



# St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church

236 US Hwy 45  
Indian Creek, Illinois 60061

**The Most Holy Trinity**

**June 7, 2020**

## **Welcome!**

*We are pleased that you have come  
to worship with us.*

*The doors and hearts of  
our parish family of faith are  
always open, and we invite you to  
contact us at any time:*

**Parish Office:**  
847-362-1005

**Fax:**  
847-362-6375

**Religious Education:**  
847-362-0653

**Youth Ministry:**  
847-362-1021

**Parish Website:**  
[www.maryofvernon.org](http://www.maryofvernon.org)



**Assistive Listening Devices are  
available at the Reception Desk in  
the Church Narthex. Please ask the  
receptionist for more information.**



**Glory  
to the  
Father,  
the Son,  
and the  
Holy  
Spirit**

*Parish Office Hours:*

**CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## Statement of Cardinal Cupich on the murder of George Floyd and its aftermath:

The past nights I have watched in great personal pain as the pent-up anger of our people caught fire across our country. I saw the city where I was born, the cities where I have lived, the city I pastor now, catch embers from the city where I was educated and burn. Was I horrified at the violence? Yes. Was I surprised? No.

As the saying goes, if you're not outraged, you're not paying attention. What did we expect when we learned that in Minneapolis, a city often hailed as a model of inclusivity, the price of a black life is a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill? When we added another name to the list of those murdered for being black or for caring about the marginalized?

I will not pretend to speak with any authority about the challenges people of color experience in our society. I do not share the fear they put on when they and their children leave their homes every day. I do not know what it means to be "other." But I know there is a way to fix it. And the fix begins when we stop talking about the proportionality of "their" response and start talking about the proportionality of "ours." Surely a nation that could put a man in space, his safety assured by the brilliance of black women, can create a fair legal system, equitable education and employment opportunities and ready access to health care. Laws do not solve problems, but they create a system where racism in all its forms is punished and playing fields are leveled.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been called a great equalizer. It has been even more a great revealer of societal cancers as deadly as the virus. As others have pointed out, health insecurity kills, and poverty is poison. We can and must make a society that views the soaring of a child's potential with more joy than the soaring of a rocket.

I stand ready to join religious, civic, labor and business leaders in coming together to launch a new effort to bring about recovery and reconciliation in our city. We do not need a study of the causes and effects. Those answers can be found on the shelves of government offices and academic institutions across our burning nation. No, we need to take up the hard work of healing the deep wound that has afflicted our people since the first slave ships docked on this continent. And we need to start today.

### SMV MASSES LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK!

Until the quarantine ends, St. Mary of Vernon weekend Masses will be celebrated on Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. on Facebook.

**Go to St. Mary of Vernon FB Page. [Facebook.com/maryofvernon](https://www.facebook.com/maryofvernon). It is not necessary to have a Facebook account in order to view these events. Simply go to [www.facebook.com/maryofvernon](https://www.facebook.com/maryofvernon) from any internet browser. When prompted to sign in or create an account, click "not now." This should give you access to all our public posts, including the livestreamed Mass. Select "videos" on the left, and choose the one you wish to view.**

### VIEW MASS ON YOUTUBE

Thanks to the kindness of our local cable channel, our SMV weekend liturgies originally airing on Facebook Live on Saturdays at 7pm will be **REBROADCAST on Cable TV** beginning Tuesday, April 21. Tuesdays at 6pm Saturdays at 9am [Vernon Hills Comcast](#) Customers will find the rebroadcast on Channel 4. (Unfortunately, Comcast customers outside of Vernon Hills will be unable to view this channel.) However, [AT&T](#) Customers in the entire Chicagoland area will find the rebroadcast on Channel 99. Scroll down to the Vernon Hills substation. Comcast Xfinity customers outside of Vernon Hills may be able to view the masses on their television by going to YouTube in this manner:

1. On the remote press "Xfinity"
2. Select "Apps"
3. Scroll to "Video"
4. Select "YouTube"
5. Select "Search" type in [maryofvernon.org](https://www.maryofvernon.org)
6. Select icon - Picture of our Cross that's above the altar in church
7. Select the mass of the week or also watch past weeks

Please spread the word to those who do not have internet access, as this may be another way for us to reach these members of our parish community.

Dear Parishioners of SMV,

I am sure you have heard so much about reopening of parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Here is an update on what we are doing to reopen St. Mary of Vernon.

