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# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

*"I came so  
that they  
might have  
life and have  
it more  
abundantly."*



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 3, 2020**

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on our YouTube Channel  
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Monday - Friday, 7 am, Facebook Live**

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## In Remembrance of Dr. Breen

*Into whatsoever houses I enter, I will enter to help the sick, and I will abstain from all intentional wrong-doing and harm, especially from abusing the bodies of man or woman, bond or free.*

**-Hippocratic Oath-**

*Now, while we are looking forward to a slow and arduous recovery from the pandemic, there is a danger that we will forget those who are left behind. The risk is that we may then be struck by an even worse virus, that of selfish indifference. A virus spread by the thought that life is better if it is better for me, and that everything will be fine if it is fine for me. It begins there and ends up selecting one person over another, discarding the poor, and sacrificing those left behind on the altar of progress. The present pandemic, however, reminds us that there are no differences or borders between those who suffer. We are all frail, all equal, all precious.*

**-Pope Francis-**

Patrick Moriarty grew up doted upon by his sisters and loved as a best friend by his brother. He was the youngest son in a family of immigrants, whose parents both died when he was just a child and his oldest sister was only 16 years old. Rather than dividing the family, she went to work, joined soon after by her sister and her brother, all of them determined to hold the family together and to care for their “Paddy” in whatever way they could. And, thanks to their sacrifice, he thrived—growing into a joyful and gifted young man. The first in his family to go to college, he graduated from Georgetown Medical School at 21, president of his class, and later served as a medic in World War I. He married the beautiful Elizabeth Bowen (whom his sisters never quite thought was good enough for him) and set up a medical practice in his home, in Chicopee, Massachusetts, where he raised three daughters and a son and became known to the Polish immigrants and the Irish workers alike simply as “Doc.” Known for his great diagnostic ability, Doc Moriarty was sought out by physicians from across the region, and later was invited to an international symposium in Austria in 1938 (where he was confronted on the street for refusing to salute the recently installed leader of “greater Germany,” Adolf Hitler). Yet, for all his intellectual and professional achievements, Doc Moriarty—my grandfather—was a terrible business man, and died (two years before my birth) with a desk full of unpaid invoices, going back decades, from patients who could not pay and whom he would never pursue with any vigor. His call in life was giving to his patients what God had given to him, and while that could lead him to treat a gunshot victim in his front parlor or talk a neighborhood teenager out of slicing his father’s throat, it rarely led him to success in the eyes of the larger world.

During these last weeks and months of the Covid19 pandemic, I have been remembering the stories my mother told me about my “Granddaddy Doc”—as we always called him. The image of the committed General Practitioner, my grandfather has, for me, seemed just a remnant of a lost age, when medicine was personal and not controlled by the corporate mentality that so often reduces patients to



customers or numbers on a bottom line. But, these days, hearing of the sacrifice of so many nurses and doctors here and around the world, I have come to realize that, for all the structural changes in the “business” of medicine, the “profession” of medicine remains grounded on the commitment of women and men who give their lives to the saving of others. From those days, nearly 2500 years ago, when Hippocrates first tried to organize the care of patients in a rational way, to today, when doctors and nurses leave their own families—so as not to infect them—and weep in the hallways of major hospitals for the patients they cannot save, doctors and nurses have pledged their lives—i.e., have “professed”—their commitment to the care of the sick. In this *profession*, they show that medicine is not, fundamentally, an abstract science, but a passionate and personal art, engaged in by committed women and men for the sake of their sisters and brothers. It is, as it has always been, an act of love and mercy, that sees the common weakness of the human person and seeks to better the life of that person with knowledge, care, and compassion. For a treating physician or nurse, a patient in never a means to an end; nor is the patient rich or poor, black or white, male or female, gay or straight. Rather, the particular patient is a human being, fragile and in need, whose very humanity calls out for a response that cannot be ignored, but lays claim to a nurse or doctor whose life is bound by their profession.

