

# ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# A NEW "COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY"

## FR. ADOLFO NICOLÁS, SJ, 1936 - 2020



Fr. Nicolas with Pope Francis

Fr. Adolfo Nicolás SJ, the 30th Superior General of the Society of Jesus, returned back to the Father on May 20, 2020 at 5:47 p.m., after a lingering illness. His funeral was held in St. Ignatius Church on May 23 at 5 p.m. Only some of his Jesuit brothers were in attendance, as the corona virus preventive measures were still in effect in Tokyo. The main celebrant was Fr. Renzo de Luca, Provincial Superior of Japan. It was live-streamed on YouTube, a great consolation to thousands of people all over the world who wanted to "see him off" on his last passage—people whose lives he had touched through his person, leadership, and testimony as a "Companion of Jesus." What made the liturgy extraordinary was that the homily was delivered on video from Rome by Fr. Arturo Sosa, the present Superior General.

Fr. Nicolás came to Japan in 1961. He did his theological studies as a young Jesuit in Tokyo, where he was ordained as a priest in

Sr. Flor M. Florece, F.I.

1967. He later became a professor of Sophia University, worked zealously in the migrant apostolate in the Tokyo Archdiocese, and was appointed Provincial of Japan from 1993 to 1999. He was elected Superior General of the Society in 2008 and served until 2016, when his health no longer allowed him to carry out his mission. His last community was in Kamishakujji, where from 2018 he spent his last years. Our memory of him was "he was just one of us." Though already in a wheelchair and limited in speech, he always greeted us, sisters and lay, with twinkling eyes and a shy smile, as he passed by our aisle after the early morning Mass.

What kind of man was he? "Fr. Nicolás gave of himself throughout his life. It was a life marked by intense service, calm availability, and a deep ability to enculturate into Japan. It was a culture he loved dearly and to which he committed himself," wrote Fr. Arturo Sosa. His time as Superior General was marked "by his sense of humor, his courage, his humility, and his close relationship with Pope Francis.

Fr. Nicolás never really got directly involved with St. Ignatius Church. One Japanese said, "We did not have direct contact with him, but every time he passed by, he had a big smile on his face



Fr. Sosa remembers his predecessor that exuded warmth. Everybody knew him as the BIG FATHER. He would come to celebrate Mass on special occasions, and his homilies were intelligent, scholarly, spiritual, and with an international view." Yes, his leadership was directed toward a more universal view and greater lay involvement for the Church in Japan.

Wrote Fr. Sosa: "The best way to remember Father Adolfo Nicolás may be with a brief prayer, written in his own hand, which arose from his personal meditation on the miraculous catch of fish narrated by Saint John in chapter 21. It is an excellent synthesis of his person and of his spirituality." This prayer was shared during communion time at his funeral Mass.

*Lord Jesus, what weaknesses did you see in us that made you decide to call us, in spite of everything, to collaborate in your mission? We give you thanks for having called us, and we beg you not to forget your promise to be with us to the*

end of time. Frequently we are invaded by the feeling of having worked all night in vain, forgetting, perhaps, that you are with us. We ask that you make yourself present in our lives and in our work, today, tomorrow, and in the future yet to come. Fill with your love these lives of ours, which we put at your service. Take from our hearts the egoism of thinking about what is "ours," what is "mine," always excluding, lacking compassion and joy. Enlighten our minds and our hearts, and do not forget to make us smile when things do not go as we wished. At the end of the day,

of each one of our days, make us feel more united with you and better able to perceive and discover around us greater joy and greater hope. We ask all this from our reality. We are weak and sinful men, but we are your friends. Amen.

This prayer, according to Fr. Sosa, "reveals the true Adolfo: a wise, humble, and free man; totally and generously, given to service, moved by those who suffer in the world, but at the same time overflowing with hope drawn from his faith in the Risen Lord an

excellent friend, who loved to laugh and to make others laugh; a man of the Gospel. It is a blessing to have known him. As we pray for his eternal happiness with the Lord, whom he served so well, we ask to be able ourselves to continue serving the mission as he did, with goodness, generosity, and joy."

He slipped into the night quietly. His funeral was simple, just like that of any Jesuit.



DID YOU KNOW what St. Ignatius church looked like without you?



