

## St. William Catholic Community

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## Rev. Monsignor Christopher J. Schreck, Pastor

#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the community of St. William's Parish, St. Simons Island, led by the power of the Holy Spirit, are committed to serving God and our brothers and sisters in Christ by living the message of the Gospel. We believe we are called to share our time, talents and our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus."

#### Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday at 8:15 a.m., Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

#### Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in chapel.

#### Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:30 - 5:15 p. m. or by appointment.

#### Rosary

Monday - Saturday at 7:50 a.m. & after Mass. Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

#### The Grotto Religious Goods Shop

Open after weekend Masses. Call the office during the week.

#### Baptism

Parents are to be registered and attend preparation class. (By appointment - Call DRE at 638-2651)

#### Marriage

Children's Liturgy - Sundays during 10:30am Mass. Youth Group - Sundays at 5p.m.

#### Parish Administrator

Stacey Bristol - (Office) 638-2647

#### **Director of Religious Education**

Nancy Power - 638-2651

#### **Music Minister**

Kate Hamer - 634-5040

#### Parish Engineer

Jim Spaeder - 399-7145

#### **Parish Council**

Burt Davitte - 269-0756, 638-6000

#### **Finance Committee**

Fred Zeh (Cell) 770-401-0570 (Office) 912-634-4531

#### Sacristan & Grotto Religious Goods **Eucharistic Minister & Lector Trainer**

Barbara Pelletier - 638-2957

#### Adoration

Maureen Bowen - 912-222-6775\

#### Altar Servers

Mike Cherne - 223-9048

#### Bereavement

Laura Nies - 912-638-1991

#### **Bloomers**

Therese Raimondo - 230-7313

#### **Coffee and Doughnuts**

Lauren Bailey - 912-222-7755

#### **Council of Catholic Women**

Joyce Callahan - 770-653-9509

#### **Divine Mercy**

First Saturday Devotion

#### Norma McIntyre - 279-0526

Helping Hugs, Inc. (Haiti Mission) Robert "Bob" Hochwald - 638-3143

Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

Creed Classes - Sundays, 9 - 10:15am.

RCIA - Sundays at 11:30am, September thru Easter.

#### Manna House **Primetimers Spiritual Direction**

Janice Capano - 770-500-5468

Martial Arts - Jim Keane - 638-0763

#### Men's Group, Adult Ed

Tom McIntyre - 279-0526, 996-8752

#### **Outreach Ministries**

Bill Horn - 638-4538

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society - 262-6027

Maureen Horn - 638-4538

#### Secular Franciscan Order

Larry Lynch - 638-0148

#### **Tuesday Women's Discussion**

Valerie Kehoe - 912-638-3919

#### **Head Usher**

Ron Casler - 912-434-9635

Liturgy of the nours week iv		
SAT., AUG. 1	8:15AM	+ANN MCCANN
	5:30PM	+MARTIN VEATER
SUN., AUG. 2	8:00AM	+PARISHIONERS
	10:30AM	+MARTIN TURBIDY
MON., AUG. 3	8:15AM	<b>+EDITH THOMPSON</b>
TUES., AUG. 4	8:15AM	<b>+JOHN PARKINS</b>
	6:00PM	+POOR SOULS
WED., AUG. 5	8:15AM	+CHARLES YODER
THURS., AUG. 6	8:15AM	+CHARLES BISCHOF
FRI., AUG. 7	8:15AM	+BILL KEMPTON
SAT., AUG. 8	8:15AM	(L) BOB BURKE
	5:30PM	+MR. & MRS CHARLES TOKAREK
SUN., AUG. 9	8:00AM	+BILL KELSO
	10:30AM	PARISHIONERS



Mario Artesiano, John Austin, Barron Bray, Bob Burke, Tommye Cashin, Sal Cenicola, H.C., Patti Cundiff, Mark Davis, Barbara DeRatto, John

