

Peace be with you!

That's the phrase Jesus greeted his apostles with so frequently upon his shocking resurrection appearances. I imagine he wouldn't offer his peace if his disciples didn't need it; as we do today. In this Sunday's gospel we have the familiar road to Emmaus story with the two confused and bewildered disciples encountering Christ who they found difficult to recognize. After Jesus somewhat anonymously teaches his true identity as fulfillment of Scriptural prophecy in death and resurrection, he eventually was made known to them in the breaking of bread. We too must wait in our confusion and anxiety (and hope not for long) to resume our communal faith in the Eucharist, the source and summit of encounter with the living Christ. In the meantime I am continually asking Jesus what to do to serve him and his people.

Having made calls to our parish membership lists, and completing my assignment yesterday, I was inspired to text all my 'contact' lists with a greeting. After dozens of texts, my phone was vibrating my leg off as many responded in kind and we exchanged news. It's been lovely. Today, I hope to call my First Nation friends and check on their wellbeing. Instead of homily preparation, I research what relevant and catchy Church outdoor signs people are coming up with. These become my 'public' sandwich board homilies, the latest of which is attached below. (Also below is a reminder of our Cathedral's good work at the 9/10 Club soup kitchen). Thanks to my Mother's installation during my upbringing (may she RIP) of a fastidious zeal for a clean and tidy environment, I'm coming up with all kinds projects with Fr. Michael and Cynthia: identifying and shredding old documents, organizing the remnants of summer camp programming, and reviewing and updating parish data and systems. All while keeping the Church open for visitors and keeping the place sanitized. Over at SRL Rita is the sanitization queen and sprays me down with Lysol before she allows me in the building ☺ I'm thrilled to report that Grand Knight Kevin Stafford (with a bit of Gilly's tutoring) has tidied up the Hall custodial closet, revved up the floor cleaning machine which hasn't been in use since Earl Flarrow gave it up (may he too RIP), and spruced it up nicely. By the way, with all of you away, our parking lot has barely a pot hole since it was last graded. Maintenance and cleaning is really a piece of cake without you! ☺ Next Wednesday, with 9 family members to celebrate my 60<sup>th</sup> in November, I was to take off with Iceland Air for a two week holiday. That's all been cancelled, thanks to the demon virus, but I'll still plan to take the holiday time till mid-May and maybe camp in our RV in the driveway. Fr. Michael will take care of the parishes.

During this time of change and transition I must announce the resignation of two venerable Catechists who have served faithfully for years. Yolanda and Marie will not be carrying on this September and move into a well-deserved retirement. They have lovingly given themselves to Christ and his beloved children at OLOR. We thank them with sincere hearts and pray for an occasion to express our gratitude soon. Meanwhile, the young families need to be prayerfully seeking the Lord along with us, in finding suitable replacements. If you're interested or know someone who might be, please speak to me or Fr. Michael.

Last week, I experimented with a zoom liturgy on Sunday and it worked really well for 12 households; more interactive and participatory than a passively viewed livestream Mass. So this week I'm heading to Sooke because the Wi-Fi works in the Church and I'll offer a Mass via zoom. For those unfamiliar and nervous about it; it costs nothing to download the app and there is no need to buy a program. Security has been an issue, not because your data is insecure, but an uninvited person may join and be disruptive. This can be alleviated by a password but it seems that's a risk at Church anyway... in fact Jesus seemed to handle disruptions in his stride. So the information to log in is below and you're invited to join me.

I bless you with the words of the apostles in Sunday's gospel:

"The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon".

Fr. Dean

**Fr. Dean's Sunday Liturgy 3rd Sunday of Easter April 26th 2020**

**Time: Apr 26, 2020 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

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**Serving Soup to the Hungry**

Did you know the Soup Kitchen is an essential service, and continues to provide food to those in need during the current pandemic. In this challenging time, we offer soup-to-go bagged meal service, and observe physical distancing and other prescribed practices in fulfilling our community mission. The 9-10 Club Serving Soup to the Hungry is the oldest, completely volunteer-run food resource for the hungry in Victoria. The Soup Kitchen is located in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral, and is open Monday to Friday, from 8:00 to 10:00 am. We wish to extend our thanks, and appreciation, to the numerous volunteers and donors who have graciously supported our operations for more than 30 years. Further information is available at: [www.thesoupkitchen.ca](http://www.thesoupkitchen.ca)



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