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John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

This weekend's mass will be recorded at St Clare. Please join us for mass on Saturday evening (after 4pm) or Sunday all day. The recorded mass will be available on the

website and on our Facebook page.
In an effort to continue to improve your online mass experience,
we are trying something new this week. Attached below is a
printable version of the music for this weekend's mass. Please
feel free to refer to it if you wish.

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“How the Virus Stole Easter”

By Kristi Bothur

With a nod to Dr. Seuss

Twas late in '19 when the virus began
 Bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.
 People were sick, hospitals full,
 Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.
 As winter gave way to the promise of spring,
 The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.
 People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen.
 They YouTubed and Zoomed, social-distanced, and cleaned.
 April approached and churches were closed.
 “There won’t be an Easter,” the world supposed.
 “There won’t be church services, and egg hunts are out.
 No reason for new dresses when we can’t go about.”
 Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest.
 The world was focused on masks and on tests.
 “Easter can’t happen this year,” it proclaimed.
 “Online and at home, it just won’t be the same.”
 Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the days came and went.
 The virus pressed on; it just would not relent.
 The world woke Sunday and nothing had changed.
 The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.
 “Pooh pooh to the saints,” the world was grumbling.
 “They’re finding out now that no Easter is coming.
 “They’re just waking up! We know just what they’ll do!
 Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,
 And then all the saints will all cry boo-hoo.
 “That noise,” said the world, “will be something to hear.”
 So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.
 And it did hear a sound coming through all the skies.
 It started down low, then it started to rise.
 But the sound wasn’t depressed.
 Why, this sound was triumphant!
 It couldn’t be so!
 But it grew with abundance!
 The world stared around, popping its eyes.
 Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!
 Every saint in every nation, the tall and the small,
 Was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!

It hadn't stopped Easter from coming! It came!
 Somehow or other, it came just the same!
 And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine
 Stood puzzling and puzzling.
 "Just how can it be?"
 "It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies,
 It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money."
 Then the world thought of something it hadn't before.
 "Maybe Easter," it thought, "doesn't come from a store.
 Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more."
 And what happened then?
 Well....the story's not done.
 What will YOU do?
 Will you share with that one
 Or two or more people needing hope in this night?
 Will you share the source of your life in this fight?
 The churches are empty - but so is the tomb,
 And Jesus is victor over death, doom, and gloom.
 So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer,
 As the virus still rages all around, everywhere.
 May the world see hope when it looks at God's people.
 May the world see the church is not a building or steeple.
 May the world find Faith in Jesus' death and resurrection,
 May the world find Joy in a time of dejection.
 May 2020 be known as the year of survival,
 But not only that -
 Let it start a revival.

Please act now

Several months ago, St. Thomas sent a request asking everyone to fill out a census form. The census asked each household to reaffirm their membership with St. Thomas Parish and provide updated contact information. To-date, we received approximately 700 responses from our 1300 currently registered families. It is important that our records accurately reflect the correct number of parish members. Financial assessments from the Archdiocese as well as Catholic Central are based on the total number of registered families we have on file. If your household has not reaffirmed membership with St. Thomas, please do so immediately. Simply send an email to



starectory@saintthomaswaterford.org with the following information:

- Adult name, email address, cell phone
- Adult name, email address, cell phone (if there is a second adult in the house)
- Child name, age (for each child living at home)

PLEASE REACH OUT TODAY IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO! Our goal is to update all our records in the next month or so. Once this is complete, we will only send these emails and other parish communications to those who returned updated census information and reaffirmed membership.

Helping those in need



Every 3 months, volunteers from Saint Thomas parish assist in the Saint Vincent dePaul meal program at 9th and Madison, Milwaukee. We were recently informed the site is closed due to the Virus. No volunteers are needed at this time but that does not reduce the need that exists for those less fortunate. Saint Vincent dePaul is accepting monetary donations. Our hope is

that the site will be open for the July meal. If you would like to donate, please send your donation with a note that this is intended for SVDP to the parish office and we will deliver it.

**Say hello to the newest member of our team
Thaddeus Loduha - Youth minister**



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