St. Ignatius without you

**Facts, Figures, Movements in St. Ignatius while YOU WERE AWAY**

- The new representative of the Parish Council to the English Group Meeting is Ms Komiyama Enko. The new representative of the John de Britto Center to the Parish Council is Sr. Leny Fery.
- Fr. Manuel Silgo SJ has joined the group of Associate and Support priests in St. Ignatius. Father, once the church opens again, come and meet the International Community!
- The busiest Ministry/Group in these pandemic times are the Media Team and the Youth Ministry. Read pages 4-5 to know why.

**To attend to the needs of those greatly affected by the "State of Emergency":**

- An "Okome Project" is being conducted by the Jesuit Social Center. Those who would like to offer financial help or send donations in kind, please inquire by phone from the Parish Office.
- We have also created linkages with the Catholic Tokyo International Center (CTIC) for emergency food assistance. For more information please call 03-5759-1061. Cash donations can be sent through their postal bank account: 001302710756 Catholic Tokyo International Center.

**DO YOU KNOW ?**

- The Mass celebrants for June Sunday Livestreaming are: Fr. Veliath (June 7), Fr. Sakai (June 14), Fr. Jody (June 21), Fr. Sali (June 28).
- The three great Solemnities for this month are: the Most Holy Trinity (June 7), Corpus Christi (June 14) and the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 19).

**What are the parishioners' first priorities?**

- To visit : The Blessed Sacrament
- To do : Confess
- To meet : Friends in Teresia Hall & the English Center.
- To eat : Perry's lunch menu.

## PRAYING THE OUR FATHER DURING THE CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK

The OUR FATHER is a short prayer. It is the only one that Jesus left as a legacy to his followers. It is an unusual prayer. All Christians say it. It does not mention Christ. It is said in all churches but it does not belong to any one church. Catholics say it at Sunday Mass, but it says nothing about any religion. As J. D. Crossan says, it is "a revolutionary prayer that proclaims a new vision of history. It is a radical manifesto and a hymn of hope in language that speaks to the whole world."

### OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN

You are our Father. Remember that we are all your sons and daughters. You are in heaven because you belong to all. You are not bound to any place of worship or sacred place on earth. You do not belong to any nation or privileged race. You are not the property of any religion. You are not only for those who are good. We can all call you Father.

### HALLOWED BE THY NAME

This is our main desire in these painful moments for all humanity. May your name as Father be acknowledged and respected! May no one defile it through harming your sons and daughters! May we not lose our trust in you! May all the gods and idols that dehumanize us be banished: money that divides us and prevents us from being brothers and sisters; violence that fuels our wars; power that makes us despise the weak.

### THY KINGDOM COME

If you reign among us, justice, equality, and peace will reign on earth. We will be enabled to confront the problems of the planet together. United as brothers and sisters we will overcome whatever pandemics may afflict humanity. May the rich have no control over the poor, may powerful nations not take advantage of weaker ones, may men not control women! May your kingdom come and may fellowship reign on earth!

### THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

May your will, not ours, be done! The Corona virus is showing us that everything on earth is incomplete, that we don't live life to the full. We do not want to learn that we humans are fragile and vulnerable; that here below we cannot reach the fullness of what we long for from the depths of our being. Father, we can only trust in your unfathomable Goodness. Motivated by egoism, consumerism and our own welfare let us not do what we want to be done! May your will be done, because you will always provide for the well-being of all.

### GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

In these difficult times for the world, may no one be in need of bread! WE DO NOT ASK YOU FOR MONEY OR COMFORT, WE DO NOT WANT TO ACCUMULATE WEALTH. We only ask you to give to each one their daily bread. Let this coronavirus pandemic forever remind us that life is the most important gift: may the hungry have food, the tears of the poor cease, and wealthy countries welcome immigrants and refugees so that they may survive and find a home.



*The Lord's Prayer*

### FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES

Father, forgive us our trespasses: our indifference, our unbelief, our resistance to trusting in you. During these past years we have all changed from within. We have become more critical, but also less consistent, more indifferent to what is not for our own well-being, but more vulnerable than ever in any crisis. We do not find it easy to believe, but it will be difficult for us to believe in nothing. Father, forgive us and awaken our inner life!

### AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US

At this time we are all scared as we discover how helpless we are in the

inevitable face of death. We also want to mutually forgive one another. We do not want to hold grudges or resentment against anyone. We want to live through this tough experience as brothers and sisters.

### AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

We are weak and dependent. We are experiencing that now more than ever. We can always take decisions and make mistakes that can ruin our own life and the life of others. Therefore, do not let us fall into the temptation of forgetting and rejecting you, Father. Awaken within us confidence in your goodness. We need you now more than ever. You can open pathways for each one of us to find you; believers and non-believers, atheists and agnostics. May we all be enabled to find your silent but effective strength within us!

### BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

We are responsible for our own mistakes, but we are victims too. Evil and injustice are not only within ourselves. They are also in structures and institutions, both political and religious. Therefore, we end our prayer with a plea: "Father, deliver us from evil." One day that complete happiness we all desire will become a reality. The joyful, happy times we enjoyed on earth as well as the bitter, painful experiences we lived through; the love, justice and solidarity we have sown as well as the mistakes and blunders we made. Everything will be transformed into complete happiness.

There will no longer be death or pain. No one will be sad; no one will have to cry. A Christian text written in one of the first communities puts these words into God's mouth: "To the thirsty I will give water freely from the spring of the water of life" (Revelation 21:6). "Freely," that is, not on our own merits. "To those thirsty for life"- and who is not thirsty for eternal life? Everyone has to decide how they want to live and how they want to die. I believe and trust that the final mystery of this reality, that some of us call "God," others "Energy," others "the Transcendent," and others "Nothing," is the Mystery of Goodness in which we will all find the Fullness of our existence. AMEN.

José Antonio Pagola, March 25, 2020

Translated by Mary McGlynn

# St. Ignatius Church News and Events

## EVANGELIZATION IN PANDEMIC TIMES

When the novel Corona virus broke out and church activities were suspended, proliferation of news and information regarding its seemingly unstoppable spread brought fear, anxiety, and insecurity into the hearts of many. Who to turn to? Where to go to? Believers usually would run to the Church to pray and beg God for His grace and mercy. But even the churches have had to shut their doors to protect the faithful from the possibility of further harm.

### ONLINE MASSES

On-line Masses since April have played a very important role here in St. Ignatius. They have become vehicles for the proclamation of the Word of God, allowing people to experience that God's Word is not far from his people; that He is with us in all that we are experiencing. The Eucharist—Bread broken and shared—is at its highest efficacy when we are “hungry.” This pandemic has gone down into our deepest self, letting us experience our hunger for both.



Livestreaming Group

Compared with other countries, there are very few on-line Masses in Japan, and how I longed to have our own live streaming of English Masses for the International Community. You could just imagine, therefore, how happy and grateful I was when St. Ignatius Church was very sensitive to respond to the needs of the 16,000 faithful attending the regular Masses. Aired in four languages, English, Spanish, Japanese and Vietnamese, at the usual times somehow brought back a sense of being bonded as one community. I received feedback saying that the on-line Masses have now

brought back the “sense of community and belongingness” to the faithful and have even provided a structure for the youth to continue attending the Sunday



Livestreaming Staff

Liturgy. It is possible for God's Word and the Eucharist to find a home in our hearts during these pandemic times. Nothing can stop us from bringing the “Church” to many homes, even across the world. My heartfelt gratitude to the lay people who have been instrumental in making the live streaming of the Mass possible, including the Jesuit priests who celebrate the Mass. Arigatou gozaimashita!

Sr. Leny Fery, FDCC  
Live Streaming Team

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Even during this quarantine period, we at St. Ignatius International Youth Ministry (SIYIM) have continued our activities such as “Hangout” and “Weekday Fellowship” via Zoom application. Although the environment and situation have changed a lot, there is one thing that has remained unchanged - our passion for evangelization.



SIYIM Group

We are confident that despite being unable to go to church, even on-line, evangelization is possible if we gather as one, in Christ.

At first, we wondered if we could really have an online sharing, praise and

worship via Zoom, but now we have succeeded in organizing interactive and meaningful programs with more than 40 brothers and sisters participating.



SIYIM Activity

From now on we would like to reach out to other youth groups in our parish and work together more.



SIYIM Weekday Fellowship

We continue to pray that normalcy will return and that we may all be able to go to church soon, to spread the love of God further with the power of the youth.

