



Palm Sunday at Immaculate Conception Parish in Waterloo

Savior of the World family

With Love and Prayer

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"It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.

St Pope John Paul II

Dearest Family, I bring you Lenten greetings, Lent come and go as a remembrance of the pain and suffering that our Lord Jesus went through just to wash away our sins. His preparation to die for us and Temptation was very much remarkable which no man can stand. He set the road map so that we Christians can follow and now every year Christians come together to observe Lent just as Christ did so that we can also experience the poverty that Christ went through for forty days and night by doing so we also experience the pain and suffering that the poor people went through by not having a days meal and by sleeping hungry this is just a reminder and involvement in the Mission of our Lord.

As for Saviour of the World this year Lent is a bit different from the other years. This year we do a lot of Prayer

than fasting. The Children fasts only on Saturdays and Sundays. The fasting is implemented this year so that they will always live to appreciate the little they have and also live to appreciate what ever favour that someone give to them and to also make them understand that their are many people who wish to get the little they have. Through the fasting we try to make them understand that every day you have a reason to thank God not just for your life, but His kindness, the food you have today, the shelter that He gave you, the clothing that He gave you, the Love he gave you and so on. we try to make them see that some people just needed a little of all these things and they will be very much thankful to God.

We want to thank God for all his loving Kindness since the beginning of saviour of the world to this year, But we want

to say a very special thanks to Him for keeping us since 2013 to date. Because 2013 to date has been very challenging years for us we have went through hot and cold, we have lost loved ones and yet God still keep us kicking we wants to say thanks. The poultry has being doing well but within three days we lost 2,100 mature birds to an infectious disease and this has caused us to disaffect the whole compound including the home and the poultry water well. But we are thanking God because we have just finish paying the last school charges before the casualty happens. This is a huge loss for use as the 2,100 mature birds would have bring us \$6,000 if we should have sold them. The poultry was running itself well but bird flu are very much common with poultry house.

I will be traveling to

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Some of our girls and boys at school in Waterloo



Ghana for a seminar on Ebola and other contagious diseases. Presently there is a break out of Lassa fever in the the Eastern part of the country. two people has

become victims now Social welfare is try to make sure that homes get the basic knowledge on how to prevent such dangerous diseases from spread- ing. When the

Ebola virus hit some homes in the country by the time they notice how to handle it, it has already kill child care workers and children. We should have two representative at the seminar and i am traveling with Sia Komba while Kadiatu (kk) will be taking care of the home. I already bought our traveling ticket for both and i have made reservations. we will be leaving on the 3rd April and returning on the 25th April so we will be staying for 21 days. I cant afford that staying cost we will really need assistance

of \$3500. Can someone help? Besides this, Saviour of the World is doing well in a whole. We want to say thanks to you and Your Families We love you and our prayers are with you. Praise to Jesus

With love and prayer

Louisa and Children

Why Are You Crying?

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Savior of the World Family,

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus be with you, now and always!

Dearest friends, I write this brief message during the year proclaimed by Pope Francis as a Year of Mercy.

You are no doubt aware that in the Ho-

ly Mass there is a moment when Jesus Christ, in wholehearted obedience to his heavenly Father, makes himself really and fully present.

This happens to be the moment when the priest says with reverence and humility the very same words that Jesus has said at the Last Supper: *Take this, all of*

you, and eat of it for this is my Body... Take this, all of you and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood...

The prayer within which these words are nestled is called the Eucharistic Prayer. It is a prayer that begins with a brief dialogue between the priest and the peo-

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Louisa asked him, "Sir, are you crying because you are suffering so much?"

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ple: *The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.* This prayer is called the Preface; and it always concludes with the people and priest saying or singing together the *Holy, Holy, Holy*.

Now I would like to present to you the Preface one finds in the Holy Mass that is celebrated for anyone and everyone in need. The need may be spiritual, material, physical, mental, emotional – anyone who at the moment is a needy person is the one for whom the people pray during this Mass.

The first part of the prayer is as follows:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father of Mercies and faithful God.

For you have given us Jesus Christ, your Son, as our Lord and Redeemer.

He always showed compassion for children and for the poor, for the sick and for sinners, and he

became a neighbor to the oppressed and the afflicted.

By word and deed he announced to the world that you are our Father and that you care for all your sons and daughters.

This was the Preface I was singing today here in East Africa... it brought my memory back to a particularly precious moment in Sierra Leone very soon after the rebels surrendered their arms to end the Blood Diamond War. Louisa Aminata was nineteen years old. Together with her cousin, Mariama and sister, Kadiatu, Louisa went to a refugee camp where everyone – men, women and children – were missing hands, arms, feet and legs because the rebels had completely amputated them with vicious slashes of their machetes.

It was a time when Louisa and her family did not have donors, sponsors or benefactors: she had not yet begun to organize a Savior of the World family for children whose parents had suffered death at the hands of these same rebels. With the little her family had, she managed to convince

market people to give her a sack of rice about 50 kilos or so, and then she changed all the money she had into American money – all in one-dollar bills.

Then accompanied by her sisters, she returned to that “amputee” camp. They wanted to assure themselves that they had enough for everybody. So they gave each a carefully measured amount of rice and a one-dollar bill from the USA.

Louisa was noticing that this was a very emotional moment for the people. One man began sobbing with copious tears.

Louisa asked him, “Sir, are you crying because you are suffering so much?”

The man responded, “Not at all... I am crying because I am thanking God. With this money and rice you have given me I can take a holiday from begging for two entire weeks!”

Jesus intends to invite all of us to an eternal holiday in heaven. But we must remember that there will be a moment when again he is really and finally present to us. It will be a moment when all of

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A very young Louisa, newly baptized into the Catholic faith, along with her cousin, Mariama, and her friend, Bai, distribute rice to the amputees.



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us hope to hear him say, *I was hungry and you gave me to eat... I was homeless and you gave me a home... Whatever you have done to the least ones, to the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done it to me.*

Welcome, brothers and sisters, into the daily opportunities

God gives you to find the needy, to welcome them, to encourage them, to come to their aid and hence to find God coming to your aid when it is time for you to go home to heaven.

Fr. Umuhozanimana

Please invite someone who may be hurting

Hurting after abortion?

You are not alone

Rachel's Vineyard

A retreat for post-abortion healing and reconciliation

Who should attend a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat?

This retreat is open to any woman or man who is struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion.

This is the place

to heal your wounded heart

This is the place

to find peace and the hope of joy

This is the place

to finally forgive yourself

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