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Saint Peter's Anglican Church MARCH #2/LENT 2020

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MONTHLY CALENDAR

MARCH

29 – 5th Sunday in Lent 10:00 AM service
live-streaming online at Facebook!



SUNDAY SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED AROUND THE ANGLICAN WORLD!



The candles were on the altar as Father Edward and Deacon Tom opened the very first St Peter's live-streamed Sunday service on Sunday, March 22nd. With the congregation quarantined in their homes due to the Coronavirus, the clergy pulled out all strings to accomplish this historic even. Deacons Larry and Fawn were able to provide the technical support off camera. Live piano and choral music added a sense of actually being there.

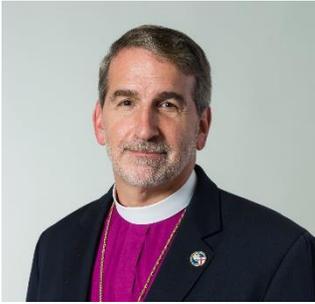
When counting those who were signed-in for the service, and throwing in a factor for "couples", somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty parishioners and others participated. This included one from the state of Washington and our friend Kate Berg in the Philippines where it was just past midnight.

Prior to the service parishioners were emailed a copy of the "Sunday Bulletin" so that all could follow along with the service, and even join in with singing the hymns.



A special thank you to Deacon Larry Doyle for all of his work to make the Sunday live-streamed service a success. Earlier in the week he participated in an ACNA online session on live streaming. He also had to secure a new camera at the last minute and set-up all technology. Great work Larry and thank you!

Statement from Archbishop Foley Beach



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ,

We serve a faithful and loving God, and He has called us to serve Him in challenging times. The coronavirus continues to spread across the globe, and while many despair and are living in fear, we have hope and peace because in Jesus Christ we know how the story ends. This has not taken the Lord by surprise, and it gives us an incredible opportunity to live in faith toward God, in love toward our neighbors, and in service toward our communities.

I write to you after meeting with our bishops this afternoon. We considered the advice given by the President of the United States' Coronavirus Team, the Centers for Disease Control, the Public Health Agency of Canada and by governmental authorities in Canada, Mexico, and the United States strongly advising that no public gatherings of 10 or more people be held. It is our desire to partner with our civic officials as they seek to exercise their duty to protect our communities. Therefore, the College of Bishops is asking our congregations not to hold in-person worship services or gatherings until further notice, but to offer, when possible, worship services on a virtual platform. We realize these are extreme measures that we had hoped to avoid, but for the health and welfare of everyone in our churches and communities, this is something we all must put into practice immediately.

Each diocesan bishop will communicate to his diocese regarding the specifics of how this will be applied in each local diocesan context.

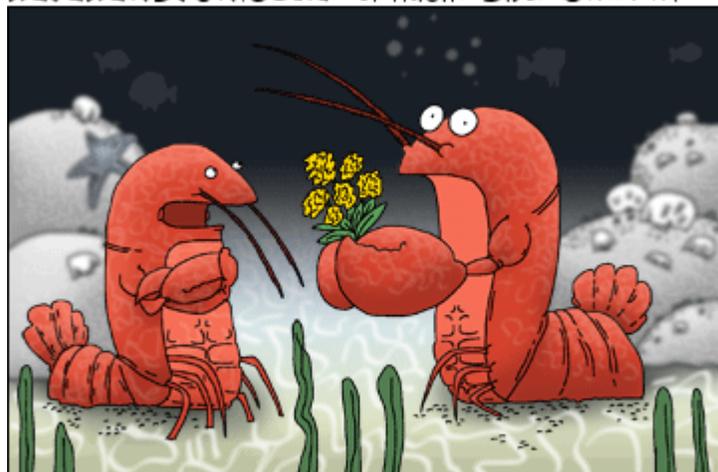
Let us continue to pray for one another, the people we serve, and the communities in which we live.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9, ESV).