But like all acts of sacrifice, the practice of medicine—especially in a time of pandemic—brings with it pain, sometimes beyond bearing. Recently, in an article in the *New York Times*, I read about a highly respected emergency room doctor in Manhattan, Dr. Lorna M. Breen, who died from self-inflicted injuries while at home with her parents in Virginia. Dr. Breen, the child of a physician, had given herself fully to the care of the numerous women and men who flooded the ER during the pandemic. And though she knew none of these people when they came through the door, she cared for each with all the compassion and skill she possessed, living out the oath of care she had professed, and willingly putting herself at risk to save her patients. Ultimately, she contracted the Covid19 virus herself, though after taking less than two weeks to recuperate, she was back at the ER again, until the hospital intervened and sent her to her parents’ home in Virginia. There, though a woman of faith who had never before struggled with mental illness, she became detached and withdrawn, ultimately taking her life—a warrior of healing, overcome by the many losses she had faced.

The tragic death of Dr. Breen illustrates with unusual force, the tremendous gift of self that comes with the practice of medicine. Though not all doctors or nurses

will be caught in the same whirlpool that trapped Dr. Breen, all those who today put their lives on the line for the patients of Covid19, all those working inordinate hours under highly stressed conditions, all those accompanying the tens-of-thousands of patients who will not recover and will leave behind families and friends—beloved ones often unable to see these patients in their last days—carry with them, in a unique way, the burden of these days, the burden all of us are meant to share. Whether Jew or Christian, Muslim or Buddhist, Hindu or non-believer, these medical professionals take up the spiritual work of our culture, incarnating the words of Isaiah, so recently applied to Jesus: “*it was our pain he bore, our sufferings he endured*” (Is. 53:4). Theirs is an act of love, and like all such acts, we must recognize its holiness and bear witness for those who serve.

So, when we think, “*Why must we isolate ourselves from one another? Why must we suffer the boredom and anxiety of these days?*” When we long to have the stores opened or to assemble with our friends in a restaurant, we should recall those, martyred or wounded by their care of our sisters and brothers, and we should “*offer it up*”—as the nuns used to tell us—for the sake not just of the direct victims of this virus, but for all those who bless us with their sacrifice and make our world holy by their love. And when we resist the expense of caring for those we do not know, or those we think are different from ourselves—when we blanch at government support for undocumented immigrants and for gig workers who have lost their jobs, when we hesitate about subsidies for small businesses or extended payments to the unemployed, when we resist covering the medical bills of the uninsured or providing more support to poor nations struck by this plague—let us remember those who welcome the stranger at every emergency room door, and who are willingly offering their own weakness to shore up the brokenness of our friends. Their example is our call; their gift a reminder to us. We are all broken, and only together can we be whole.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John", followed by a small flourish.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Entrance Song

## *Sing to the Mountains*

*Dufford*

### Refrain

Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice.

*To verses*

### Verse 1

I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song.

*To Refrain*

### Verse 2

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice.  
Death has lost and all is life. Sing of the glory of God.

*To Refrain*

## Gloria

### First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

## Responsorial Psalm

## Psalm 23

Gelineau



My shep - herd is the Lord, noth - ing in - deed shall I want.

Lord, you are my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures, where you give me repose.  
Near restful waters you lead me to revive my dropping spirit. *Ref.*

You guide me along the right path, you are true to your name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. *Ref.*

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil, my cup is overflowing. *Ref.*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever. *Ref.*

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.

*He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.*

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## Gospel Acclamation

## Festive Alleluia

Mozart/Trapp



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.*

## Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

## Offertory Song

### *Cantor Solo: Easter Wings*

*George Herbert/David Ashley White*

Lord, Who createdst man in wealth and store,  
Though foolishly he lost the same,  
Decaying more and more,  
Till he became  
Most poore:  
With Thee  
O let me rise,  
As larks, harmoniously,  
And sing this day Thy victories:  
Then shall the fall further the flight in me.

My tender age in sorrow did beginne;  
And still with sicknesses and shame  
Thou didst so punish sinne,  
That I became  
Most thinne.  
With Thee  
Let me combine,  
And feel this day Thy victorie:  
For, if I imp my wing on Thine,  
Affliction shall advance the flight in me.

## Communion Song

### *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*

*Watts/RESIGNAITON*

1. My Shep - herd you sup - ply my need, Most  
2. When I walk through the shades of death, your  
3. The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at -

ho - ly is your name; in pas - tures green you  
pres - ence is my stay; one word of your sup -  
tend me all my days; oh, may your house be

make me feed be - side the liv - ing stream. You  
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way. Your  
my a - bode and all my work be praise! There

bring my wan - dering spir - it back when I for -  
hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my  
would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers

sake your ways, and lead me for your  
ta - ble spread; my cup with bless - ings  
go and come; no more a strang - er

mer - cies' sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
or a guest, but like a child at home.



# ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL UPDATE

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Happy Spring to you all! I hope you and your families are all doing well and have managed to find some joy in these crazy times. Our parish staff has continued to work hard to meet your spiritual needs virtually. I know it is not the same for most of us we all eagerly wait to gather together as a parish family.

I am so grateful for all your online donations and checks you have continued to send in and all the wonderful notes that are coming, thank you all so much. Unfortunately as I have said previously we lose \$8,000 to \$10,000 per weekend that we don't have mass. This last weekend was our 7th weekend of no inperson mass. We are down an additional \$70,000 since March 15th. We are doing our part by cutting expenses where we can but we were running lean to begin with. Additionally we have had additional expenses incurred switching to the E-parish format.

I know many of us are struggling (me included) what we ask is if you can afford to make a financial gift please do and if you can't please keep our parish in your prayers. If you are new to St. Joseph and had not registered and made a pledge for this year, please do so now if you can. Please know how grateful I am to the St. Joseph family, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out [marti@stjosephparish.org](mailto:marti@stjosephparish.org)

*Marti*



## PARISH LIFE

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PLEASE NOTE: The St. Joseph campus—church, school, lawns, and parking lot—are pledged to uphold the Governor's guidelines during this period of pandemic. We ask that no parishioners (or anyone else) gather in groups over 10 people on the property of St. Joseph, and that all maintain precautions of distance and, when in a group, masks. We do this not simply for the health of those people in attendance, but for the health of the most vulnerable among us, who are particularly susceptible to this deadly disease. As women and men of faith, let us continue to maintain these important guidelines as an act of care for our neighbors.

### ZOOM Prayer

In these challenging days, we know that the Spirit continues to move among us, offering us support and binding us together into a community of faith, hope, and love. To help foster this spiritual communion, St. Joseph is offering prayer opportunities through the interactive network, Zoom. If you have a computer or a smart phone and would like to find support and prayer with your neighbors, join us in one (or more) of these prayer opportunities. Just contact the host, and give them your e-mail, you will then receive an invitation by e-mail, with a link which will allow to join the meeting.

Mondays, 6:30 pm - LGBTQ+ - email Theresa at [theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org)  
Tuesdays, 2:00 pm - Pray the Rosary - email Deacon Steve at [stevev@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevev@stjosephparish.org)  
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm - Open to everyone - email Theresa at [theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org)  
Wednesdays, 5:00 pm - Middle Schoolers - email Claire at [claireh@stjosephparish.org](mailto:claireh@stjosephparish.org)  
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm - Young Adults - email YA at [youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org](mailto:youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org)  
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm - Men's Ministry - email Deacon Steve  
Thursdays, 6:30 pm - Women's Ministry- email Theresa at [theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org)



# LITURGY AND WORSHIP

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## E-Parish - Connect with us online!

In addition to our official parish website ([www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)) we will continue to host recorded homilies and parishioner bible reflections, video Masses and many points for prayer on our Facebook page (Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stjosephseattle](http://www.facebook.com/stjosephseattle)) and at our new YouTube page (YouTube: St. Joseph, Seattle). Please join us!

Content that you can regularly expect:

- Video Daily Mass
- Video 10 am Sunday Mass
- Video Weekly Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Video Weekday Evening Examen

**We are sending all our bulletin information out in an email newsletter.**

**If you are not receiving these emails, please email [admin@stjosephparish.org](mailto:admin@stjosephparish.org)**

## Parishioner Buddy System

A huge Thank You to those who have already volunteered the response has been overwhelmingly positive! At this time we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to call fellow parishioners to check in and see how they are holding up during these difficult times when we cannot come together in Eucharist. If this is something you would be willing to do please respond to [virtual@stjosephparish.org](mailto:virtual@stjosephparish.org). We will send you a telephone script with ideas and FAQ's that will aid you in your calls. The parishioners we have reached out to thus far have been very happy to hear from fellow parishioners and we are hoping to reach out to the entire parish.

If you would like to be a part of this important ministry to either give or receive assistance, please email [virtual@stjosephparish.org](mailto:virtual@stjosephparish.org) or call Mary Wiseman at (206) 351-0765.

