

Reflection on the Coronavirus Pandemic:

During this time of great uncertainty, there is only one undeniable truth – and that is GOD- His power, His divine mercy, His great wisdom, His faithfulness, and most of all – His boundless love for mankind. Sadly, God’s love has been unrequited. He has always desired that we love Him back, but we have grown colder, indifferent, disobedient, and selfish. We need to console His most Sacred Heart.

We must pray with complete confidence that out of this suffering which He allowed to come forth to the whole world He will bring a greater ultimate good. With the lockdown of major cities around the world, the quarantines, travel bans, closing of shops and businesses, even churches, we see it as a wake-up call – time to ponder what really matters in life. Families are now spending more time together again. Busyness can no longer be an excuse not to reach out to far-away friends and relatives. People suddenly begin to miss the Eucharist, which they have so often taken for granted. This morning, we just heard over Relevant Radio that Texas has included abortion in the list of suspended procedures in order to attend to more urgent medical needs. Before the passage of this Texas bill abortion throughout the United States has been considered an urgent procedure that cannot be postponed by those who push for this grave evil. God, indeed, in His unfathomable wisdom, knows what He is doing behind all that He allows to happen.

Some of our friends and patients have died from this dreadful virus, suffering and dying alone without their loved ones at their bedside to bring comfort and bid them goodbye. It is heartbreaking to think of such loneliness, but we must focus our gaze upon our Lord on the Cross who felt forsaken and abandoned as He suffered and died on Mount Calvary - bearing all pain for our salvation and for love of us who are least deserving of that love.

We pray for the end of this dreadful disease, for the healing of all those who are suffering, for the salvation of those who have succumbed to it, for comfort, strength and hope in eternal life for their grieving loved ones, and for the protection of those who are caring for the sick. Most of all, we beg the Lord to spare us and our loved ones, but if it be God’s will that we must suffer this kind of death, we pray for the strength to accept His will so that in our suffering our family and friends may repent of their sins, be drawn closer to God, begin to care for each other, and receive eternal salvation. May all of mankind return to God and remain in Him forever. Amen.