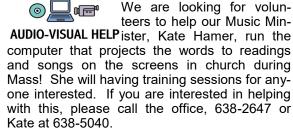
Fedak, Mary Ann Ferguson, Rebecca Gaylor, Jacqueline Grady, Barron Grey, Keith Griffin, John Grimsley, Charlotte Guido, Bill Gutelius, Fred Hegeman, John Helton, Mary Jane Hurd. Cheryl & Larry Hutchinson, Mark Kelso, Edward & Sharon Kirk, Timothy Kite, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, H.L., Lucy Loehle, Jim Loisel & Family, Ruth Elizabeth Melvin, Anna Grace Mallon, Janice Marderosian, George Metz, Nancy Moore, David Morton, Nina & Ralph Murphy, Gail Nick, Ed Nickey, Fr. Dan O'Connell, Fran Owen, Frank Paul, Nell Pidgeon, MJR, Patricia Reilly, A.J. Salimando, Gordy Seaman, Douglas Seaman, Richard Sedlacek, Eddie Michael Smith, Dwight Spivey, Mike Stefanik, Kimberly Webb & Family, Richard Wineman, Herman Woodard, and our service men and women.

#### **BULLETIN PRAYER LIST**

Help us keep our above prayer list current. You may add a name to the list by calling the church office at 638-2647 or e-mailing us at stwilliamschurch@comcast.net.

#### **TELEPHONE & EMAIL PRAYER LINE**

St. William Prayer Line is a group of people who pray daily for the intentions received from voice mails left at 638-4287 or by email at stwilliamsprayerline@gmail.com.



'If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough. - Oprah Winfrey

#### Offertory Stewardship

July 26, 2020 - \$9,697.30 (July 28, 2019 - \$10,378.00) PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECKS - 91 **CHURCH IN AFRICA - \$85.00** 

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO DATE** Goal - \$2,162,000 Received to Date - \$2,075,107.23

Do vou really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many TSB, Lois Baker, Gail Blanda, Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America ing secular culture, difficult rural terrain, in Latin America and the Caribbean, a ris-

and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



St. Vincent de Paul ministry has an immediate need for volunteers willing to help in the thrift store on Wednesdays and Fridays, anytime from 10am - 4pm. Many of our volunteers are older, or immuno compromised, and they work as they are able. Unfortunately, several of them had to step back this week, so we need people on Wednesdays and/or Fridays, who are willing to wear a

mask, welcome our customers with open hearts, and help with the register or bagging. We provide masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer for all our volunteers, if any extras are needed . . . Volunteers work whatever hours work for them.

Generally, the store is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (masks required); on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the store is closed, and thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

Please prayerfully consider if you can help us —if you feel God calling you, and your schedule allows...come and help! People who can answer our call should call our store manager at 912-262-6027, leave a message on the answering machine, or just come between 10 and 4, this coming Wednesday or Friday.

Many thanks, for all you do to support us here at St. Vincent de Paul.



St. William Parish Library, next to the main room in the Parish Hall, will be open daily from 9am to 12:30pm. You are welcome to go in and browse. A white notebook is provided to check out your items.

ADORATION - Can you spare one hour with Our Lord, body, blood, soul and divinity? We need guardians for Adoration on Tuesdays. Please consider this ministry. If you are interested, call Maureen Bowen at Maureen Bowen (912) 222-6775.

#### **DIOCESAN DIRECTIVES & COVID 19 UPDATES**

Due to continuing concerns about the number of COVID-19 cases in the state of Georgia, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday mass will remain in place at least through the last Sunday of August (8/30/20).

We would like to remind everyone that if you are ill, do not come to church. Any parishioners who are uncomfortable about attending Sunday Mass due to the coronavirus or the safety measures implemented at your local parish are excused from their obligation to attend. In addition, if parishioners are in the higher risk category due to current illness, age or suffering a chronic health condition or compromised immune system, they are also asked to remain at home.

Please continue to support our parish church through online giving on our website, by mail. We also have donation boxes in the church and at the office for your convenience.

#### PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUN., AUG. 2 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am - Mass

10:30am - Mass 8:15am - Daily Mass

8:15am - Daily Mass TUES.. AUG. 4 9am - Adoration in Church

1pm - Rosary for Peace

6:00pm - Mass

WED., AUG. 5 8:15am - Daily Mass THURS., AUG. 6 8:15am - Daily Mass

MON., AUG. 3

9am - Helping Hugs Exec.

FRI., AUG. 7 8:15am - Daily Mass 10am - Funeral

8:15am - Daily Mass SAT., AUG. 8

> 4:30pm - Reconciliation 5:30pm - Vigil Mass

SUN., AUG. 9 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Latin America Collection

8am - Mass 10:30am - Mass

#### **LIVE STREAMING MASS!**

For those of you who are not ready to return to Mass at the present time, we will continue to live stream Vigil and Sunday Masses on our youtube channel, StWilliamonSSI.



To be able to participate in these Masses from home, you can click on either the **red** youtube icon above or go to the parish website, www.stwill.net. Then go to the Live Streaming tab. Click on the blue link **StWilliamonSSI**, and select either the LIVE Mass or any of the recordings.

VIRTUS TRAINING - ZOOM REMOTE - Virtus classes are now being done via ZOOM for a short period of time. Any new employees/volunteers/parents can take the VIR-TUS Protecting God's Children (Protection of Children and Young People) training. You are advised to use a laptop or desktop (no phones). Remember to complete a Code of Conduct, and Background Check, when you set up your profile at Virtusonline.org. Please keep your user name and password on file.

- Monday, August 5, 3pm 6pm
- Tuesday, August 11, 5pm 8pm
- Friday, August 14, 10am 1pm
- Wednesday, August 19, 5pm -8 pm

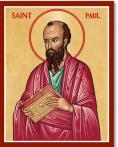
Space is limited in these classes and pre-registration is required. Go to Virtusonline.org to pre-register for upcoming classes

#### Prayer in Hurricane Season

God, our Father, Creator and Lord of the Universe, You have set the earth on its foundation and all elements of nature to obey your command. We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers and calm the storms that may threaten us. May we be secure in your loving protection and serve you always with grateful hearts. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns forever. Amen

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

#### IGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST .



Today's readings should inspire the Christian steward with deepened gratitude to our God. Who loves us with such fierce and tender love. We must make an intentional response every day to return love for Love.

In our Second Reading, from Romans, St. Paul reminds us that nothing and nobody can keep God from loving us. No anguish, distress, persecution, famine... and we might add pandemic, economic loss, relationship strife — nothing — can keep our

God from His faithful love for us. God has got us in the palm of His hand.

And yet, this reassurance is only the beginning of God's gifts to us. Our Gospel passage from Matthew recounts the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This of course, is a foreshadowing of the miraculous gift the Eucharist, which feeds us not with bread but with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus.

Let's look at the opening verses of this passage, for they reveal a little of the tender heart of Jesus for all of us. "His heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick." What generous and compassionate love He shows.

But even that is not enough for our Lord. He remains with them, ministering to and teaching them well into the evening. The disciples suggest that Jesus should send them away so that they could buy some food. But Jesus will not hear of it. He insists that the disciples feed them right then and there. And then, He provides the miraculous abundance of food out of the few loaves and fishes the disciples could round up.

What a privilege for those disciples to participate in Christ's miraculous plan for His people. This privilege is ours, too, as Christian stewards. Let us make a grateful response to such amazing love.

The Catholic Steward & Catholic Stewardship Consultants



Sunday and weekday Masses are celebrated privately by priests and Mass intentions are being honored. There are several available openings for Mass Intentions. If you would like to have a Mass said for some-Intentions one, please call the office.



Click <u>www.diosav.org/faith</u> to stay connected, learn more about #FaithIsAlwaysOpen, and submit pictures and stories, and bring our diocese closer together!