The Archdiocese asked each parish to assemble a Parish Reopening Leadership Team made up of six people, including the pastor. The team will have two Co-Chairs and three captains. The three captains will oversee three teams. I have asked two of our staff members, Susan Gray and Jen Daniels to be the Co-Chairs of our parish reopening team.

However, we can only reopen St. Mary of Vernon with your help. The captains will oversee three volunteer groups: The Set-up Team, Greeting Team and Cleaning Team. Please read the volunteer opportunities below and see if you can help.

**Set-up Team:** Co-Chairs, Sennen Manu and Miranda Farmer

They are responsible to set-up the Church ahead of time. For example, marking the seats and floor to make sure parishioners are always six feet apart. Before the celebration of any sacrament, the Set-up Team will make sure there are enough supplies needed for that sacrament, ensure entrance and exits are marked, windows are opened, restrooms are stocked and managed, and that there is sufficient hand sanitizer for each service.

**Greeting Team:** Co-Chairs, Ruben Herrera and Maureen Evers

Greeters will direct the flow of the congregation as they enter the church. They will ensure that we do not exceed the required number of participants at each service. They will also ensure that parishioners are wearing masks, sanitizing their hands and keeping the social distance rule.

**Cleaning Team:** Co-Chairs, Doug Cline and John Cavalier

They will clean/disinfect the church before, during and after each service.

**Requirements for volunteers:** For the health and safety of all, it is important that volunteers not be a part of the “vulnerable population.” (i.e., volunteers should not be older than 65 or have underlying medical conditions such as diabetes; lung disease; undergoing cancer treatment, etc.). **For this reason, young adults are especially needed.** If individuals in the vulnerable population choose to volunteer understanding the inherent risks, they may do so at their own discretion, depending on the needs of the individual teams as identified by the team captains.

On the next page you will see our reopening Schedule. As we reopen and you return to church you will notice many changes. You will be greeted by volunteers who will sanitize your hands and escort you to your seat. Further instructions will be given by the Celebrant during Mass.

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost Sunday when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. The Holy Spirit invigorated the apostles and enabled them to proclaim, “Jesus is Lord.” The Spirit of God is still with us today. Among the fruits of the Holy Spirit are peace and love. The absence of peace is chaos. Our country is going through trying times as we deal with the issue of COVID-19 and the murder of George Floyd. The words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ring through, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” The Spirit of God moves us to love our neighbor. We pray God continues to pour out his Spirit upon us. **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of thy love. Send forth thy Spirit and they shall be created. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.**

Blessings always,  
Fr. Ignatius

# St. Mary of Vernon Reopening Schedule

To ensure the safety of all, we must adhere to the guidelines set by the Archdiocese of Chicago & the State of Illinois.

All Catholics are still dispensed from Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. The elderly and those with underlying medical conditions are encouraged to stay home and participate through live streamed Masses. Please keep in mind that when you come to Mass, it will be very different. Please be patient with the volunteers who are there to help ensure our safety.

- Reservations for all Masses and Adoration must be made through Sign Up Genius or by calling the parish office at 847-362-1005.
- Please arrive early to check in with the Greeters. Seating will begin 20 minutes before Mass.
- Please enter & exit only through the main church entrance. The two side doors will be locked and the parking lots closed.
- Facemasks are required to be worn the entire time you are in the building.
- Your hands will be sanitized by a greeter when entering the building.
- Ushers will direct you to your seat, starting with the front and working toward the back. Please follow their instructions.
- Seating is limited to 80 people. If you arrive late you may have to be turned away. For health regulations the doors to the church will be locked 5 minutes after Mass starts.

## **Adoration**

Thursday, June 4th, 9:00am-11:00am

Online Reservation Required on Sign Up Genius <https://tinyurl.com/ycl9drth>

## **Reconciliation**

Saturdays, beginning June 6th, 10:00am-11:00am

Please wait in your car in the main parking lot for the Greeter to give you instructions.

## **Public Mass**

We will continue to live stream Mass every Saturday at 7pm on St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church Facebook page.

Regular Sunday Mass will be celebrated in Church at **8am and 11am beginning June 7** and will be limited to 80 people. Daily Masses will begin on Tuesday, June 9 at 8:30am and continue at the same time all week thru Saturday.

