



# FAITH AT HOME

## Greetings!



" With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love."  
St. John Paul II

## A Message from Fr. Ed



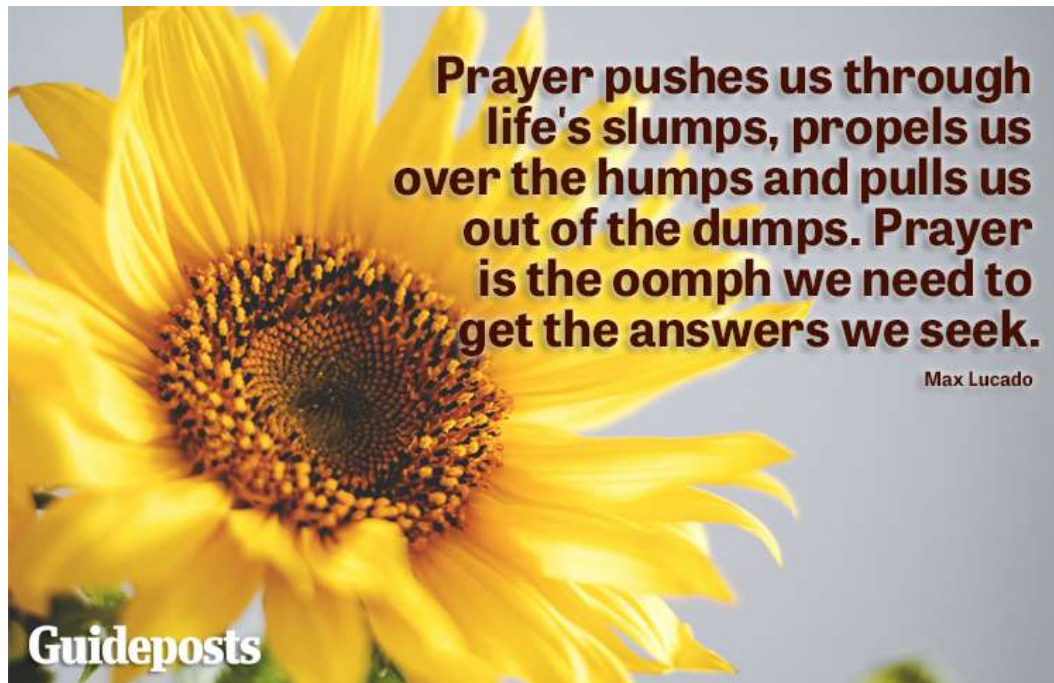
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## Your Feedback is Requested

What makes our parish community special is our pastors and parish staff's steadfast commitment to constantly seek our parishioner's feedback in order to understand what direction we need to go and how we can shape the future of our church to fit the real needs of our people. With that in mind, we have put together a survey to help

guide us through the transition from the "safer at home" phase we have all been dealing with to our next journey of beginning to gather together once again. We want to know how you are feeling and what you think about how we move forward.

Please take a few minutes to complete [this survey](#). We are so excited to see you soon!



**Prayer pushes us through life's slumps, propels us over the humps and pulls us out of the dumps. Prayer is the oomph we need to get the answers we seek.**

Max Lucado

Guideposts

## Peru Update

We have been in communication with Fr. Joe Uhen, pastor of our sister parish Santissimo Sacramento in Piura, Peru, about the impact of the COVID pandemic in Peru and the people his parish serves. The country of Peru has been locked down since March 12. During the day, Peruvians not working "essential" jobs are only allowed to leave the house to buy food or for medical reasons. Men can go out on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays, women can go out on Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays. No one is allowed out of the house on Sundays. Private vehicles are largely banned from driving, and there is a curfew between 4 PM and 4 AM every day and you will be arrested if caught out of your house. The staff at the parish are working in limited roles. Instead of delivering food each month to the families in the Family to Family program, the social workers are giving each family cash to go to the local market to purchase their own food. The medical clinic is closed, the parish school and Trade School are closed with some online learning and no



Masses are being held. The number of COVID cases in Peru is the second highest in South America, but most of the families we serve have been healthy because they live in areas outside the city of Piura-though most are not working. Unfortunately the poor in Peru get no government assistance during times of economic hardship. We ask that you please keep Fr. Joe, his staff and the families and students we support in your prayers that they

stay healthy and safe during this global pandemic.

If interested in helping Fr. Joe with expenses related to his staff and ministries, donations would be accepted on **Faith Direct** (Santisimo Sacramento General Donation) or checks mailed to the parish office. May God grant us the patience and faith to get through these difficult months. Muchas gracias!

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## Featured Saints of the Week

Our new feature continues - the Saints of the week. These saints are recognized by the USCCB as Memorials or Optional Memorials and we were including information on them in the daily order of worship. Since we do not have printed orders of worship, we wanted to keep the saints feature for the bulletin.

For more Featured Saints of the Week, please [click here](#).



**Wednesday, May 20—  
Optional Memorial St.  
Bernardine of Siena,  
Priest**— St. Bernardine was an Italian Franciscan and preacher who attracted thousands to his preaching with his accessible language and eloquence. Although he upheld strict discipline as general of his order, his exhortations to lay people were marked by encouragement and understanding of human weakness.

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## Pass on Faith at Home!

Do you have a friend or know of an SJV Parishioner who would love our Faith at Home series or e-bulletins? Please have them go to the **bottom of our webpage** and sign up! Be sure to **follow us on Facebook** as well for even more updates!

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