**Our Church is open for personal prayer:**

**Monday - Friday 10am - Noon; 3pm - 5pm**

**Saturday Noon - 4pm**

**Sunday 11am - 5pm**

**If you visit the church, please maintain physical distancing.**

**Sunday Masses will be posted here and on Youtube.**

**Daily Masses will be live streamed on Facebook.**

**If you have a sacramental need: anointing, reconciliation, etc., please call (206)300-6010 or email [jwhitney@stjosephparish.org](mailto:jwhitney@stjosephparish.org)**



# FAITH JUSTICE



## Reaching Out While Staying In

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** - St. Joseph parishioners generously donate to our St. Vincent de Paul ministry and it is even more important in this time of the coronavirus. But there is another aspect of generosity that we all can contribute in addition to the important dollars that buy food, pay rents, or cover a delinquent electric bill.

St. Vincent volunteers visit folks in their homes. This in-person presence provides person-to-person contact, affirmation of the individual's importance and worthiness as a person. So how can we demonstrate this sign of in-person respect for the needy in a time of social distancing.

It's simple. We can greet people with a warm hello as we pass them on the street, or at the market. A mask-muffled greeting will be welcomed even if not returned. As one of our volunteers put it in this time of crisis and quarantine: "We are called to slow down, to smile (with our eyes over our masks), to say hello or a kind word from a good social distance and yet to potentially change the day."

This gift is not of the material kind but is a gift of the spirit. We all are in this crisis as people. Some will get sick, others will not. Most of us will worry. Yet each of us can help make this life-changing experience a bit more bearable, a bit brighter with just a simple smile, or "Hello, hope you are doing well."

That's the Vincentian spirit in action. Thank you for your support. To donate, please mail a check to the parish or visit our website at [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)

**FOOD DRIVE FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD BANK**  
- As we know, more and more people are accessing Food Banks during these challenging economic times. We are collecting non-perishable food items and hygiene items for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank located in Georgetown. Top priority items include peanut butter, jam, pasta & sauce, tuna fish, beans, rice etc. **PLACE IN THE FOOD BASKETS IN THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH**

**PREPARES** - Diaper and wipe shortages in stores are challenging many families. Catholic Community Services has started a COVID Diaper Response that collects and delivers these essential items directly to families in their PREPARES program. For more information about PREPARES or how to donate, please e-mail [prepares@ccsww.org](mailto:prepares@ccsww.org) or Jojo Reardon at [joannelreardon@gmail.com](mailto:joannelreardon@gmail.com)

**SUPPORT OUR REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT BROTHERS AND SISTERS!**

**INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE**- Many people we serve at the IRC have persevered through years, if not decades, of displacement, violence, and other hardships. To now have their newfound safety and stability suddenly jeopardized can be retraumatizing and cause anxiety about the future. The IRC is committed to doing all we can to ensure refugee families and others we serve make it through this crisis with what they need to continue healing and working toward their goals. We're incredibly grateful to our supporters who have already stepped up to help our newest neighbors during this difficult time. Whether by pitching in to the COVID-19 Emergency Fund or purchasing items from our online wishlist, your contributions provide much-needed food, essential supplies, and financial relief to local families impacted by COVID-19. For questions or a link to the wishlist, email Deacon Steve at [stevew@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org)

**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES** - St Martin's currently has need for food items/meals and recreational materials (see below).

- Top food needs right now:

- o Comfort food: The loss of nearly all supermarket donations (e.g., sweets from bakeries) has left a big void. While not always healthy, comfort food like baked goods and even bags of fun-size candy bars help men worried and isolated by the massive change wrought by the pandemic.

- o Snacks & sandwiches: Both motel occupants and SMdP residents wish for more food to supplement meals. Motel occupants get 1-2 meals/day. At the main shelter, there is no steady dinner service. Residents receive hot Breakfast and Lunch, but portions are apparently limited.

- o Greens: SMdP needs fresh food. Donated produce has dropped sharply. Large bags of salad would be wonderful.

To deliver items, email or call St. Martin de Porres: 206-323-6341 or Jeff at [jefferyc@ccsww.org](mailto:jefferyc@ccsww.org)



# POPE-POURRI

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## PRAYER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO MARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

## LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020 Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist  
Pope Francis

### First Prayer

O Mary,  
You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus’ suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”,  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