Seika Masugi  
SIYIM Leader

### ONLINE MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

On the May 17, a day after we received a Zoom Conference Tutorial from Eunice Pili, one of the leaders of the SIYIM, the English-Speaking Group held its first meeting on-line. The last meeting held in person was in February. All in all, 21 participants attended, each representing

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the 13 Ministries/Groups of the John de Britto Center, including one representative from the Parish Council and two Japanese members of the Welcome Table.

the live-streaming of Masses. Though we were in different places, the meeting felt like we were together in one room. It was decided that we would continue to hold our usual 3rd Sunday meetings on-line until such a time as we can worship together again in the parish—hopefully, soon.

Raymond Gasu  
Member

## ENGLISH BULLETIN

People are so used to seeing our Bulletin in its printed form. Every month, 500 copies are printed, more on special occasions. They are distributed by the Ushers after the 1st Sunday English Mass. They are placed on the tables of the Welcome Group, on the stands at the entrance of the church, and near St. Joseph's Hall, and are displayed prominently in large print in the glass case of Kibe Hall. Some look for them in the John de Britto Center to send them somewhere. During this pandemic, how do you reach a large number of people for parish information, faith formation, and evangelization?

Since April, the monthly Bulletin has likewise been made available **on-line under the Publications Section** of the St. Ignatius website. We are happy that people are starting to read it there and that the number is increasing. People who used to be in St. Ignatius and are now back in their respective countries or are now somewhere else around the world and are nostalgic for St. Ignatius, their "home away from home," can now easily access the Bulletin. Of course, printed copies continue to be available, though greatly reduced in number, in the aforementioned locations.

Sr. Flor M. Florece  
Media Team

## ENGLISH SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is not just adults that are missing at St. Ignatius. So are the children. How are they doing? How do they feel in the present state of "STAY HOME"? What activities are they engaged in? How do the parents explain the pandemic to them? How do they follow up on their faith formation? We reached out to them too and here are their answers.

Sunday School Team



Zoom Training Conference

Participants were overjoyed to "see" one another again after such a long time. Informal greetings were exchanged prior to its start. Fr. Bony James SJ, the facilitator, asked that "each one share one good thing experienced during this pandemic." Mentioned repeatedly were: being able to slow down the fast rhythm of life; more quiet time for prayer and reflection about their faith and what is important in life; greater awareness and gratitude of many blessings being received; more time with the family and to do daily duties like cooking, cleaning their rooms, taking walks, and being able to talk along the way with the homeless and old people; reaching out or animating, though virtually, people who have lost their jobs, are lonely, or wanted to go home (to their own countries), etc. Some pointed out that we have to pray, too, for our priests, who have had many funerals and weddings and are trying their best to come up with measures for when the church will open again. There was also exchange of information and opinions on how to help people in financial difficulties and how to improve



English Group Online Meeting



Earth is Healing – Aislyn Kyna S. Gomera



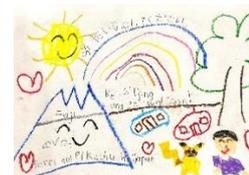
I am afraid! - Kirstine Megan C. Bugas



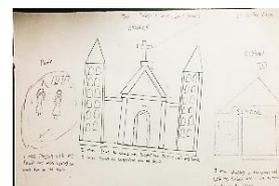
I miss school a lot! - Ely Dayrit



More time for family prayer!  
Phippe Dayrit



Odaijini! - Perri



Things I miss during pandemic  
Adeline Oviya



Learning how to sew masks – Phielle

# Feature Article

## The Blessed Sacrament and Mother Mary Came to our Neighborhood!

*The Bulletin is featuring this article written by Angelina Angeles from the Philippines. It gives us a glimpse of how faith is viewed and lived outside Japan in these pandemic times.*

The challenges of today's Covid-19 pandemic are not only medical. They are also profoundly spiritual. In the past, such situations of pestilence and plague were interpreted as a kind of divine punishment. Today the challenge certainly requires a more profound response. I personally do not subscribe to the interpretation of retribution: God is not out to get us, nor is he looking for recompense. It is not wrong, however, to see this crisis of health as a call to renew our relationship to God and to share with him our anxieties and our need for his intervention.



