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A VEIL ON THE CRUCIFIX

On the battlefield of the coronavirus crisis

Stat crux dum volvitur orbis – The Cross keeps standing while the world keeps busy

Since March 17, when the Province of Ontario declared the state of emergency on account of the covid-19 epidemics, the priests of the SSPX have been quite busy, staying on the battlefield for souls. For sure, this situation was not something new to them, because they are thoroughly dedicated to their vocation for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, but things have been very intense over the past days.

At the same time, the priests of the SSPX were careful to comply with the requirements of March 17 declaration of state of emergency in Ontario. While Cardinal Collins quickly decided to cancel all public Mass in the Archdiocese of Toronto, the priests of the Society of St. Pius X decided to keep their church from Etobicoke, the Church of Transfiguration, open for public Mass as long as civil authorities would allow it.

We organised ourselves to comply with the rule of 50 persons max and the social distancing requirement. Faithful had to register for Mass and we set up clear marking on the pews to keep social distancing while attending Mass. Word of mouth spread quickly within the Catholic community in Toronto that we were still having Mass in our church, and we received hundreds of calls from faithful that we didn't know, but who were eager to come to the Traditional Latin Mass and to receive the sacraments.

Our dedicated priests and lay staff were overwhelmed, and they tried to manage the best they could with this new situation. A number of souls approached our priests to get reconciled with God by making a good confession, and this was a real blessing in the midst of the present-day calamity. Moreover, this was a great consolation for our priests who answered the call of God to dedicate themselves for the salvation of souls.

On Sunday March 22, our Mass was broadcasted for the first time on YouTube, as the only Catholic Mass still accessible to a limited public in Toronto.

But, with the Ontario government order of March 24, which gave the list of the “essential business” that are still allowed to stay opened during the covid-19 crisis, we start to wonder if it would also apply to churches.

After the morning Mass, on March 25, an officer from the ***Toronto Bylaw licensing enforcement*** department came to deliver a “notice of non-compliance with Provincial Emergency Order 520-2020”. The officer was nice and polite but said that he was just doing his job and following orders received.

After that, we called the newly established toll-free number from the Ontario government, to find out from an authorized government agent if churches were to be considered as “essential businesses” that are allowed to stay open according to the March 24 government order. But the man who answer us couldn’t give a straight answer. He told us that our request will go up to the next level, which will forward it to the ministry that will answer hopefully by next week.

Now, it looks like the celebration of the mysteries of the Passion may have to be celebrated without the assistance of the faithful. The purple cover on the statues and crucifix will have a special meaning this year, because it will also veil the ceremonies that Catholics from all over the world may not be able to attend. But let us not forget that the Resurrection always follows the Passion.

Meanwhile, in the midst of the great metropolis of Toronto, there is a little church that keeps the beautiful ceremonies of the Traditional Latin Rite in all their splendor, even though it may be behind closed doors, but Catholics will be able to follow on YouTube.

[SSPX Church Of The Transfiguration - YouTube](#)

Fr. Dominique Boulet

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The church is on lockdown, but not the so-called essential businesses that keep sending us invoices while we have no income as there is no Sunday collection. Please help to keep the church alive by using electronic means to send your contribution. There are three options:

1. *For those who already subscribe, the PAG (preapproved giving) is certainly a good option*
2. *You may also send your weekly donations via e-transferl. Contact the secretary Secretary.toronto@fsspx.ca who will instruct you how to proceed.*
3. *Finally, it is always possible to send a donation to the Society of St. Pius X*

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Activities:

All current activities, including Mass are on hold, on account of the lockdown ordered by the government of Ontario. We will notify you by email and/or telephone when we will be able to resume these activities.

Priests are available for emergencies. If you have the choice, privilege contacting them by email instead of telephone calls.