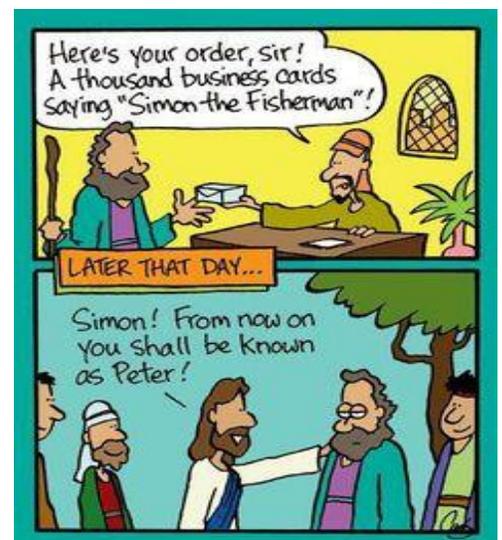
Faithfully in Jesus Christ,

+ *Foley Beach*

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Zeteo Missions & the Philippine COVID-19 Situation

This correspondence was received from Kate Berg, and it details the circumstances of the Zeteo Missions related to COVID-19 situation. Thanks to the Outreach Committee, we were able to get \$1,000 to Zeteo just prior to their major supply runs.

It has been a very intense 9 days, and we have honestly not stopped running. Late in the evening of Thursday, March 12th, we received word that President Duterte was declaring a lockdown of Manila effective Sunday, March 15th. We immediately began searching out the actual presidential address to make sure we were getting accurate information. The Philippines (in our province) very literally uses Facebook as its official means of communication from the government and other official agencies. It is sometimes very difficult to discern what is "authorized and verified" information. At that point the news agencies were all reporting different stories. We found the official speech online and discovered the lockdown was true. The ministry team immediately began strategizing. We knew that, among other problems, the 36-hour lead time that Duterte was giving prior to the lockdown would have devastating consequences.

We began first thing on Friday, March 13th to try to gather supplies. Our goal was 60 days. We knew, from experience with natural disasters, that Manila takes care of Manila first - that even if this lockdown was only 30 days long (which we doubted would be true), that the degree of chaos in Manila could delay supplies to our area for some time AFTER the lockdown was lifted.

We also believed that the long-advanced notice of the lockdown in Manila would lead to a mass exodus from the city, especially of those who were feeling sick and wanting to return to their home towns instead of being locked in Manila. Sadly, by Friday night, we were already finding our prediction to be true. Late at night as we were leaving the grocery store in the neighboring town of Mangatarem, we literally saw people being carried off the bus from Manila (too weak to walk) and loaded into tricycles to go to their homes. In short, the lockdown was effectively seeding the country with the virus.

We stepped up our efforts to find supplies. Already the shelves were quite empty of things such as rubbing alcohol. And formula was disappearing fast. We sent out a plea, and we were so blessed to have so many of you answer. The staff, in a show of commitment and sacrifice that I cannot begin to explain, voted to divert their paychecks (due the 15th) to push ahead to buy as many supplies as possible to guarantee that our kids would have food and diapers. We were all trusting in the transfers that were underway at that moment.

We drove daily in search of the things we needed. We saw such signs of impending disaster, that we decided to institute rations after our Sunday night meal with the kids.

On Monday, we took delivery of a blessing that turned out to be an example of God's perfect timing in ways we never would have anticipated. The PREVIOUS week (before any talk of lockdowns) we had received designated donations to purchase a 2018 certified pre-owned Toyota Avanza. Honestly, we felt a little sick about that as things suddenly began to unfold. But it turned out to be a lifeline in ways we couldn't imagine - making supply pick-ups possible that we never could have achieved without such a large vehicle. More on that in just a moment. By the end of the day, another executive order had been issued authorizing the closure of every province that had two confirmed cases in different towns. We knew we would quickly find ourselves in a Venn diagram of quarantines with different rules and timelines. We contacted the DSWD inquiring about documents and plans that might be in place for the upcoming crisis, and we found that we were at least 10 steps ahead of the government at that point.

