

PRAYER FOR AN END TO CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

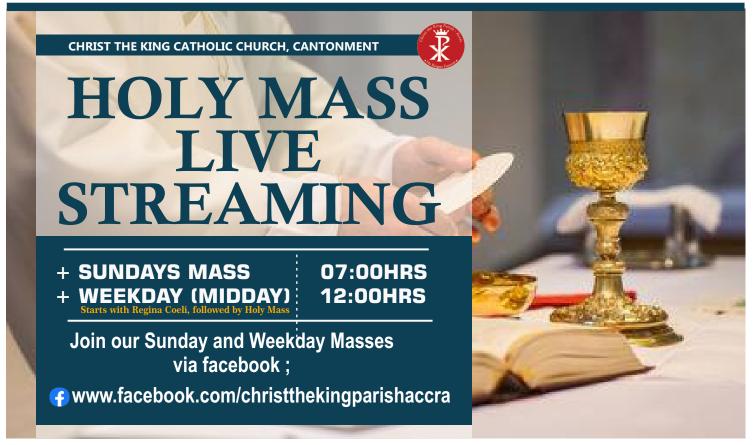
Almighty and merciful Father, who shows your love to all creation, we come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.

Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.

Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.

We pray for the relevant Governments and Health Authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus. Amen



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A COMMENTARY ON READINGS

First Reading: Peter quotes from Psalm 16 to show God will not allow His chosen one, Jesus Christ, to experience corruption in the grave. Peter asserts further that Christ's resurrection is the very heart of the Good News. (Acts 2:14, 22-33)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 16) "Lord, you will show us the path of life."

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you." O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot. **Res**

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. **Res**

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption. **Res**

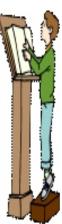
You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever. **Res**

Second Reading: Peter reminds Christians that we are redeemed not by corruptible silver or gold but by the most precious blood of Christ. It is Christ's resurrection that has allowed us to have faith and hope in God. (St. Peter 1:17-21)

Gospel : God's word and the Eucharistic celebration ought to open our eyes and minds daily to meet Christ and to recognize Him in our life's journey. **(Luke 24:13-35)**

WEEKDAY READINGS & MEMORIALS 3RD WEEK OF EASTER, YEAR A

Monday	St. Zita	
	Acts 6:8-15 /Ps 119/Jn 6:22-29	<u></u>
Tuesday	St. Peter Chanel	ITT
	Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31/Jn 6:30-35	1
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	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66/Jn 6:35-40	1
Thursday	St. Pius V	
	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66/Jn 6:44-51	
Friday	St. Joseph the Worker	
	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117/Jn 6:52-59	
Saturday	St. Anthanasius /BVM	
-	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116/Jn 6:60-69	



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 2:14a. 36-41/Ps 23/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, St. Luke recounts one of the apparitions of the risen Christ (24:35-48). At the start of this passage, the evangelist notes that the two disciples of Emmaus, who returned in haste to Jerusalem, related to the Eleven how they recognized the Lord "in the breaking of bread" (v. 35).

And while they were recalling this extraordinary experience of their encounter with the Lord, "he stood in their midst" (v. 36). Because of his unexpected apparition, the apostles were startled and terrified, to the point that Jesus, to reassure them and overcome their every hesitation and doubt, asked them to touch him — he was not a phantasm, but a man of flesh and bone — and then, he asked them for some- thing to eat.

Once more, as it had been with the two disciples at Emmaus, it is at table, eating with his own people, that the risen Christ manifests himself to the disciples, helping them to understand the Scriptures and to reread the events of salvation in the light of Easter.

"Everything written about me," he said to them, "in the law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled" (v. 44). And he invited them to look to the future: "repentance and forgiveness of sins [shall] be preached in his name to all the nations" (v. 47).

FAMILY CONNECTION

Families, as the domestic church, have the opportunity to make the family meal a time of prayerful encounter with one another and with Jesus. At a family meal we share our experiences of the day and connect them with the experiences of others in the family. We can also enjoy the meal as an opportunity to reflect upon our family life in light of Scripture. At their best our family meals can connect us to Jesus too.

Choose a family meal this week to share one another's experiences of the week in a special way. Perhaps invite family members to plan and prepare the meal together. Begin the meal by reading today's Gospel, Luke 24:13-35. As you eat, talk together about how the disciples discussed their experiences in Jerusalem and how they came to understand them differently when Jesus interpreted those events in the light of Scripture. Then invite each family member to share the things that are going on in his or her life.

Consider what Jesus might say to each person if he were sitting at your dinner table. Conclude with a special prayer after your dinner. Pray a prayer of blessing for each family member, asking that Jesus continue to be present in each person's life, helping each one to be a better follower of Jesus. Conclude with a Sign of Peace.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Zita is known as the patron saint of housekeepers. She was born in the village of Monte Sagrati, Italy, in 1218. Her parents were deeply religious and raised Zita in a loving, Christian way. In those days it was the custom of poor couples to send their teenage daughters to trustworthy families who could afford servants. The young women would live with the families for a time and were employed to do the household tasks. Zita was sent to the Fatinelli family in Lucca when she was twelve years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Fatinelli were good people who had several other employees. Zita was happy to be able to work and send money home to her parents. She formed habits of praying that fit in with her new schedule. She even got up early to go to daily Mass.

Zita was very conscientious and always did her best. To her, work was an expression of her love for God. But the other workers were annoyed. They tried to do as little as they could get away with. They began to pick on Zita and oppose her without their employers noticing.

Zita was hurt, but she prayed for patience. She never told on the workers. She insisted on doing her work as well as possible no matter what the others thought of her.

After some time, Zita was made the head housekeeper. The Fatinelli children were

St. ZITA, pray for us!

placed under her care. Then the other workers stopped bothering her. Some of them even began to imitate her.

Zita spent her whole life with the Fatinelli family. While other workers came and went, she stayed. She loved the Fatinellis like she loved her own family and she served them well. By her example, she helped people see that work is beautiful when it is done with Christian love. Zita died peacefully on April 27, 1278. She was sixty years old.

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

WASH HANDS UNDER RUNNING WATER





