


JESUS IS LORD!

# PEOPLE OF HOPE

A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES ON MISSION



BLESSED IS HE WHO  
COMES IN THE NAME  
OF THE LORD;  
HOSANNA IN THE  
HIGHEST

MATTHEW 21:9

DIGITAL BULLETIN

APRIL 5, 2020

## NOTES ON HOLY WEEK

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we prepare to commemorate the events of Holy week it is impossible not to think about how the Coronavirus has impacted our ability to enter fully into the sacred liturgies and traditions of the church. Up until this point in Lent, the impact of the virus has fit into our Lenten practices in some mysterious way. But as we enter into Holy week, our inability to be in our churches to celebrate the Triduum together tears at the very fabric of our Catholic life. A life which has as its source the Holy Trinity, and therefore a life whose celebrations are centered around community. For some divine reason, the Lord is permitting us to go through this trial. Yet our sense of loss and isolation during this time is but a tiny glimpse of the loss and abandonment that our Lord Jesus suffered for us upon the cross.

If you would like to explore this mystery further, please join the Brotherhood of Hope this Sunday as they explore "The Cross of Isolation". Please register below.



**April 3, 2020**



**BROTHERHOOD *of* HOPE**  
**PRIMUM DEUS • DEUS SOLUM**

**In an effort to foster spiritual communion and connectedness among our five campuses and all alumni and friends of the Brotherhood around the country, we invite you to join us this Sunday April 5th at 3 p.m. EST for a virtual event called "The Cross of Isolation." This online gathering will include live music from the Brothers, an inspiring talk from our founder Fr. Philip, dedicated time for intercessory prayer, and a message of encouragement from our general superior, Br. Ken. As we reflect together on the isolation that Jesus experienced while dying on the cross, we too will bring our struggles of isolation to the foot of the cross.**

**[RSVP FOR "THE CROSS OF ISOLATION" HERE](#)**

APRIL 2, 2020

# A NEW NORMAL

## YOUNG FAMILY LIFE DURING QURANTINE

### Anchor Update

BY KATIE BUGANSKI

Hi all! I was asked to share a little bit about our life during this time of social distancing in the pandemic, but I feel I need to start a little before that. Before Lent, I really felt the Lord calling me to be a better mother. To be more patient, kind, and most importantly do more than just survive until bedtime. So I made a commitment to myself and the Lord that this was something that I was going to work on during Lent. Little did I know that with this yes I was signing up for what would become a very challenging time in our lives.

Since this sickness has started to spread, we have had to take two (of the three) of our children to the ER for stitches and one had to be admitted to the hospital for two days because of the infection

So to say the least it has been eventful. In between hospital stays and ER visits we have been trying to create a new normal in our home. We changed our schedule to have better practices about cleaning up and family time.

I have been looking up fun things to do at home on the internet. We have been able to paint a stained glass window, make a giant "Chutes and Ladders" in our driveway, and I even found a way to make my children's bikes stationary and let them take a "spin class" in the living room. One of our new favorite things to do is take walks with my two sisters-in-law (who we live with), and we have made a scavenger hunt out of it, finding things along the way.





I have taken the time to help my boys learn things that have always felt rushed. For example, I have been helping my 3 year old learn to get dressed and put on his shoes on his own and helped my 5 year old finally make the Sign of the Cross correctly (my poor lefty).

We have tried to make spiritual things a priority. We are watching Mass as a family and trying to keep it as if we are really there. We set up some chairs, icons, a crucifix, and a candle. Even though our parish does not have a musician during these virtual masses, we play a song and sing it together as an opening hymn. I found a children's Rosary on Youtube that is a little shorter than a full Rosary that my kids enjoy. I have been printing out religious pictures for my boys to color. We have been celebrating the feasts of the season with coloring pages of Mary and enjoying DONUTS. We have been praying for others and my sister-in-law has come and played guitar for us to have prayer time.

We are not doing everything perfectly and, believe me, you are just reading a highlight reel of our lives. Most days consist of my kids being crazy, reminding myself about my Lenten commitment, yelling, fighting, apologizing, cleaning things up, praying, getting a lot of snacks, video chatting everyone we know, sneaking a spoonful ice cream when my kids are not looking, and collapsing on the couch when everyone finally goes to bed. And then remembering I have a virtual share group, or an Ignite meeting.

Please know that our family has been praying for all of you. The Lord is using this time differently in each and every one of our lives. We cannot wait to see you all when this is over, but until then may God bless you!



