



CLING TO JESUS, DON'T LET GO!

These days of the Corona Virus and times of isolating from one another, even to the point of all public Masses being suspended by our Bishop Matano as of March 16th, and many other bishops of other dioceses doing the same...leaves us feeling confused, afraid and anxious.

This is why the picture at the left of Jesus reaching out His arms to us, with people hugging him, and others crowding around Him and looking at His Face as if to listen to His Words of encouragement, peace and hope...and love!

These are words we would hear at Masses, through the Scripture readings, the homily, through the smiles and friendly greetings of one another we meet. This is the interior peace we feel when we receive Jesus in

Holy Communion, saying Amen to “The Body of Christ” and “The Blood of Christ” if we choose to receive both forms (though the Church teaches if we receive only the consecrated Host, we receive not only the Body of Christ, but the Blood of Christ, and His Soul and Divinity as well!).

But now in these days of No Masses, don't despair. Jesus is still close to you. Just speak His Name and imagine yourself in the picture above. He holds you close. He knows what is in your heart even before you tell Him. As a priest once told us in a homily, *God knows what it's like to be in your skin! He made you, and knows you through and through, not just your body, but your mind, heart and soul...all of you!*

Another form of prayer I encourage is to pray the Rosary. Our Lady holds us close and she will intercede for us. *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

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God bless you all. Let us pray for one another. – Father Pat