Eucharistic Crusaders Intention for April:

For the perseverance of priests and religious in their vocation

Our departed souls for April:

Bishop Antonio de Castro Mayer, Fr. Nicholas Gruner, Rev. Father Denis Roch, Br. Jean-Marie Lefebvre, Louise Patry, Francis Beck, Irene Boivin, Johanna Klara Sinch, May Luella Doherty, Carl Terpstra, Giuseppe Speciale, Ilona Feher, Caroline Nightingale, Debbie Werbick, Elizabeth (Betty) Judin, Maria Burke Jose Alberto Cota Leonardo, Mary Le Forestier, John Seifert, Mary Leale, Edgar Dwarte, Alfred Kufner, Stan & Teresa Lenkovski, Patricia Adamkiewicz, Adriana Vallejos, Joyce Bryant, Antonetta Timmermans, Silvia Rocke, Ronnie Sison, John Vennari.

Please pray also for the repose of the souls who passed away recently: Mrs. Guéguen, the mother of Fr. Guéguen and Sister Kateri, the blood sister of Fr. Couture.

SSPX Retreats for 2020:

New Hamburg, ON
Women July 26 - 31

Register with New Hamburg
Men Aug. 2 – 7

Reading Material - Food for the Mind

1. Coronavirus: Sermon given by a SSPX priest in France

Sermon pronounced on Saturday 7 March 2020 by Fr. Denis Puga¹, SSPX, at the church of Saint-Nicolas-du-Chardonnet for the votive mass “in times of epidemic”.

The Catholic answer to Epidemics

My Dear Brethren,

It has always been the habit of the Church, since the dawn of time on the occasion of public calamity to turn to the Lord, especially in times of epidemic. This is not the first, and it is not the last, no doubt, in the history of mankind. But epidemics always have something worrying about them, because like demons, you cannot see what is attacking you. Thus, the Church turns to the good God, especially through this Mass which is very ancient, which we celebrate to ask the good God to preserve us from evil.

What the Church asks of God

What does the Church ask in these prayers? It asks God, of course, to repel these diseases that attack us, if we are afflicted with them, that we overcome them; if it is the hour of our death, that we prepare ourselves for it. But the Church does not only ask for this, the Church asks for the light of God, she asks that, on the occasion of these events, which are always a little peculiar, which are often the cause of social disorder, the Christian should manifest his faith, the Christian should manifest his virtue which is sometimes put to the test: there can be a danger of lack of trust, of selfishness, of lack of charity. She also asks for assistance to all those who, especially among Christians, in these more difficult times, will have to carry out their duty of state in a Christian way. I am thinking especially of doctors, nurses,

¹ Fr. Puga was ordained priest in 1986, by Archbishop Lefebvre. Before answering to the call of God, Fr. Puga was a medical doctor.

all those who care for the sick, because it has always been one of the missions of the Church to concern herself with those who suffer and with the sick. The Church also prays for the public authorities, because this kind of trial, this kind of calamity, demands that we be governed in an upright way, with prudence, with wisdom, even if we do not share, far from it, all the positions and opinions of those who govern us. There are times when we have to ask the good Lord, as St Peter said so well, to enlighten them so that we can submit to wise rules.

The meaning of these events

The Church also prays that we understand the meaning of these events. Our first reflex must be a reflex of supernatural gaze, and this is perhaps the most worrying thing right now, my dear brethren, in these days we are living. It is not so much this epidemic, it is not so much what is happening, it is to see that in the Church, fear has entered, as well as anxiety and lack of faith. It is not the time to empty the holy water fonts, it is not the time to close the churches, it is not the time to refuse communion to the faithful, or even the sacraments to the sick. On the contrary, it is a time to come closer to God, to understand the meaning of these calamities. From time immemorial the Church, on the occasion of plagues and epidemics, has made public processions with manifestations of faith, this has been the occasion for the Church to preach penance. Penance, penance! As you know, this is the very beautiful passage from the Old Testament that we read earlier in the epistle: the sin of pride of King David who wanted to count his people to have the satisfaction of knowing that he was leading a great nation. And the consequence of this was a punishment by God. Yes, because God punishes as a father can punish his children. The punishment for this pride was a terrible plague, but as soon as God saw that hearts were turning towards Him, God made the angel of sickness stop taking revenge.

