

The Sunday That Will Surely Go Down In History

Beloved parishioners:

I want to believe we are all keeping well and healthy together with all our families. Please, may we continue to do all in our powers to stay safe and healthy in these very different and difficult times. As children of God, may we never forget that we are never alone especially at such a time like this but always remember that the good Lord is always with us and will neither abandon us nor forsake us.

As scripture rightly says “ can a mother forget her nursing child? ...even if these may forget, but I will not forget you” (Is 49:15)

I would like to share a few thoughts with you beloved parishioners at St Mary and St Martin on this day of our Lord, Sunday March 22, 2020. This day will definitely go down in my history books for obvious reasons. Today at Mass exactly about the same time we usually gather on a Sunday, it was totally an unusual gathering from what we are used to as I was all alone at Sunday Mass, the first of its kind in my many years of priestly ministry, and yet I could still hear members of the choir rendering those beautiful Lenten songs from the choir loft upstairs with all the people of God gathered in spirit around the Eucharistic table and the Lord blessing each of us and our families as I lifted up the precious body and blood from the high altar.

That was quite a consoling moment for me and for all of us because I know for sure that in these unsettling and uncertain times when what fills our minds and thoughts are but the fear of the unknown and what the next day might bring our way with the COVID-19 pandemic ravaging the entire globe and shutting down our normal and usual lives with the speed of light, but I still know that the battle is not totally ours because we are never alone in this whole journey for the good Lord knows all that concerns us and surely accompanies us every step of the way and even in the most

difficult and perilous times like this, and together we shall eventually get through these times of trial better and stronger.

Please, be assured of my prayers especially at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and during these most holy times and days of our liturgical life and celebrations. May we never falter at such times as these but remain strong and steadfast in the face of such uncertain times in an uncharted territory in the hope and belief that it shall all end in praise and thanksgiving to God in the end. Please, continue to stay safe and healthy with your loved ones and families and please remember to also keep me in your prayers in these trying times as well. With prayerful wishes and blessings to you, your families and all your loved ones. Always in the union of prayers,

Father Gordian- Your Pastor.