



SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS



It is I

*do not
be afraid*

“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Time flies. Yes, it does. Time is a funny thing.

St. Augustine, patron saint of the Diocese of Tucson, reflected on time. He became aware that time has three parts. The three parts of time appear to be moving. The past used to exist, the present cannot last forever, and the future will become the present and then the past. The present moment alone appears to have a claim to being real.

Because the present moment is the really real, it is important that we live in the present with our minds and hearts, and all our senses, attuned to the presence of God. This has been called “the practice of the presence of God.” Perhaps you have heard of a little book called *The Practice of the Presence of God*. It is a book of collected teachings of Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection, d: 1691. He was a Discalced Carmelite friar who spent most of his religious life working in the monastery kitchen. As a simple friar (he was not a priest) he developed a keen awareness of the presence of God in everyday life. The little book has become a Christian classic. If I may recommend any spiritual reading, this book is perhaps the most beneficial at this time of disrupted routines and reordered relationships. What is important is for us to become aware of the presence of God especially at this time. A beloved maxim of St. Teresa of Jesus can help us become more aware of God’s presence. It goes like this: *Let nothing disturb you; Let nothing frighten you; All things pass away. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. He who has God, finds he lacks nothing. God alone suffices.*

By the time you receive this, I will be in Baltimore at the home where I grew up. My sister Maureen is the only one there now. She was taking care of my father until he died in February. We will finally be able to inter his cremains with my mother, in her grave. She died in April of 1996. It was near the end of my first six years as Pastor of Santa Cruz Parish. Since both my parents died while I was Pastor of Santa Cruz Parish, it somehow makes Santa Cruz more special to me. After my home visit, my brother Tim and I will drive to Iowa, where my father was raised, to attend a Watson family reunion.

I will be back in Tucson on August 20. But then on August 23, Fr. Godfrey and I will attend a meeting called a Chapter of the California-Arizona Province of Discalced Carmelite Friars. It is a meeting that takes place every three years in California. At this meeting we will make decisions about the next three years in the life of the Province. I invite you to pray for a good outcome of this meeting.

“Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by.”

Let us journey together in faith.

Fr. Steve

“Ármate de valor, soy Yo; no tengas miedo.”

Estimados feligreses y amigos,

El tiempo vuela. Sí, que vuela. El tiempo es algo gracioso. San Agustín, el santo patrón de la Diócesis de Tucson, reflexionaba del tiempo. Se dio cuenta de que el tiempo tiene tres partes. Las tres partes del tiempo parecen estar en movimiento. El pasado solía existir, el presente no puede durar para siempre, y el futuro se convertirá en el presente y luego en el pasado. El momento presente solo aparece tener una pretensión de ser real.

Debido a que el momento presente es realmente real, es importante que vivamos en el presente con nuestras mentes y corazones, y todos nuestros sentidos, en sintonía con la presencia de Dios. Esto se ha llamado “la práctica de la presencia de Dios.” Quizás han oído hablar de un pequeño libro llamado *La Práctica de la Presencia de Dios*. Es un libro de enseñanzas recopiladas del Hermano Lawrence de la Resurrección, fallecido en 1691. Era un fraile Carmelita Descalzo que pasó la mayor parte de su vida religiosa trabajando en la cocina del monasterio. Como simple fraile (no era sacerdote) él desarrolló una gran conciencia de la presencia de Dios en la vida cotidiana. El librito se ha convertido en un clásico libro Cristiano. Si puedo recomendar alguna lectura espiritual, este libro es quizás el más beneficioso en este momento de rutinas interrumpidas y relaciones reordenadas. Lo importante es que nos demos cuenta de la presencia de Dios en estos momentos. Un querido refrán de Santa Teresa de Jesús puede ayudarnos a ser más conscientes de la presencia de Dios. Dice así: *Nada te turbe, Nada te espante, Todo se pasa, Dios no se muda, La paciencia Todo lo alcanza; Quien a Dios tiene Nada le falta: Sólo Dios basta.*