#### Sympathy & prayers ...

To Claire Kempton and Stacey, Steve & Will Bristol, upon the death of their husband, father and grandfather, BILL KEMP-**TON.** A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

The Memorial Mass for JACK O'HAGAN, will be held at St. William on Friday, August 7, at 10am.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**■f** you would like to have flowers placed at the altar in honor of or in memory of a loved one, Altar Flower please call the office for available dates.





#### **RCIA**

is for anyone considering joining the Catholic Church, or anyone who wants to know more about the Catholic faith.

It is right for you if you are..

#### Ten possible reasons to join RCIA

- You're marrying a Catholic. Sharing and practicing your faith together is a great foundation for married life.
- You're already married to a Catholic and your kids are being raised Catholic. It's natural to want to feel a closer bond by sharing in the sacramental experiences of those you love.
- Your children are learning about the Catholic faith. You just want to learn more about this Catholic tradition of faith, still not sure you ever want to become Catholic.
- 4. You've lived in a "Catholic world" all your life so much so that many people assume you already are Catholic. You'd like to find out if you are closer than you think in mind and heart.
- You don't know much about Catholicism but you have a friend or neighbor who has inspired you to want to learn more about it. With no strings attached, this is a wonderful way to check things out.
- You have suffered through personal loss or personal struggles. You are seeking ways to deepen your spiritual life by checking out the Catholic life of faith.
- 7. You don't know why, but you feel something urging you to the Catholic Church. It's probably the Holy Spirit, so it is a good idea to listen up!
- 8. New to Catholicism or new to Christianity
- 9. Part of a Catholic Family, but never really learned about or practiced your faith.
- 10. A Catholic who worries that you don't really understand the basics of your faith.

If any of these reasons stirs your heart, do not hesitate to contact Nancy Power at (912) 638-2651 or powernancy@comcast.net.



MASS COLLECTIONS - Collection baskets for Masses are in the Narthex of the Church as you enter for Mass. We also have donation boxes in the church and in the office.

PARISH WIDE EMAIL - There have been a couple of instances in which some email addresses are not receiving the parish-wide email, even though it is in the email group. If you do not received the email for the week, or would like to be added to the list, please email or call the office with your email address, and we will make sure that you get the latest version. Remember: IF IT IS BLUE, IT IS FOR YOU - If you click on any blue link, you will be redirected to the website or document mentioned. Printed copies of the bulletin will be available at the office.



# REGISTRATION FORMS for C.RE.ED (Sunday School K-8 grade)

Youth Group -Catholics in Action (Grades 9-12) are online at stwill.net. Classes are planned to begin September 13, with in person classes. Form for K-8 classes, with an additional form

for Confirmation are <a href="here">here</a>.
Forms for 9-12 grades, are found <a href="here">here</a>.
Forms can be mailed or scanned and emailed to Nancy Power at powernancy@comcast.net.

St. William's Youth Group or as we call ourselves, **CATHOLICS IN ACTION** for grades 9-12 is looking for a college age intern to help us on Sundays. If you are that person or know of someone who may be interested please contact Nancy at (912) 638-2561 or PowerNancy @comcast.net.



#### OF SAVANNAH PERMANENT DIACONATE CLASS FORMING

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is now accepting applications for the next diaconate formation class. The permanent diaconate is open to both single and married men who meet specific requirements. These requirements can be found on the Diocese of Savannah web page

under Offices/Permanent Diaconate/Formation/Frequently Asked Questions.

Application information can be found at <a href="https://diosav.org/permanent-diaconate/formation">https://diosav.org/permanent-diaconate/formation</a>. All application materials must be received by the Office of the Permanent Diaconate no later than September 30, with a class start date of September 2021 for those accepted. Questions should be directed to Deacon Kelley Culver, Director of the Permanent Diaconate at (706)651-8989.