Sign up Genius for Sunday Mass <https://tinyurl.com/y9823aam>

Sign up Genius for Daily Mass <https://tinyurl.com/yaymo6v2>

## Reopening Plan for St. Mary of Vernon Volunteers Needed

As you may have heard we have received permission to reopen our parish in phases as soon as we can provide the required safety precautions. You can read Cardinal Cupich's letter and the Archdiocesan Reopening Plan at: <https://www.archchicago.org/coronavirus/reopening>  
Before we can open our church, we will need volunteers to work in these groups.

**Set-up team:** Volunteers will ensure that: all supplies needed for each sacramental celebration/gathering are ready for use, entrances and exits are marked and propped physically open prior to attendees' arrival/ departure, windows are open, restrooms are stocked and managed, etc. They will ensure hand sanitizer is available.

**Greeting team:** Greeters will assist in managing the flow of congregants as they enter the church, participate in the liturgy/sacrament, and exit the church. Team members will combine some of the functions of an usher, such as directing participants to appropriate seating/waiting area, but will include additional responsibilities, including , but not limited to, making sure attendees use hand sanitizer upon entering, are wearing a mask, and are reminded not to enter if ill. Given the circumstances, greeters will need to be tactful and firm, paying careful attention to all people on-site.

**Cleaning team:** These volunteers will help maintain and clean essential and trafficked areas of the church before and after the church has been used. Masks, gloves and face shields will be provided, in addition to approved cleaning/disinfecting supplies. Guidance on proper cleaning procedures will be provided via an online webinar.

**Requirements:** For the health and safety of our volunteers, it is important that volunteers not be a part of the "vulnerable population." (i.e., volunteers should not be older than 65 or have underlying medical conditions such as diabetes; lung disease; undergoing cancer treatment, etc.). **For this reason, young adults are especially needed.** If individuals in the vulnerable population choose to volunteer understanding the inherent risks, they may do so at their own discretion, depending on the needs of the individual teams as identified by the team captains.

For the **Greeting team**, those from 18 years or older to 65 are welcome. High School students who wish to volunteer may do so for set-up teams or cleaning teams, provided they have permission from their parent or guardian.

If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to [smv@maryofvernon.org](mailto:smv@maryofvernon.org) and you will be sent a Reopening Team Registration form- once that is returned you will be contacted by the appropriate Team Leader.



*Congratulations  
to all our 2020 Graduates!!*

## **RCIA –Formation Continues**

The St. Mary of Vernon RCIA group continues to meet virtually each week while we comply with stay-at-home directives. Work continues on providing a positive experience for our participants – even in these not-at-all-ordinary times. We continue to pray and study together, and are constantly challenging each other to find God in our lives day in and day out. We're working our way through some Church History at the moment, and will soon look at some of the major teachings of the Church on Social Justice and the documents from the Second Vatican Council.

We are looking forward to the day when we can meet as a community to celebrate the Eucharist together and welcome Jessica, our Elect, and Hannah, our Candidate, into full participation in the Sacraments and unity with our community of faith.

The RCIA team continues to invite all our parishioners and guests to continue praying for Jessica, Hannah, and for Peyton, and Bryan – our Inquirers; we also encourage prayers for our neighbors who are being called back to the Church, and all those who are seeking to better understand their relationship with God.

Individuals who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith can connect with someone on our RCIA team for basic information or to set up an appointment to discuss specific questions or goals; contact Maureen Evers (847-362-1005 or [mevers@maryofvernon.org](mailto:mevers@maryofvernon.org)) or Mark Zwolski (847-644-7073 or [mrzwolski@gmail.com](mailto:mrzwolski@gmail.com)).

## **WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS FOR BAPTISM PREP!**

Are you a first-time parent interested in having your child baptized at St. Mary of Vernon? We are now offering our June 14 Baptism Prep class on Zoom! Please visit our parish website to register, or email Maureen Evers at [mevers@maryofvernon.org](mailto:mevers@maryofvernon.org) if you have questions. We look forward to celebrating your child's baptism in the near future!

## **BIBLE STUDY SUSPENDED**

Bible Study with Fr. Ignatius is suspended for the time being as we work on reopening our parish. Please check back here periodically for updates, or email Maureen Evers at [mevers@maryofvernon.org](mailto:mevers@maryofvernon.org) to be added to a contact list when bible study resumes.