*Blessed Mother Statue Carried*

While the Church leadership worldwide was quick to dispense the faithful from the obligation of attending Mass and to teach believers how to receive the Holy Eucharist spiritually, the people are rightly scared and need a truly pastoral reassurance—and practical spiritual guidance.

At this time and age, we have more means at our disposal than ever before to find solid, healthy spiritual aids. There is the pervasiveness of Internet-based prayer opportunities, complete Mass prayers and readings for each day, official

texts for the daily Liturgy of the Hours, as well as a long list of other prayers and growing in spiritual depth are at the heart of the Church's liturgy. The Holy Rosary has a long history of shaping Catholic devotion in a powerful manner, as has the Divine Mercy chaplet.

Since we cannot go to church nowadays, local parishes have been innovative in reaching out to believers. Some priests walked around their neighborhood bringing with them the Blessed Sacrament, some were on improvised bicycles and motorcycles or in an open car.



*Blessed Sacrament Exposed*

At my local parish, the pastor took a surprising but certainly welcome change of fortune during Holy Week: the Blessed Sacrament came to visit us! Sacred music accompanied the arrival of the Blessed Sacrament as residents anxiously waited and lined up in the streets with lit candles. I was deeply touched and teary-eyed as the "Mobile Tabernacle" passed and briefly stopped in front of my house. It was very meaningful to worship with our community this way during this difficult time when no one is allowed to leave their homes 24/7 except in an emergency.

All this time, the church's bells peal at 6:00 a.m., 12 noon, at the great hour of mercy at 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m. With those daily reminders, for sure I do not have any excuse not to pray, or at least make the Sign of the Cross or utter a quiet thank you to God

for his innumerable blessings. Perhaps due to the Covid-19 pandemic, at a very opportune time and over loud speakers, our church leads the Holy Rosary every at 3:00 p.m. for the entire neighborhood of about 50,000 residents.

There is not much that people can do at home during the current community quarantine. I believe that praying the rosary together, though separately in our respective homes, has been part of the people's daily routine. "The rosary is at heart Christocentric prayer," wrote Saint John Paul II. "Through the rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer." There are countless astounding miracles associated with the rosary which I do not think many people are aware of.

Our gated community, with more than 300 residential houses, had two suspected Covid-cases. There was a feeling of angst among the residents, and I believe each one took extra special care on how not to get infected. The house of the suspected Covid-19 cases was just a block away from mine and my elder sister's. It was scary, to be honest. My sister's family and I prayed doubly hard that God would protect us from this invisible enemy, and that those infected would be cured.

On the day before the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, there was an announcement that our place was finally COVID-FREE, as the two suspected cases had negative test results. To God be all the glory!

The Church can definitely help us to refocus and deepen our faith while renewing our conviction of the redemptive love of Christ the Savior. The Risen One sought out his disciples—as the disciples had a faltering faith. He returned and showed himself to them. Jesus has conquered sin and death, and he invites us to share more deeply in his redemptive work.

The apocalypse of our day, the coronavirus pandemic, is a spiritual challenge for us to grow in our love for God, our love of the Savior, and our love for each human being in our world. I pray that the health pandemic evokes a no-less-global spiritual combat against fear, against self-righteousness or complacency, and against abandoning the healing which only God can give.

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**John de Britto English Center Groups and Ministries**

