



**Greetings in the Peace of Christ and the affection of his holy Mother during this Marion Month of May. (Photo of the OLOR flower crowned statue of our Lady)**

**“May is the month of promise and hope... and is not this the very aspect in which we most suitably regard the Blessed Virgin? She was the sure promise of the coming Saviour and therefore May is by special title her month” St. John Henry Newman**

**I’m back! Not from Iceland/Scotland as was the pre-covid plan, but from some camping at the Metchosin farm courtesy of the Juan da Fuca Columbus Society. As a courtesy one of the men played bagpipes while I drove off yesterday. Not sure if that made me feel better or worse. I’ve had a good holiday and a sense of relief from the stress of uncertainty how to serve as your Pastor and Priest; and admit to experiencing a range of mysterious emotions peculiar to pandemic times. Ambiguity is not a personal forte. I wonder how you’re doing emotionally as I pray Mass with you in**

**mind each day?? We all doing things out of the ordinary these days. Like Fr. Michael pictured who recently went to battle, not against the world, flesh and devil but against his own wild unshorn head of hair. I did the same with a serious razor slip leaving a bald spot above my left temple. A battle scar. Helping to keep me sane, I’ve discovered the only pickleball court open in Victoria and have regularly played competitively with a good friend and my four sons. I can’t be certain, but I think I’m becoming a champion 😊 Two ordinarily out of town sons have been with us over the two month lock down and it’s been so pleasant with the exception of their food consumption. One left for his temporary work as a window washer this morning with a brown bag lunch he packed from our fridge. The bag wasn’t one of those you used in elementary school, but a full size grocery bag from Thrifty’s. I’m still getting over the shock. I hope you Mothers were honoured for the fruit of you labours on Sunday. We were blessed to have been able to hold our granddaughter Anaya for the first time in two months as the bubble of interaction cautiously expands. O how sweet that was!**

**I will leave it for next week, but as an act of faith I will be promoting a Holy Land pilgrimage for next April. If the land of our Lord is on your bucket list this may be your opportunity. Details to come! As some are aware I was bucked off the horse called zoom prior to holiday and I’m attempting this Sunday to get back on. So here’s the following invitation that I hope will get us together in Christ for Mass. I’ve deliberately offered 15 minutes to get signed on and set up and we’ll plan to begin at 11:00. If you plan to join and can offer to read one of the two readings, or the universal prayers let me know. In consultation with Bishop Gary (who continues to livestream Mass daily through the Diocesan website) and other priests, Fr. Michael and the parish team is starting to think through details of opening back up for daily and weekend Masses. Not quite yet.... but I can’t wait!!! The challenge will be to maintain the six foot distancing and limit single gatherings to 50, but it’s a challenge we will heartily embrace to get you back to worship, back to the Word, back to the sacraments and back together as the body of Christ. Until then I remain yours in Jesus love. Fr. Dean**



**You have been invited to the following event.  
Mass for the 6th of Easter with Fr. Dean  
Henderson**

*When*

Sun May 17, 2020 10:45am – 11:45am Pacific Time -  
Vancouver

*Where*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83353458881?pwd=ZTBMcktkOEVPeDhhZlg2Wi9aUU4rUT09> (map)

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“Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother, to thee I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen (St. Bernard)

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