## **Chat with Friends on Zoom after Mass!**

Grab your own decaf beverage (did someone say wine?) or dessert and join your parish friends for an informal chat immediately following our Livestream Mass. You may even meet someone new! Hosted by Maureen Evers, Pastoral Associate.

**Saturdays from 8-8:30pm**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78922076333?pwd=MkN1TkhaSTISZkIYMURxUGFFNGVyQT09>

Meeting ID: 789 2207 6333      Password: 7X9L5W

If you need help getting started on Zoom, just email Maureen at [mevers@maryofvernon.org](mailto:mevers@maryofvernon.org) to set up a time for tech assistance.

## ***From the desk of Deacon John Glenn . . .***

With the passing of time, I find myself often thinking about the many relationships I enjoy today and of those I have had over the years. Most of these relationships have been very good ones, while admittedly, some have not been so good. A few years back, I began thinking about how some of my relationships seem to take on a triangular shape or function.

For example, I think about ***Husband, Wife and Children***—a triangular relationship found in many households throughout the world. I have pondered the relationship of ***Sister, Brother, Parents***. How about the relationship among ***Job, Coworkers and Me?*** Others include ***Teacher, Students and Lesson Plan***, and ***Patient, Doctor and Wellness Plan*** along with ***Hope, Love and Joy***.

Here's one three-part relationship I try to give priority, reflecting frequently on it—***Me, Life's Events*** (which so often get in the way) ***and God*** (here to help me through it). My wife Claudia and I have come to understand that for us to continue to grow together, we must always focus on our desire to live the sacrament of marriage, which involves a third high-priority party—***God, Wife and Husband***.

Today's second reading (Corinthians) speaks of ***Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit***, while referring to each with the words ***grace, love and fellowship***, respectively.

John's very familiar Gospel proclaims that those who believe in ***God and Son*** might enjoy ***Life Everlasting***.

In today's first reading from Exodus, The Lord passed before Moses and spoke of ***God, Mercy and Kindness*** within the same sentence.

As summer begins, we find ourselves living through a time that quickly became historic in nature. This pandemic has brought on the "Shelter in Place" order and the phrase "social distancing" reflects the new norm in our everyday behavior. The environment has led some to feelings of depression and other mental illnesses. For some people, the pandemic has exacerbated existing illnesses such as addiction and loneliness. We are hearing about an increased concern related to higher levels of domestic violence. Other problems related to physical and mental health also have grown. So many people need our prayers. Moreover, we have not been able to gather as a community of believers in more than two months!

But some good things can take place during the difficult times. We hear many wonderful stories of how the family dinner table has once again become a very important daily family event in households throughout society. Parents and children are compelled to work from home and have in-home school at the same time, on the same internet connection; and somehow they are making it work! Many families are finding more quality time with one another, and many are finding time to be still in God's presence.

Many people have taken what quickly became a shuttered family business and began donating their resources and talents to make personal protective equipment for first responders, doctors, nurses and others exposed to COVID-19. There are many accounts of how people have found some amazing ways to take this difficult time and find or create good from the bad.

But when it seems like the difficult times outweigh the good times, we must remember we do not journey alone through this very difficult and historic time! Remember, God sent us Jesus, who through the Holy Spirit offers His grace, love and fellowship; and He awaits our call when we need someone to lean on.

And we always begin and end our prayers with the sign of the cross and the words "In the name of the ***Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit***. Amen."

## PREP News . . .



### **For those families who had registered for the Summer Program:**

We can accommodate the summer PREP students into the school year program. The days and times are posted on the PREP page of the SMV parish website at: [www.maryofvernon.org](http://www.maryofvernon.org). Please notify Mary Winegard as to your preference for either Sundays or Mondays as soon as possible at [mwinegard@maryofvernon.org](mailto:mwinegard@maryofvernon.org).

### **For those families who have not yet registered:**

We would GREATLY appreciate it if you have not already registered your children for PREP, that you would do so now. With the influx of this additional group of students, we need to plan accordingly. We will be reevaluating how we use the building, the size of the classes and how many more catechists and assistants we will need.

You can find the registration form on the PREP page of the St. Mary of Vernon website at [www.maryofvernon.org](http://www.maryofvernon.org). You can download the e-form, complete it and then print or you may also hand print the form as well. Please be sure to complete both the front and back of the form.

