

**Statement of Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D. on the Death of George Floyd and its Aftermath
June 3, 2020**

The past week in our country has been trying, disturbing, and difficult. We shared understandable concern and anxiety as the first steps were taken toward a reopening of our pandemic-shuttered society. We rejoiced with the reopening of our churches. At the same time, we have been shocked and shaken as we witnessed in horror the senseless killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the national protest that followed. In its aftermath, we have seen understandable outrage expressed by so many people, renewed questions of racism, and at times hate and anger that has led to violence and destruction.

While some question how the brutal killing of George Floyd could happen in our country, many point to it as a stark demonstration of prevailing racism and prejudice. It is imperative, I think, to take this moment to try to understand the experiences of others, especially of those who have been historically disenfranchised; of those who still today experience injustice, indignity, and unequal opportunities only because of their race or the color of their skin.

As members of the Church, we cannot turn a blind eye when citizens are deprived of their human dignity and even their lives. In a recent pastoral letter against racism entitled, "Open Wide Our Hearts," I joined with my brother bishops in the U.S. in pointing out that, "racism is a life issue." Or as the bishops said in the pastoral letter, "Brothers and Sisters to Us," "Racism is a sin: a sin that divides the human family, blots out the image of God among specific members of that family, and violates the fundamental human dignity of those called to be children of the same Father."

Our efforts to build a culture of life needs to include a commitment by all of us to combat racism and its effects in our civic and social institutions. This commitment needs to bring to an end the indifference that has allowed the evil of racism to persist. Some may believe it is enough to be non-racist, but history has shown the need for more. We need to be actively anti-racist.

In a message addressed to the U.S. today (June 3, 2020) at his livestreamed general audience, Pope Francis said, "We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life. At the same time, we have to recognize that 'the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost.'"

I ask all in our diocesan community to pray for the repose of George Floyd; for the comfort of his family and friends; and for all who have suffered in any way from racial injustice. Let us pray for peace in our country; that those who feel the indignation brought by the events of the last few days may find peaceful ways to effect change, never by the use of violence. Because violence begets violence; it does not bring about peace. Let us also work, encourage others, talk about and do our part to create a peaceful response to this tragedy across our country, one that ensures the safety of our citizens. Violence and destruction serve no purpose other than to compound the challenges at hand. Our collective response must reflect a respect for all people and a unified resolve to work for equality and justice for all.

Prayer and Appreciation for Police Officers

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On the previous page you read a beautiful and timely message from Bishop da Cunha. I echo his sentiments. I would also like to take this moment to consider the 99 percent of police officers who are good, faithful and honorable. They are living through this profoundly difficult time from a perspective that most of us will never truly understand. Police officers are brave and courageous and in so many ways truly amazing.

From my earliest days, I was raised to believe that our police are representatives of a noble profession worthy of respect and appreciation. I still believe that today! These heroic men and women are determined to protect and defend their community. With negative press coverage spotlighting the actions of the worst, it is very easy to dehumanize by painting with a broad brush. Police officers are sons and daughter, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, friends and neighbors. At this time, it may do us all well to remember that our public servants in law enforcement are human beings who fulfill an essential role in any civilized society.

Being a police officer is a tough job and most days it is a thankless job. People generally ignore police officers until they need one. Knowing that an officer's duty is hard enough, we are often astonished when we see officers going *above and beyond* their duty. It is hard to get up every day and try to do an outstanding job in an often thankless world. In times of danger, the brave men and women in blue rush in to protect lives and property. Multitudes of these women and men in blue are dedicated to show forth Amazing Love for their community every day.

In recent days multiple members of our law enforcement across the country have been targets of angry crowds who cheered at the sight of police being injured and maimed. I can't turn a blind eye to that. I invite you to join me in these prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Bill Rodrigues

Dear Lord, thank you for the law enforcement officers who protect us. Their heroic hearts keep us safe each day. I ask that you would protect them with supernatural protection. And I ask that you would give them wisdom and encouragement. I realize that every day you provide brave men and women who keep watch over me, my family, my home, and my community. Police officers are often taken for granted. Forgive me and forgive my community for looking past them until a time of need. Inspire me to be more aware of police officers in my daily life, to take the time to thank them for their service to my community. Lord, I want to be a ray of encouragement to each officer I meet. Amen

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, Patron Saint of Police

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

This powerful prayer is often said by police officers to shield them against the many dangers they face in their line of work. Whether it is in the form of a prayer card, medal or car visor clip with the image of St. Michael, many law enforcers have found security and peace in carrying this saint with them. Giving the gift of a St. Michael devotional item to someone who works in law enforcement is a touching way to bring them the peace and comfort in knowing that they'll have a warrior and "The Prince of the Heavenly Host" by their side.