## Resources for Kids:

[Children's Rosary](#)

[Religious Printouts to Color](#)

[A YouTube channel to get kids moving when the weather is bad](#)

[How we watch Daily/Sunday Mass](#)



# YES

## YES RETREAT LIVE

Kairos Annual High School Retreat goes Virtual

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### YES LIVE OVERVIEW

Due to the Pandemic, this year's annual Kairos YES Retreat was cancelled. However, the YES team was able to host a webinar for two hours on Saturday, March 28th where teens from all over the country joined in to hear a talk & witness, entered into worship and interacted with each other teens virtually. The theme of this virtual retreat was "Behold to Become", speaking on what we focus all of our attention on is ultimately what we worship.

# IGNITE TEEN EXPERIENCES

## ISABELLA, IGNITE SENIOR

Hello! Hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy! During this hard time, I was able to have a positive experience and was asked to share a little bit about it. So, as some of you may know, last weekend was supposed to be this year's YES Retreat for us high schoolers. But due to everything that's going on, we were unable to attend it in Michigan, so it was instead an online video chat using the app Zoom. When I heard we were doing this, I was a little bit confused as to how this would all play out. Luckily, everything went well. We heard a witness, got a talk, and were able to participate in some prayer. It was all definitely a different experience being in the comfort of my own home, rather than going on a fun bus ride and staying in cabins out in Michigan.

I think all of us who were supposed to attend could say that we wished we could have been together, but we're still grateful for the fact that we at least got to have some kind of YES Retreat experience.

Something else they did this year was show videos that included clips of high schoolers and youth workers from all over talking about where they were watching the livestream, how they were coping with being inside, and some of their difficulties.

Personally, I thought this was a great idea as I saw many familiar faces of my friends from here in New Jersey, and we got to see that there are so many others around us going through the same things.

The talk was a great reminder to us to make sure that during this difficult time, we must focus our attention on God and pray to Him. That's definitely something that I haven't been doing the best job with personally, and I didn't even realize it. Being a senior during all of this has been very discouraging as many of our big events have been cancelled and we're missing so many of our last days of high school. So hearing what they had to say last Saturday definitely helped me remember that my

focus during this time should always be on the Lord, and that His plan is greater than anything I could have ever hoped for this year.

BEHOLD  
BEHOLD  
BECOME

## CHRIS, IGNITE SENIOR

Despite not being able to attend this year's YES retreat in person, I had the chance to experience community and prayer virtually! The YES team did an incredible job with what they had to work with and the online experience far exceeded my expectation. I am truly grateful that all us high schoolers had this opportunity especially in these trying times. Relating and praying with others is a gift right now. The talks and witnesses were inspiring and it was so cool seeing many different faces telling us where they were from and how they are holding up. Although this was a much different experience, I thoroughly enjoyed what was given to us!



# COMPASS REFLECTIONS

GABE, COMPASS MEMBER

The pandemic that is affecting so many people throughout the world, has forced so many people, families, and communities into our current quarantine. Situations like this can easily bring about a feeling of loneliness and isolation, but the Lord works even in the "desert". I've made it a point to stay in communication with people during this time, but I've already found myself inspired and called on by others. Compass has been one of the foremost examples of community lived out in this time, as leadership and members have banded together to stay united as a community. Whether it be through Zoom small group meetings, opening the Lord's Day together using Zoom, or just encouraging one another and sharing what the Lord is saying in this time in our small group and Compass group chats; the community has truly been alive. Quarantine, isolation, and this "pause" in the norms of life are doing nothing to stop what the Lord is doing in Compass and what He is doing in other communities throughout the world. I am confident of that. I think He has been drawing Compass deeper into relationship between its members, as we are finding new, creative ways to live a communal, Christian life together even when we physically cannot be together. As a community, Compass, its leadership, and its members have accepted the realities of this time of quarantine, but have not allowed those realities to halt the progress that the Lord is having in building up a community of sons and daughters of the Lord, Jesus Christ.



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# BLESSINGS IN THE MIDST OF "QUARANTINE"

ANNIE M., COMPASS MEMBER

During this time of quarantine, one blessing has been the time and space to regularly share meals together with my roommates. We've committed to eating dinner together every night of quarantine, including Lord's Day. Making a point to celebrate the opening of the Lord's Day each Saturday has created a natural rhythm to my week and has also enabled me to feel connected to the People of Hope and Compass community via our common way of life. While we aren't sharing dinner physically at the same table, we are close in spirit! We've even shared pictures of our Lord's Day dinner tables with each other via the groupme.





# TINY CHAPEL SESSIONS

Worshipping together has always been one of the beautiful things we come together to do as a community. To that end, the People of Hope office staff has recorded a couple of praise and worship sessions to help you continue in worship in your own homes. We were grateful to be able to film this in our office chapel. Know that we prayed for you and your intentions before Christ in the Eucharist and continue to keep you in our prayers during this time.

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["GLORY BE TO JESUS"](#)

["I BELONG TO YOU"](#)



THE PEOPLE OF HOPE

"God proves  
his love for us  
in that while  
we were still  
sinners Christ  
died for us"

ROMANS 5:8