Once the form is completed, please mail the form to the parish as we are not open due to the stay at home order. As such, we are not available to take credit or debit card payments at this time.

Please submit both the registration form and either a personal check or a note that you have a payment plan on Give Central for the tuition.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Again, we thank you for your consideration and cooperation. We look forward to seeing you all once again. Let us continue to raise each other up in prayers.



**THE 2020 ST. MARY OF VERNON RUMMAGE SALE**

**HAS BEEN CANCELLED**



Need a little spiritual pick-me-up during these trying times? Then join the Knights from St. Mary of Vernon in daily prayer, gospel readings, intercessions, and the rosary. These will be “virtual” sessions offered via ZOOM; all you need is a computer with a built-in camera and microphone to participate in the comfort of your own home.

Sessions began Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM and will continue during the mandated “stay-at-home” order. Attend daily or when your schedule permits. The Knights can also help you get setup with a free subscription to ZOOM if you require some assistance. If you are interested or have questions please contact Eric Fernandes.

AERICFERNANDES@YAHOO.COM 847-791-3911

### SHARING HANDS IS HERE TO HELP

We hope our parish family knows about the great work of our **Sharing Hands Ministry**. Through the generosity of our parishioners, we have a fully stocked food pantry that is available to anyone in our parish community who is in need.

We know many local companies and businesses are closing for an undetermined period of time and many workers will be out of work without pay. We are here to help. If your family or a neighbor needs food due to this pandemic our pantry is available to you. Sharing Hands is open Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00pm and Saturday mornings from 9am to 11am. Distribution of food has been modified to put space between each guest and maintain best practices for social distancing. **If you would like to donate food to Sharing Hands, please come during their regular hours and volunteers will accept it from you.**

For more information you can call the parish office at 847-362-1005 (leave a message if we are not there) or by email to: [smv@maryofvernon.org](mailto:smv@maryofvernon.org).

This is a difficult time for everyone and your parish is available to help. Let’s keep each other in prayer.



## UPDATES FROM LAKE COUNTY UNITED

Lake County has been selected as one of two counties in the state that will start a county-wide "Contact Tracing" program. The funding for this program comes from the federal CARES Act. For more information, including applying to be a "Contact Tracer" check out these websites:

- Contact tracing collaborative: <https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/news-item.aspx?ReleaseID=21553>
- Interest form for contact tracers: <https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=KWKJL93TM7>
- Johns Hopkins contact tracing course: <https://hub.jhu.edu/2020/05/11/free-contact-tracing-course-johns-hopkins/>
- <https://learn.astho.org/p/contacttracer> - Contact Tracer Training

Though Phase 3 of re-opening our state began on May 29th, it is vital to remember that social distancing and facial covering will be required for all people outside of their homes. There are also travel protocols being instituted in consideration of more travelers; details can be found on both the state and county websites, as well as the CDC.

CoVid-19 Testing Site in Waukegan is testing anyone and everyone now; there are no requirements for this free testing other than being a Lake County resident with identification. The facility now has the ability to test 750 people a day but is still only testing at approximately 500 tests/day, as originally set. Antibody testing is not happening at this point as there are no reliable antibody tests; to date, the only way to test for antibodies is a blood draw, and it's not worth the risk and expense for unreliable results. The county will begin testing all residents in long-term facilities next week, regardless of their symptoms or lack thereof.

**We are invited to the Transitional Care of Lake County, formerly known as Winchester House, ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, June 23 (time to be announced). St. Mary of Vernon was there for the groundbreaking on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.** SMV is a founding member of Lake County United. Beginning over ten years ago, LCU's first mission was to find a way to guarantee that the proposed closing of Winchester House, the Lake County run nursing home, would not leave those needing its services left out. Over the past 9 years, LCU has continued advocacy for Winchester House, working with Lake County Board Members and Staff, who have a commitment to quality care for residents, as well as construction of a new Winchester House. All residents currently at Winchester House will be guaranteed a place in the new building. Please contact Gary Schiappacasse at 847-691-3293 if you are interested in attending this event. It is located right next to Dover Straits Restaurant on Route 45.

A **big thank you** to Ron and Tracey Lester of Architerra for volunteering their crews to help our Landscaping Ministry "catch up" with mowing SMV. With the loss of our zero degree Lesco mower and record rain in May of over ten inches our volunteers could not keep up.