PASTORAL PLAN FOR REOPENING ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH

A priest of our diocese recently coined the phrase: **JUST BECAUSE WE CAN DOES NOT MEAN WE SHOULD!** In other words, just because we are now able to gather for public Masses, does not mean that everyone should. In fact, the fewer people who attend Masses during this early phase of re-openings in Massachusetts, the better it will be for us all. This part of Cape Cod is heavily populated by retirees many of whom are in their senior years. As we all know, our senior citizens seem to be the most likely to succumb to the dreaded COVID-19 virus. We want those “golden years” to be enjoyed with good health and happiness!

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, issued by Bishop da Cunha, remains in effect until further notice. Those who are most vulnerable and at a greater risk (due to age, preexisting health conditions, or in close proximity to vulnerable people) are encouraged to remain home at this time. If you or a close loved one shows any symptoms of illness, please do not come to church.

Per state regulations, gatherings cannot exceed 40% of a house of worship’s occupancy capacity. Taking into account social distancing of 6 feet between people (or households), means only approximately 3 people in every other pew.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions will take place in the Chapel from 4:00pm until 4:30pm on Saturday. Please wait outside the Chapel doors maintaining the 6 feet distancing protocol. **The weekend Mass schedule here at St. Joan of Arc Church has returned to the regular schedule of Masses... Saturday at 5:00pm, Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am. The church will remain closed, however, Monday through Friday.** I continue to celebrate a private Mass during the week and include the Mass intentions listed in our parish bulletin at those Masses. Mass intentions are available. Please email the Parish Office to schedule a Mass intention for a family member or loved one of your own.

All worshippers will enter the church through the Main Entrance. For safety and order, a person will not be able to choose a specific seat. A specially trained group of greeters will be used to assist people to their seats. Once we reach our occupancy limit, we will not be able to admit others. Charity, cooperation and understanding are asked of all.

Everyone entering the church is required to wear a mask or other face covering. Please provide your own masks. While there is hand sanitizer available at the entrance, please consider providing your own, if you can, as supply is limited.

There will be receptacles at the entrance of the church in which you may place your contribution to the parish as you enter. You may place both 1st and 2nd collections together. On-line giving is encouraged via our parish website. Thank you so much for your support, especially at this extraordinary time.

The offertory procession (bringing up of the bread and wine) and the usual sign of peace will be eliminated. You may offer the sign of peace with a head nod and wave. The holy water fonts at the doors of the church will remain empty. Missals/hymnals have been removed as it would be difficult to sanitize them. Singing will be eliminated from our worship until further notice.

Holy Communion will be distributed at the usual time during the Mass. Those receiving Communion will approach row by row (keeping the 6 feet safe distancing protocol) and section by section. Please remain at your pew until your row is called. The priest will distribute Communion with sanitized hands while wearing a mask. Communicants may lift their mask just prior to receiving Holy Communion.

Following the Final Blessing, please immediately, reverently and quietly leave the church by the door closest to your pew maintaining the 6 feet distancing protocol. Upon exiting the church, please **DO NOT** congregate near the doors of the church. After each Mass, the tops of the benches, door handles and other high traffic areas will be sanitized.

Scheduling for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers will be suspended for the time being. All parish ministries and events will remain suspended until further notice. The church will be closed following each Mass. The Parish Office, Faith Formation Office and Thrift Shop will remain closed.

I encourage everyone who makes the prudent judgment for themselves not to return to church for Mass, to instead participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and view other good quality spiritual programming on Catholic TV, found on your local cable Channel 268 or on EWTN, Channel 56. Mass is televised each Sunday at 11:00am on Channel 6. You can also view daily Mass on-line at <http://www.catholicstv.org/masses/catholicstv-mass>.

Let us remember one another in prayer especially those most in need of our prayers at this time. Let us commit ourselves to prayer for an end to the COVID-19 coronavirus.

God bless,
Fr. Bill Rodrigues



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See All the People - The 79th Annual Catholic Appeal begins June 1. Since 1942, the Appeal has helped people in all phases of life — from children, to youth, to parents, to the elderly. Your support sustains the numerous agencies, programs, and ministries providing food and shelter, educating children and adults, and meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of thousands. If your circumstances permit, we encourage you to support the Appeal. **To view this year's Appeal video featuring Bishop da Cunha, please visit our parish website or go to www.catholicfoundationsema.org/video-gallery.**

As in years past an informational brochure and contribution card has been mailed to all parishioners. If your circumstances permit you to make a one-time gift or a pledge, please complete the enclosed contribution card, insert it in the enclosed envelope and mail it to the **Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Fall River, 450 Highland Avenue, Fall River, MA 02720**. You may make your check payable to the "Catholic Appeal." You can also make secure online donations by visiting www.givefrdiocese.org/2020.