C.RE.ED (Children's religious Education) & YOUTH GROUP We hope to open classes up in the fall, but WE NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/CATECHISTS FOR GRADES K-12. Please consider teaching Sunday school, just an hour and fifteen minutes, Sunday mornings (9-10:15), following the school calendar. Parents, retired teachers, grandparents, couples, newcomers, college students, young professional, anyone over 18, Virtus trained who has a desire to teach about our Catholic religion. St. William needs you!

## C.L.O.W (CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD)

will resume in the fall.

It is held during the Sunday 10:30am Mass and always has room for more teachers or substitutes.

If you love young children and are Virtus trained, you can help.

Contact Nancy to learn more.



#### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS

**St. Francis Xavier Catholic** School has an opening for a part-time *Music Teacher*. If you are interested in becoming part of the amazing St. Francis Xavier faculty, send your resume to <a href="mainto:tmermann@sfxcs.org">tmermann@sfxcs.org</a> or to Dr. Terry Mermann, 1121 Union Street, Brunswick GA 31520.

**Abuse Hotline Number**: To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to <a href="https://www.diosav.org/">www.diosav.org/</a>

## APPLE TREE FOR STUDENTS IN NEED

Every year St. William parishioners help support a St. Francis student in need by taking an apple from the tree on the bulletin board in our church. This year we are having a virtual Apple Tree. We have linked the "apples" below to a school supply list on Amazon.

There are two supply lists that contain all school supplies needed for a student for their grade level:



K-5th grade supply list (approximately \$24.99 and free shipping)



6-8 grade supply list (approximately \$30.00 with free shipping)

Each of the above links also contains additional supplies such as wipes and Kleenex if you care to purchase them for classroom use.

- Click on the apple icon of your choice. It will take you directly to the page on Amazon with the school supplies and other items.
- Add the items to your shopping cart

•Proceed to checkout & have the items delivered directly to:

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School

1121 Union Street

Brunswick, GA 31520.

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St. Simons Island, Ga 31522

Thank you so much for helping the students and teachers at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School!

For more information about St. Francis Xavier Catholic School visit www.sfxcs.org. or call the school office, at 265-9470, to schedule a tour.



If you have any questions, please call Stacey at 638-2647.

# Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time August 1-2, 2020

#### **DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

O God, hear my prayer and let my cry come unto you. Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Give the men and women you call the light to understand your gift and the love to follow always in the footsteps of your priestly son. Amen

#### Opening Song: As We Gather at Your Table

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As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

IS 55:1-3

#### Reading 1

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



#### Reading 2

ROM 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### Alleluia

MT 4:4B

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel

MT 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me, " and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.

They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ** 

Presentation: Come to the Water

John Foley, S.J. ©1978 OCP

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water, And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: Without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, Except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: Without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, Except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let the come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: All who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, Except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: Bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: Come to the Lord.

Communion Song: <u>Table of Plenty</u>

Dan Schutte ©1992 OCP

#### Refrain:

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, Here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table, where saints and sinners are friends. I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.

O come and eat without money; come to drink without price. My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.

Your fields will flower in fullness; your homes will flourish in peace. For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil.

Sending Song: We Belong to You

Text Victoria Thomson © 2006/Music Trevor Thomson © 2006 OCP

#### Refrain:

We belong to you, O Lord of our longing. We belong to you. In our daily living, dying and rising We belong to you.

In the waters of your mercy, when the old becomes the new, Souls united in the myst'ry: We belong to you. **Refrain** 

Filled with gifts and filled with goodness, Spirit breathing life into All who seek to find their purpose: We belong to you. **Refrain** 

When we share the bread you've broken with the many and the few, We are blessed and we are broken: We belong to you. **Refrain** 

Your fields will flower in fullness; your homes will flourish in peace. For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil. **Refrain** 

#### PRAYER IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced Remember those whose lives are at stake. May we who have no risk factors Remember those most vulnerable. May we who have the luxury of working from home Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent. May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close Remember those who have no options. May we who have to cancel our trips Remember those that have no place to go. May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market Remember those who have no margin at all. May we who settle in for a quarantine at home Remember those who have no home. During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen

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