They sent two three man crews out Tuesday morning, spending up to two hours to mow what we had not, including the entire east side berm, the south end of the Reflection Trail into the Oakwood woods, and the ditch along Route 45.





## ATTENTION TEENS (& PARENTS):

Thousands of teenagers from across the country are gathering on Sunday nights for the **BIGGEST YOUTH NIGHT EVER**. It's called ProjectYM Live and each week it'll feature some of the biggest speakers and worship leaders in the Catholic youth ministry world – last week they had **OVER TEN THOUSAND** students participate.

Our parish is signed up to participate – all you need to do is head to [WWW.PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH](http://WWW.PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH) this Sunday at 7pm Central.

Two quick notes:

The broadcast starts at 7pm CDT, but plan to have your student log in a few minutes early to make sure they're on when it starts.

They can access the event on any device with a web browser – but the faster the connection, the better. Hope you will join us!!

### BULLETIN INFORMATION UPDATES

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic information has been changing almost hourly. While we are making every attempt to keep information current it is sometimes impossible. We will be sending out the weekly **epost**, (more often if necessary) and will keep our website updated as often as we can. Please check it often. **To add your name to the ePost distribution list, contact [swogan@maryofvernon.org](mailto:swogan@maryofvernon.org).**

Since the parish offices are closed the best way to leave a message is through email to: [smv@maryofvernon.org](mailto:smv@maryofvernon.org). It is monitored daily.

### A Fast Way to Support SMV

Announcing a new fast way to make contributions to St. Mary of Vernon—Text-to-Give through Give Central. Right now it is available to use for Easter, Sunday and the Building Maintenance Fund. Using the phone number in the article to the right you can use the following words:

**Donate**—to make a donation to the Sunday Offering

**Maintain**—to make a donation to the Maintenance Fund

If you already have a Give Central account it will take you right there. If you are new to Give Central there will be a place to enroll.

Any issues, email [sgray@maryofvernon.org](mailto:sgray@maryofvernon.org)



Please join us as we prepare for the splendor and joy of Easter

**St Mary of Vernon**

Help us keep in touch with you!

Our text-to-give number is **312-313-6152**

Text **'EASTER'** to make a gift

Text **'QUICK'** to update your contact information

## SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS (1844-1879)

With Immaculate Mary’s “Ave Maria” for its refrain, Andy Williams’ “Village of Saint Bernadette” peaked at #7 on *Billboard’s Top 40* at Christmas 1959, airing on radio stations all over America. Imagine! April 16 marks the feast of Bernadette Soubirous, the teenager who, combing a refuse heap for firewood, saw a “beautiful lady” who identified herself in words Bernadette faithfully reported to the bishop, though she did not understand their meaning: “I am the Immaculate Conception.” Relentlessly interrogated, she never wavered in her story or sweetness. Chronically ill all her life and dead at thirty-five, Bernadette left behind the shrine at Lourdes where healing waters still flow from the spring that her “beautiful lady” pointed out to her.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## GRACE AND ETERNAL LIFE

Moses is a man after our own hearts, for haven’t we all dealt with more than our share of stiff-necked people? Indeed, haven’t we all gotten a little stiff-necked ourselves at times? Complaining . . . impatient . . . quick to anger. How lucky for Moses—how lucky for all of us—that God is exactly the opposite! And we don’t even have to guess about it. The Lord tells us so directly. Accordingly, Moses does what we all need to do. Even with the tablets in hand, he bows down and asks for God’s forgiveness and grace.

Encouraging us to live together in peace—and in God’s favor—the Apostle Paul knows all about this grace, joyfully invoking Christ’s grace on us along with God’s love and the Holy Spirit’s. “Rejoice,” he says. And when it comes to rejoicing, John offers us the gladdest words of all: the assurance of eternal life through Jesus.

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The liturgy seems reluctant to return to Ordinary Time from the joys of Easter, and so the festivities extend to today’s celebration of the mystery of God’s relationship to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Gospel today centers the question of our relationship with God in the struggle of Nathaniel to believe that it is possible to experience “rebirth” in the Spirit. The answer of Jesus is that God’s response to the messes of this world is the mystery of saving love in Jesus Christ and the outpouring of an empowering Spirit.