<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Serve before, during, and after the English Mass assisting the priest and Liturgical Ministers. They are boys and girls from ages 10-15 who have already received First Communion.
<b>ANGELS Group</b>	Serves every 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. Gathers children in Xavier Chapel just after the Opening Prayer of the Mass and provides stories of the Gospel in a language understood by them. They are adults and young people who love children.
<b>CHOIR</b>	Sings in the English Mass every Sunday. Practice before the Mass in Room 401, 11:00 AM
<b>COFFEE WELCOME MINISTRY</b>	Every last Sunday of the month in St. Teresia Hall, 1:00 - 1:45 PM Facilitates the opportunity for newcomers/parishioners to meet and feel that the Church is “my second home.”
<b>ENGLISH-SPEAKING GROUP MEETING</b>	Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month Arrupe Hall Rm. 301-B (Main Bldg.) 2:00 - 3:15 PM Gathers to plan and think of better ways to serve St. Ignatius Church.
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	By turns they serve in the 12:00 NN English Mass. Special formation is required.
<b>FAITH FORMATION CLASS FOR ADULTS</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, Kibe Hall Rm. 310. 2:00 - 4:00 PM For adult Catholics who wish to deepen their understanding of the faith. Non-Catholics are welcome.
<b>FAITH SHARING GROUP</b>	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, Kibe Hall Room 310, 2:00-4:00 PM. For those who want to deepen the Sunday Readings of that day.
<b>READERS GROUP</b>	They serve in 12:00 NN Sunday English Mass. They are those who would like to proclaim the Word of God and guide the assembly during the liturgical rite.
<b>MEDIA GROUP</b>	Prepares the Sunday Mass power point, the monthly English Bulletin, special posters, and takes care of the English website and Facebook of St. Ignatius Church.
<b>WEEKDAY OFFICE STAFF</b>	They open the English Center on weekdays to attend to the needs of those who come.
<b>PRAISE AND WORSHIP GROUP</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, Arrupe Hall Rm. 203, 10:00 AM onwards. Gathers to praise the Lord through songs, give thanks, and listen attentively to His life-giving Word. Personal intentions are received to be offered up in prayer.
<b>USHERS</b>	Every Sunday during the 12:00 NN English Mass. They facilitate an orderly and prayerful atmosphere before, during and after Mass.
<b>YOUTH MINISTRY</b>	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, Arrupe Hall 301-B, 1:30 – 4:00 PM. Made up of a very international group. Come and join their very energetic, dynamic monthly “Hangout”!

**SACRAMENTS: SCHEDULE AND CLASSES**

<b>INFANT / ADULT BAPTISM</b>	Schedule: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of February, April, June, September, and November, Xavier Chapel, 10:00 AM Classes: To be arranged with the Coordinators in-charge
<b>FIRST COMMUNION</b>	Schedule: April Classes: January to March
<b>CONFIRMATION</b>	Schedule: June Classes: April to May
<b>MARRIAGE PREPARATION</b>	Inquire at least 4 months before the wedding day.
<b>OTHERS</b>	<b>English Sunday School for Children</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 10-30-11:30 AM, Main Building, Rm. 302 <b>Sunday Japanese Language Classes</b> <i>Schedule: Please contact English Center.</i> <i>Time &amp; Venue: 1:45 – 2:45 PM, Kibe Hall, RM 304, 305, 306, 307</i> Newcomers visit RM 305

**WE NEED NEW VOLUNTEERS! For further inquiries, please visit us at the English Center.**

# Points to Ponder



From the Internet, Source Unknown

### Things will never be the same again ...

- ❖ We learned how to live without malls, gyms, fast-food, work and other worldly things.
- ❖ How to wash our hands and pay attention to our health again.
- ❖ To appreciate what we have – food, home, family, because not everyone has these.
- ❖ How to be selfless, helping others even if it means risking our own lives.
- ❖ To appreciate the sacrifices of others who aid and save strangers.
- ❖ To be united because for the first time after a hundred years, the human race is fighting as one.
- ❖ Leaders took charge of their nations and took care of their people, and the people followed and prayed for their leader’s success.
- ❖ To value our life because we saw from thousands of people dying that life is very fragile, so we learned to spend our remaining time doing what truly matters.
- ❖ Above all, we learned that we are just humans who need someone bigger than us to protect us, WE NEED GOD.
- ❖ For a long time we knew we had to change, and COVID-19 forces us to change.
- ❖ **When this pandemic is over, things will never be the same again because we are better humans living in a better world.**

## Pope’s Prayer Intentions for June 2020

### The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

## Mission 2030 Prayer Intention:

June 2020

Lord, grant us the courage and strength to build a compassionate society that protects and respects all life. Through the Risen Christ, may God's love reign over all in the Church and also in new areas of opportunity unfolding in various places in the world.

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Pastor: Fr. Ryuichiro Hanafusa, S.J.

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Fr. Sang-won Lee S.J.	Fr. Bony James S.J.
Fr. Javier Garralda S.J.	Fr. Generoso Florez S.J.
	Fr. Manuel Silgo S.J.
	Fr. Daniel Collins S.J.

Brother: Bro. Hiroaki Yoshiba S.J.  
Sister: Sr. Ivette Sanchez, M.C.

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