Tuesday (March 17). We had an emergency staff meeting with the entire mission team explaining what was about to unfold. In a second show of dedication that no words can adequately capture, 100% of the team signed up to weather the coming quarantines AT THE MISSION instead of at home with their families. On this date, the mission also decided that we would go into quarantine on Friday, March 20th regardless of the decisions of the local government units. We immediately sent the staff that live over an hour from the mission home to give supplies to their families and say goodbye for the quarantine. Again, we thought ahead about the cascade of boundary closures we anticipated and sent staff home with photos of themselves HOLDING our agency license. That proved to be a critically good decision less than 24 hours later. Jake and I departed for the bank to pick up the donations that had been coming in so generously so that we could buy the remaining supplies and get settled at the mission. We arrived at the bank to find it barred shut.....no notice.....no commitment of when they would re-open. We immediately took the money we did have and bought 1/2 ton of rice. We kept enough rice to feed the mission for 60 days. We then raced to deliver 25 kgs to each of the 13 staff families that are

staying at the mission for the quarantine. President Duterte declared a nationwide State of Calamity, and a curfew was issued 8pm to 5am. We got in at 7:50pm. We started creating ID's for all staff to go home and get their things with some shred of hope of getting back.

Wednesday (March 18). We finished the passes to get our staff through lockdowns. All around us, the cities were closing. Lingayen, the provincial capital, went on lockdown. We continued to work on supplies and our amazing partners in the U.S. continued to brainstorm ways to get funds into our hands. The staff that had gone home to get supplies the night before was faced with two checkpoints to get back to work and that photo of our license was critical to getting through the quarantine. Meanwhile, the numbers game was getting underway here as they started tracking and posting people under observation, confirmed cases, recoveries and deaths. In our two communities, over 3600 people had arrived from Manila to escape the lockdown. Province-wide, nearly 48,000 people were under monitoring in 14-day quarantine. Thermal scanners were in use at all grocery stores/malls. The police were authorized to detain anyone with a fever. Barangay travel passes were instituted. Only ONE person per family unit would be allowed out of the house to get food or medicine. And that person MUST have a signed authorization from the barangay captain. We needed to get our hands on two, because Jake and I needed to work as a team to accomplish the things that needed to happen outside. In terms of the continued chaos, all public transportation was banned. That meant that about 70,000 people in our two towns just lost all access to food.

Thursday (March 19). As some of the donated funds began to get through to us, we knew we had to make our move. It was now or never. The capital, Lingayen, was already out of water. No one was remotely prepared for anything. We had bought every container of formula we could find, and most every diaper. We have stock for 45 days. We went to our province captain early in the morning to get our travel passes. We knew we had to make a compelling case because he was bound to only issue one per household and our mission counts as a household. We explained that one of the things we were going out to get today before it was too late was 1/2 ton of rice to donate to help the most vulnerable (widows, sick, etc.) and that we wanted NO CREDIT for it....that it would be done as relief from the captain. He issued our two passes. We were then on our way to wait in a 30-minute line for the checkpoint to enter the center of the city (where the market is located). The rice was sold out, but we are a good customer and they called the distributor. We negotiated a deal for one ton of rice. It took two trips, but we got 1/2 ton delivered to the captain for relief goods to distribute and in exchange for two passes. We got the other ton back to the mission where we will keep some as currency for emergencies and distribute the rest to the families of staff in a few weeks.

Friday (March 20). As the last staff arrived back at the mission, we closed the gates and prepared to hunker down. We spent the day in meetings going over our Disaster Safety Response Protocol. We have to carefully manage food, and waste, and sleeping arrangements, and resting time for our residential group that just became 27 people. By the end of the day, Pangasinan reported its first confirmed case in our neighboring town of Bayambang. That triggered the COMPLETE lockdown of the town (no passes) and even specifically the lockdown of the neighborhood (barangay) where the person lives. All it takes is a confirmation, and the circle will be that tight for us as well. The city announced a food rotation. We will be allowed out for supplies on Wednesdays and Saturdays. We have to weigh carefully if we will go on our scheduled day. This will not be ending any time soon.

In all so far, we have used your donations to secure rice for food and for currency and for critical passes. We have about 2,000 diapers, 40 days of formula (60 for the newborns), canned goods, distilled water to make the formula, and disinfecting supplies. We also bought some construction materials to create a quarantine room in the event of staff illness or the intake of a new child during this desperate time. There is more to be done and we will do it as it is available.