Para cuando reciban esta carta, estaré en Baltimore en la casa donde crecí. Mi hermana Maureen es la única allí ahora. Ella estaba cuidando a mi padre hasta que el falleció en febrero. Finalmente podremos enterrar sus cenizas junto a mi madre, en su tumba. Ella murió en abril de 1996, cerca del final de mis primeros seis años como Párroco de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz. Dado que mis dos padres murieron siendo pastor de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz, hace que Santa Cruz sea especial para mí. Después de mi visita a casa, mi hermano Tim y yo iremos a Iowa, donde se crió mi padre, para asistir a una reunión familiar de la familia Watson.

Regresaré a Tucson el 20 de agosto. Pero luego, el 23 de agosto, el Padre Godfrey y yo asistiremos a una reunión llamada Capítulo de la Provincia de Frailes Carmelitas Descalzos de la Provincia de California-Arizona. Es una reunión que toma lugar cada tres años en California. En esta reunión tomaremos decisiones sobre los próximos tres años en la vida de la Provincia. Los invito a orar por un buen resultado de esta reunión.

“Sal de la cueva y quédate en el monte para ver al SEÑOR; porque el SEÑOR va a pasar.”

Caminemos juntos en fe.

Padre Steve

Since I am going to be away for most of August, there will be no changes to our present schedule of Masses until after Labor Day. Confessions are on Saturday, 3:30-5 p.m.

I encourage you to check the parish website or Facebook for updates. You can also call the parish office for information.

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Como voy a estar fuera durante la mayor parte de agosto, no habrá cambios en nuestro horario actual de misas hasta después del Día del Trabajo. Las confesiones son los sábados de 3:30- 5p.m.

Le recomiendo que consulte el sitio web de la parroquia o Facebook para obtener noticias actuales. También puede llamar a la oficina parroquial para obtener información.

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Santa Cruz Catholic Church Mass Times

Saturday, 6pm (English) Rosary followed by Mass in school field. Park N' Pray transmitted on radio station 96.9 FM.

Sunday, 9 am (English) outdoor Mass in school courtyard. Must wear a mask. Bring your own lawn chair, umbrella and hand-sanitizer.

Sunday, 11 am (English) Mass live streamed on Facebook. It can be viewed later on the Santa Cruz Parish Tucson channel on YouTube. No attendance is permitted at this Mass.

Sunday, 6 pm (Español) Rosary followed by Mass in school field. Park N' Pray transmitted on radio station 96.9 FM.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Xavier & Maggie Rodriguez/

50th Wedding Anniversary

George Rivera/R.I.P.

Santa Cruz Parishioners

Ramona Gonzales/Happy Birthday

Special Int./Pueblo High School, Pueblo College
Prep. Academy & Community

Virginia Armenta/R.I.P.

Sally Lee/R.I.P.

Regino Ramirez, Jr./R.I.P.

Teresa Kim Phan/R.I.P.

Deacon Richard Ornelas & Deceased Members of the
Ornelas & Pedroza Families/R.I.P.

In Thanksgiving to Saint Jude

Allan Cruz-Martinez/R.I.P.

Joseph Minh Phan/R.I.P.

Teresa Kim Phan/R.I.P.

Richard & Ruth Nenninger/R.I.P.

Allan Cruz-Martinez/R.I.P.

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In Residence: Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.
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New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in our parish office.

~ Masses ~

Sun. 6:30 am, 8 am (Spanish), 10 am, 12 noon, & 6 pm

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am & 8:00 am Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confession: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the Month (English) / 4º Domingo del Mes (Español)

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

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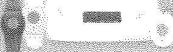
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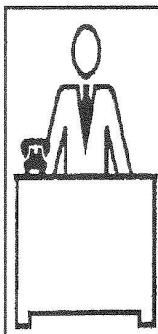
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