The Time of Penance

This is the time of penance, the time to return to God, whoever we are, the just and the less just, sinners, all of us must do penance. God does not always punish, and events, calamities, are not always caused directly by God, it can happen in exceptional cases, it is the laws of nature such as earthquakes, epidemics. These are the consequences of the fact that since the original sin, man is no longer master of everything. Yes, man is no longer master of everything, my dear brethren. But God has said with the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ : “I will protect you from these public calamities, I will protect you from them if you are faithful to Me”. The problem today, my dear brethren, is not that we are using human means to try to repel these calamities, that is quite normal, all this is in the order of things; the problem is that we are saying to God “leave us alone, let us control this”. But the only one who has the situation “under control”, as we say today, is the good Lord. So, what does God do? God says, “you don't want my help? Well, you're on your own”, and that is the worst thing, the worst thing.

Let us turn to the good Lord

Let's turn to the good Lord. As I was saying, this is not the first epidemic that the world has known, nor perhaps the most serious. Just think of the Spanish flu at the end of the First World War, which caused more than fifty million deaths, I mean deaths! The Church was in the front line. If you are a little curious go and see the photographic archives of the time, you can see those nuns who were going to take care of the sick and who were already wearing the famous mask that we are talking about today, nothing new under the sun. Christians were in the front line to practice charity, sometimes at the risk of their lives, and this is an opportunity to manifest one's faith. During this terrible epidemic of the Spanish flu, the Church continued to celebrate worship, using the sacraments, sacramentals, recourse to the intercession of the saints, a great tradition of the Church. We must do the same, my dear brethren, let us not be, and it is for us priests that I am speaking, let us not be like those bad shepherds who, when they see the wolf - or the virus - appear in the distance, run away! But let us be like the good shepherd.

Victims with Our Lord Jesus Christ

Dear brethren, we always wonder in front of such events, disasters, because the good ones are also affected, not only sinners, but also the good ones. I was speaking to you a moment ago about the Spanish flu, remember that it was during that flu, which was terrible, that Jacinta and Francisco Marto, the two children of Fatima, died, in quite terrible conditions, and they offered their lives for the conversion of sinners. This is a law that will last until the end of the world. The good Lord needs victims, victims who atone in union with the one who is the Victim par excellence, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

One day in the Gospel, the apostles questioned Jesus because there had been a massacre in the temple of Jerusalem, Galileans had come to pray, to offer sacrifice, and on that occasion Pontius Pilate had them massacred. This had "challenged", as we say today, the apostles and disciples of Jesus. "What? Holy men who offer the sacrifice are being massacred? What sin have they done that God should punish them in this way?" In the same way, the apostles asked Jesus because there had been a catastrophe in Jerusalem, a tower had collapsed, the tower of Siloam, and eighteen people had died, and the apostles had asked the question, "What did they do to die like this, coming on pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and to be crushed like this under a tower?" What is the answer of Our Lord Jesus Christ? Our Lord said, "Do not think that they were greater sinners than others, but I tell you, if you do not do penance, you will all perish likewise." This is what Our Lord says.

Calamities are the consequence of sins...

Calamities must make us think that if we do not do penance, we will all perish. God is good, He does not want the death of the sinner but He wants him to convert and

live. Public calamities are often the consequence of the sins of public authorities, that is so. Today we can be worried because all the evil laws that are multiplying, all the violations of natural law, the apostasy - even in the Church - that we see today, cannot leave the good God indifferent. In the Old Testament we even saw the Jews who protested to God when he did not punish them, because they said, "But do you no longer love us?" They preferred God's punishment to God's silence, and God's silence is perhaps the worst thing.

My dear brethren, all day long on the television sets, we are shown the curves of the sick or o the dead, and it is true that it is impressive, but let us not forget that, for example, recently, in a country not so far from us, in Belgium, in one year three thousand people were euthanized - that is the official figure - and among them children as well were euthanized. And I am not talking about the number of abortions today. These are all sins crying out to heaven. My dear brethren, we have to think about this, we have to do penance: God does not want the death of the sinner, but He wants him to convert and live.