We are profoundly grateful for your prayers and support. We would be paralyzed without you. Thank you for praying for our courage, energy levels, hopefulness, health, and making this as smooth as possible for the kids. And thank you for the prayers for the Philippines in general, and all those who are suffering.

KATE



Parish Offerings and Tithes

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (ESV Mat 6:19)

As we work through the coming week, your continued financial support of the Saint Peter’s will be needed. The “donate button” on the church website works well, but we need to remember that Pay Pal collects 2.9% +30 cents for your donation. We receive mailed checks all the time, so please consider putting your check in the mail. Save the 2.9% for Saint Peter’s.

Should there be questions, please contact The Treasurer, **Jerry Webb, at 619-395-5045 (cell).**

What’s Happening at Church while You are Gone?



Photo from Fall 2018

Remember all of those nice Colorado blue spruce trees that were planted in the fall of 2018? Well, it looks as though they have all managed to get through another winter in Colorado, and hopefully we can anticipate another good year of growth. To help them along this year each tree has received a rather sizeable helping of wood chips around their base to help keep out the grass and hold in some nice moisture on those hot dry days of summer.

We still have a great deal of room for additional trees, so if you would like to donate a tree – Colorado blue spruce only! – in memory or appreciation of someone, please contact Terry Dunn via email for planting directions or planting assistance.

The parish’s Church Finder App now has a new section, thanks to Bruce Harris. The new section is under the “Staff Members” section and is called “Ministry – Leadership”. So, if you are looking to find out who in charge of the Finance Committee, or the Altar Guild or the Outreach Committee, etc., you can find it here.



The original heating fan, under the counter next to the dishwasher in the kitchen has been acting up. The first inspection found a fan and space that probably had not been cleaned since what is assumed to have been the 1978 installation when the church was built. The fan was simply making a little too much noise to the point disrupting services.

Under the direction of Junior Warden Denny, a plumber was called and amazingly a replacement fan was located. Installation should be soon and hopefully the noise will be gone.

Back to Zeteo Missions! The Zeteo Team will be preparing another box to send off to the Philippines even though it will take at least 60 days to arrive and may sit in customs for weeks. The thought is that it is better to have it sitting there than sitting here. If you have items to send, please bring them to the church and place them in the narthex (lobby) and mark them “Zeteo”. The church is open Monday thru Friday 9 AM to 12 Noon and 1 PM to 2:30 PM. You do NOT need to share your drop-off with Amanda. Remember, we need to keep distances!



Prayer for Lent

Loving God,

As the season of Lent unfolds, you call us to return again and again.

As you invite us to reflect on your love made visible in the person of Jesus, align our lives more closely with you through prayer, fasting and generous giving.

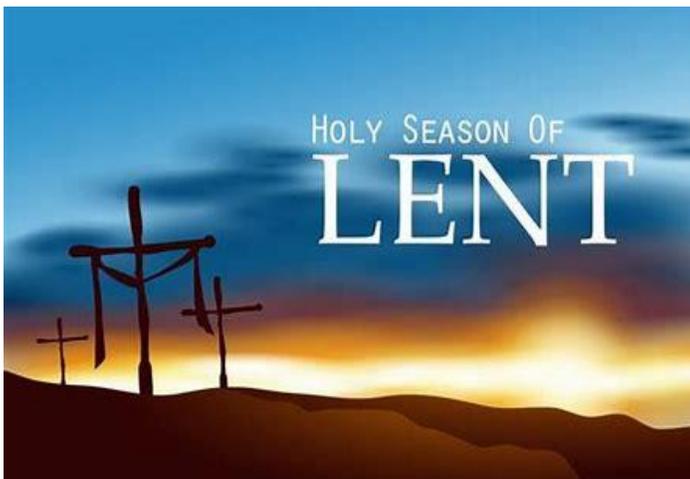
Bless our desire to accompany Jesus' suffering here and now in the crucified people of our world.

With your grace, may we live Lent fully and move with transformed hearts into the abundant life of Easter morning.



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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen. 



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