If you are unable to make a financial gift, the gift of your prayers in support of these ministries is greatly appreciated.

GOD IN SOAPY BUBBLES

Margaret Silf, a wonderful retreat leader and author, writes about visiting an imposing basilica in Spain. At the time it was under repair, with scaffolding all around it. Across the street was a small kiosk selling newspapers, chocolate and other small items. Silf reflects:

“A man came along with his small daughter and their dog. The man bought a newspaper for himself and a little container of soap bubbles for his daughter to play with. They sat down on a neighboring bench. The man was engrossed in his newspaper. The little girl was delightedly blowing bubbles, clearly entranced by the magical colored globe that each bubble formed as it caught the sunlight. The dog jumped up after every bubble and tried to catch it, but as soon as he seized the bubble with his snout, the bubble burst.

“I asked myself, ‘Which is teaching me more about the kingdom of God – the mighty basilica with all its scaffolding or this little girl’s joy at the beauty of the world reflected in her bubbles?’ The little dog was a reminder that as we try to take hold of this mystery and pin it down into our own categories, words, and meanings – we eventually destroy it.

“If we think we ‘got’ it; we will lose it – if we think we have ‘arrived’, we have gone down a cul-de-sac.”

Today’s Feast of the Trinity invites us to re-discover the many ways in which the love of God is revealed in our lives – to celebrate the multi-faceted rhythm of life that God breathes into our souls. We are invited to dance with each other and all of life – to express, as did the bubbles – our magical “colors” for the beauty and joy of this Kingdom of Love – each of us, an expression of the Divine Artist.

The idea of God lies beyond the grasp of our limited human understanding. It will always be a mystery. But signs of that mystery fill our lives – shards from the great light that is God illuminates and consecrates our homes and hearts. In realizing such wonder, may our confusion and disappointments in life be transformed into an awareness of God’s great generative love that unceasingly circles around us. Embraced by the holy Light of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our only response can be one of gratitude for the precious gift of life we have received through this mysterious Love.

SAINT ROCCO—PRAY FOR US

Saint Rocco (AKA "Saint Roch") was born in Montpellier, France in the 14th century to a noble family. Legend has it that his mother had been barren until she prayed to the Virgin Mary. Saint Rocco's birth was made all the more miraculous by a birthmark resembling a red cross on his chest.

His parents died when he was twenty years old, at which point he gave away all his worldly possessions and set out on a pilgrimage to Rome. At the time, Italy was suffering from a plague epidemic. Saint Rocco cared selflessly for the sick, effecting many miraculous cures by making the sign of the cross or laying his hands on them.

In Piacenza, however, he finally fell ill. He was driven out of town and into the forest, where he made a hut for himself out of leaves and branches. Miraculously, a spring arose near his hut to provide him with water and a local dog began bringing him bread to eat. The dog would also lick his wounds clean, eventually healing him.

He returned to Montpellier looking like a wild man with unkempt hair and a long beard. Unrecognized by the townspeople, he was thrown in prison as a spy. He remained there for five years before dying, unwilling to reveal his identity out of humility. The townspeople recognized the birthmark across his chest, and he was venerated as a folk saint almost immediately after his death. But he was not officially canonized until the 17th century. He is traditionally depicted in religious art with a wound on his thigh, a dog (often seen bringing him a loaf of bread), pilgrim's hat and staff. Saint Rocco is venerated in the Roman Catholic Church as the protector against the plague and all contagious diseases. Let us pray for St. Rocco's intercession for protection from the Coronavirus.



Saint Rocco Prayer for Healing and Protection

During your travels on earth,
God worked His miraculous healing
through your intercession.

Many were cured of the plague
from your prayers and the sign of the cross.

We implore you Saint Rocco
to intercede before the throne of God.
Send forth a blessing of protection from
Contagious diseases and the Coronavirus.

Bless us Heavenly Father with your healing grace.
We ask this in the name of your Divine Son, Jesus.

Amen

Stained glass window photographed inside Saint Francis Xavier
Catholic Church, Newark, NJ

**PLEASE HELP US KEEP
THESE LISTS UP TO DATE**

PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

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FR. BILL'S HOMILIES ON SJA WEBSITE

Audio recordings of Fr. Bill's homilies are uploaded to our Parish Website each week. Go to www.joanarc.org to find the audio link on our home page.

Please keep these deceased loved ones in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Mary Anthony
Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
10:00 Charlie Wolff
Monday 8:00 Joe Nies
Tuesday 8:00 Louisa Hawko
Wed 8:00 George Hart
Fri 8:00 Mary Anthony

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Revs. Francis Meehan & Francis Regan
Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
10:00 Lew Carrington

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Richard Auda

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