Western church architecture often tops a church building with a spire, indicating humanity’s reach to a transcendent God. The Eastern Church responds with onion-shaped domes, indicating the Spirit’s being poured down upon humanity precisely at this locale, the gathering of the faithful for the Divine Liturgy. This familiar design encodes a great mystery: here, at the Lord’s table, we experience the outpouring of the Spirit for the life of the world. Nathaniel came to Jesus by night, since he was still working out the meaning of his life. A life attuned to the inner life of the Trinity must always be given to the light of day.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## The Unemployment Line

WERC is wishing everyone a safe and healthy stay-at-home experience! And for those who continue to work – we are grateful for your service!

Per the recent Archdiocesan guidelines our monthly employment support group meetings are cancelled. We will re-evaluate our schedule for future months as we learn more.

### Looking for work/Expecting to return to the office as restrictions are eased?

Experts are saying there are plenty of jobs to be had – even in this down economy. And many of us will be heading back to the shop/office in the near future. Here is something to know about as we “return to normal” work environments.

As Lindsay Grenawalt, Chief People Officer of Cockroach Labs, discussed physical workspace changes, she mentioned that “a sole chair in the middle of a 6-foot space” just isn’t realistic for some employers moving forward. “All of those things are great and they’re plans, especially if you are a business that does need to return to work to a physical workspace, but those are plans that are using little data,” she says.

“For us specifically I think from an organizational standpoint, we’ve been very fortunate that we have a workforce that is supported by a work-from-home environment and from a cultural standpoint, we did have a lot of not only cultural practices that were in place but processes that were in place that really supported us transitioning to a work-from-home environment,” she says. For Grenawalt and the Cockroach Labs employees, those processes will carry them through to the next phase of changes to current workplace environments.

While some employees will likely commit to working from home for the long haul, the decision will require input on part of the employer and employee to make the transition work. “We’ve been pushed into these situations under duress, against our will, and that’s not what a true work-from-home experience is,” she says.

The transition into a work-from-home role requires adjusting to a different environment, and Grenawalt says that “you have to reset what your expectations are for that environment,” noting the process will take time as employees go through a mental shift during the process of stay-at-home restrictions being lifted.

### We’re Still Here!

The St. Mary of Vernon WERC team is still available to help! Contact the WERC team at [SMVWERC@gmail.com](mailto:SMVWERC@gmail.com) to pose questions, ask for advice, connect (virtually) for a shoulder to lean on...

The purpose of our Wellspring Employment Resource Community (WERC) ministry is to provide a safe and effective forum for sharing work search tools and techniques which can enable unemployed parishioners in their search for meaningful and rewarding work.

### **Around the Corner – From St. Joseph’s Unemployment Ministry**

*Please note: As of June 4, St. Joseph’s Unemployment Ministry is switching regular meetings from Wednesday evenings to **Thursday evenings**.*

#### Zoom meeting: **Financial Survival Kit**

When: June 18, 2020 7:00 -9:00 PM Central Time

REQUESTING: Your Financial questions: What financial questions / concerns are you struggling with during this challenging time? On June 18, Michael Knight will present a session focused on Financial Survival During Transition in the midst of COVID-19. Michael would like to tailor his session to make sure he addresses our attendees' most pressing financial questions. Please forward your questions to John Jennings at [jfjennings@comcast.net](mailto:jfjennings@comcast.net) with any specific financial questions or concerns you may have (we'll remove your name so that your questions remain anonymous) and we'll forward the questions to Michael so he can focus his presentation to make it as relevant and useful as possible, to provide the maximum benefit to you.

The St. Joseph Employment Ministry assists unemployed and under-employed in the pursuit - anyone with an interest in assisting job-seekers is also invited to attend. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month and feature topical presentations. If you have questions, contact John Jennings at [jfjennings@comcast.net](mailto:jfjennings@comcast.net). Employers are invited to post open positions by sending an email to John.

READINGS & FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday, June 8—1 Kgs 17:1-6; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday, June 9—1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16 St. Ephrem

Wednesday, June 10—1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, June 11—Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Mt 5:20-26 St. Barnabas

Friday, June 12—1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday, June 13—1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37 St. Anthony of Padua

Sunday, June 14—Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58  
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OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

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We offer our sympathy to her family and pray that her soul now rests in peace and joy in the arms of God.

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**Sunday Masses:** Saturdays at 7:00 PM streamed on Facebook  
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**Baptisms & Weddings:** Please call the Rectory to make  
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