Ways You Can Grow in Faith

Formed.org

We really, *strongly* recommend signing up for Formed.org, an entire site full of quality Catholic videos. You can sign up for free by going to <http://assumption.formed.org>.

Two videos we would like to highlight this week:

1. **Parishioner Peg Wendling** says that this talk by Patrick Madrid was particularly impactful for her when our parish handed it out on CD. Now it is available as a video on Formed, title **Convinced: Why Would Anyone Become Catholic?** [Click this link to watch the video.](#) ([Versión en Español](#))
2. **Fr. Moore** deeply appreciates the liturgical education he received at Mundelein Seminary. While he was there, one of his professors recorded an entire series of short videos about the Mass, [which you can watch by clicking this link.](#)

If you have a video from Formed.org that you found particularly helpful or exciting, please send it to frmoore@assumption.org and we may feature it next week.

Fr. Moore's Favorite Catholic Podcasts

Fr. Moore really likes listening to podcasts when he is around the house, and these are some of his favorites. If you have a favorite Catholic podcast, please send it to frmoore@assumption.org, and it may be featured in a future letter.

- [The Liturgy Guys](#): A podcast by Fr. Moore's other liturgy professors.
- The John Allen Show ([Apple](#) / [Android](#)): Bi-Weekly Catholic news from one of the most trusted observers of the Catholic world.
- [CNA Editor's Desk](#): Weekly news round-up from the editors of the Catholic News Agency.
- [The Word on Fire Show](#): Intelligent commentary by Bishop Robert Barron on a plethora of Catholic topics.
- Homilies from local priests: [Fr. Bryan Ochs](#), [Fr. Patrick Sherrard](#), [Fr. Chad Green](#)

Ways You Can Express Your Faith

Call People You Know

A lot of parishes are using this time to call down a list of parishioners from their database, to check in and see how they are doing during self-isolation. While our parish staff is implementing a limited version of this program, we also know that *relationships matter*, so we would like to **encourage our parishioners to call and check in on fellow parishioners they know**, but may not have seen or spoken with in a while. So far, we have not found anyone who did not appreciate a phone call. Remember, our parish directory has phone numbers in the back.

Make Masks for CCS

Catholic Community Services has asked for masks for their front-line workers, who continue to serve the poor and vulnerable on behalf of all Catholics in Western Washington.

[You can find more information about the program by clicking this link.](#)