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Holy Week Meditations with Bishop Estévez

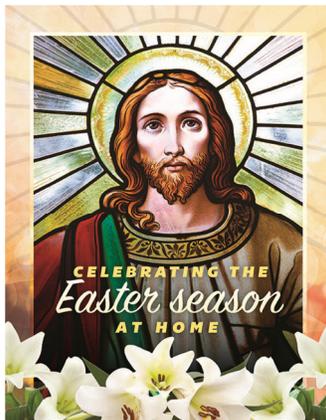
Beginning next week, Bishop Felipe Estévez will lead the Catholic faithful on a spiritual journey of meditations for Holy Week. The meditations focus on “The Seven Last Words of Christ” and will be available through the diocesan Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/DOSACatholics> and our Holy Week Series at <https://www.dosafl.com/holyweekseries/>, April 7-10.



We pray these meditations will help you and your loved ones to prayerfully enter into the events of Holy Week as we unite ourselves to the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Two videos will be released daily with one final video on Good Friday. For more information, email bduncan@dosafl.com.

Celebrating the Easter Season at Home



Although Easter will be celebrated from home this year, there are many resources and creative ways available for you and our family to maintain the celebration of your faith. Select this link:

https://mcusercontent.com/5cbbc6030d8ad8295bee54a60/files/34d86bb9-fab3-48c7-92ff-4cfe6d93d7ec/fc_easter_special_edition_parish.pdf for a 10-page resource guide that includes tools for marriage, developing a prayer routine with the family, Easter recipes, tips for at-home-school days, and how to take a gratitude walk and more. For additional online resources in Spanish and English, visit www.dosafl.com/coronavirus.

Holy Week Liturgical Services with Pope Francis



As our community pulls together to stave off the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Pope Francis is busy preparing for Holy Week services that will begin airing on Palm Sunday, April 5. And while it won't be the same as celebrating Holy Week and Easter in our parish church, we can still find meaningful ways to commemorate and celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with our family and loved ones. The Holy Father will celebrate Holy Week from St. Peter's Basilica on the following days:

Palm Sunday – April 5

11:00 a.m. Commemoration of the entry of the Lord into Jerusalem and Holy Mass

Holy Thursday – April 9

6:00 p.m. The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday – April 10

6:00 p.m. Pope Francis will preside over the Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Cross, and the Communion Rite at The Passion of the Lord, commemorating the Lord's crucifixion and death on Mount Calvary.

9:00 p.m. Pope Francis will participate in the "Way of the Cross" at St. Peter's Basilica.

Holy Saturday – April 11

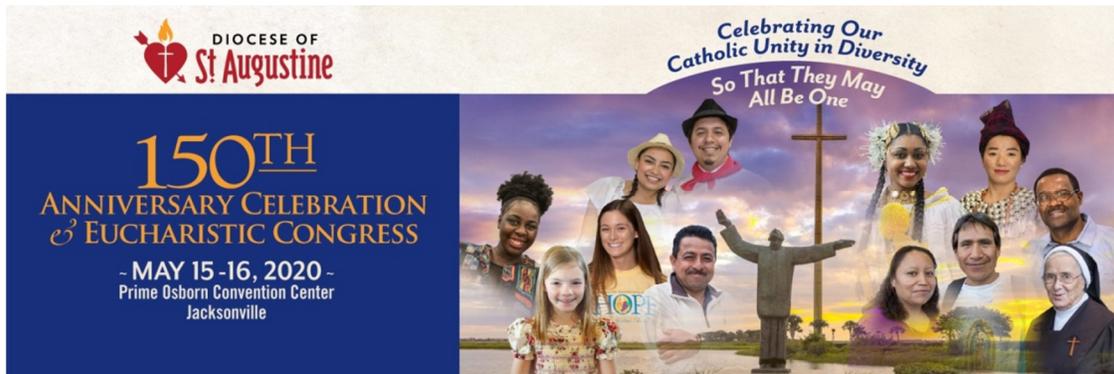
9:00 p.m. Pope Francis presides at the Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday – April 12

11:00 a.m. Easter. Pope Francis will impart the "Urbi et Orbi" blessing at the end of Mass.

Several parishes will also live-stream services for Holy Week. Check out your parish website for times, or visit the diocesan website for a list of parishes and Catholic networks at <https://www.dosaf.com/masses>.

The 2020 Florida Eucharistic Congress Is Postponed



Due to the uncertainty we face with the coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 Florida Eucharistic Congress, scheduled for May 15-16 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville, has been postponed. Bishop Felipe Estévez is exploring alternative dates to reschedule this year's Eucharistic Congress and the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of St. Augustine. More information will be shared with our faith community as soon as possible.

Masks for Local Health Care Workers

Ascension St. Vincent's is partnering with Rethreaded and others to provide masks for its caregivers. The Catholic health system is providing the material, which is two-ply spun polypropylene that keeps out water, bacteria and about 99.9 percent of particulates. The high-quality material is typically used to keep instruments sterile before surgeries and procedures and would otherwise be discarded after its initial use.

"This is a wonderful collaboration that will help both our caregivers and the talented, dedicated workers at Rethreaded, who have already overcome so much as survivors of human trafficking," said Tom VanOsdol, president and CEO of Ascension Florida and Gulf Coast. "We are doing well on supplies at this time, including masks, but we continue to proactively look for creative solutions to employ should we need them. This is a prime example of local innovation and collaboration in action."



Photo: The staff of Rethreaded are taking the sterile material, sewing the masks together and sending them to Ascension St. Vincent's for potential use. (Photo courtesy of Rethreaded)



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