The traditional way of dealing with epidemics

My dear brethren, among you there are people who are coming here perhaps for the first time, I have met some of them this week, and the priests of this parish too. People who have been refused communion in the churches because they asked for it in the traditional way in the mouth, and they come here because they want to receive communion. We see here the weakness, to say the least, of the leaders in the Church, not all of them, fortunately. There is no greater risk of spreading the virus by communion in the mouth than by communion in the hand. Fortunately, there are still some bishops, such as one bishop in the United States, who reminded us of this. In a letter to his faithful, this bishop said: "I consulted a committee of experts, of doctors, before writing this letter, and they say that (communion on the tongue) is not a greater danger for the spread of the disease".

Communion is not the source of death, communion is the source of life. There is a right, that was recalled by the Holy See a few years ago, there is a right for the faithful to receive communion on the tongue, one does not deprive those who are in calamity of the sacraments. So, I say to them: you are at home, here, because here you will always find the Church's usual, traditional way of dealing with epidemics. Let us also entrust ourselves to the miraculous medal, wear it, let it be worn, it is a bulwark against all the temptations of the devil.

In a little while, after this Mass, you will have the possibility, for those who wish, to come to the communion table to receive the blessing with relics that we have, among others, relics of Saint Pius X, Saint Pius V, our dear holy Curé d'Ars, and Saint John Eudes, there is also a relic of Saint Thomas Aquinas that we are celebrating today.

This is not done in vain, but it is to receive the protection of these saints, to live a Christian life, to endure illness and to be protected from it if it is God's will.

Becoming like children again

I'll just close by saying that the peculiarity of this disease as we see it today is that it doesn't seem to affect children, or at least not seriously. Perhaps this is a sign from God because in the Gospel Jesus Christ tells us: "unless you become as children again, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven". Not to enter the kingdom of heaven is to be damned, that is the worst of perils, that is the worst of calamities.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Father Denis Puga, SSPX

Source: FSSPX.NEWS

2. Report from the young man who threw the Pachamama into the river

March 22, 2020 (LifeSiteNews) – Alexander Tschugguel is on the way to recovery and asks us all to accept this cross of the virus.

Tschugguel, the young man who became internationally known after having removed several Pachamama statues from a Catholic church in Rome and threw them into the Tiber River, is recovering in the hospital from the illness caused by the coronavirus. He now calls upon us to accept the sacrifices that come with the virus, "for all the bad things in the world...in the Church."

"The virus strikes much harder than expected and hits all age groups," he says.

As LifeSiteNews reported, Tschugguel had been hospitalized on March 17 after contracting the coronavirus, suffering severely from it. Hundreds and thousands of people across the world prayed for his recovery.

On March 21, Tschugguel posted a tweet in which he indicated that he is finally feeling a little bit better, after two weeks into the illness.

“So right now it’s day 14 of me having #corona,” Alexander Tschugguel wrote.

“My lungs are still very weak and the rest of the body is too. Christ shows us here many possibilities of carrying our cross. Let us use this opportunity. Pray your #rosary daily and ask the Lord how to serve him best in these times.”

Today, Alexander asked LifeSite to share with our readers his message, in which he stresses the seriousness of this new virus and in which he asks us to accept it as a suffering willed by God for the sins of the world and of the Church.

Please see here his full statement:

Dear friends and supporters,

Thank you very much for all your prayers and encouragement during the last days. I am now in the 15th day of my illness and slowly on the way to recovery. The virus strikes much harder than expected and hits all age groups. Now we have to learn to deal with it, which means to understand that God demands sacrifices from us. He demands more from us this Lent than we are used to. We have to be very reserved, renounce many things and repent for all the bad things in the world and especially for all the bad things that have happened in the Church.

God in His abundant providence has imposed these restrictions upon us and we must see them as a cross to bear, especially for all those who are fatally ill with the virus, for all those families that are torn apart, for all aborted children, for the destruction of our homelands. For all this suffering we must now sacrifice our freedom, our prosperity and the lives we’re accustomed to living.

Let us do this together as believers. We can rest assured that God will never abandon us. As soon as I am healthy again, I will make a video and tell you how this virus feels and what it does to you. I send you all my heartfelt greetings and wish you

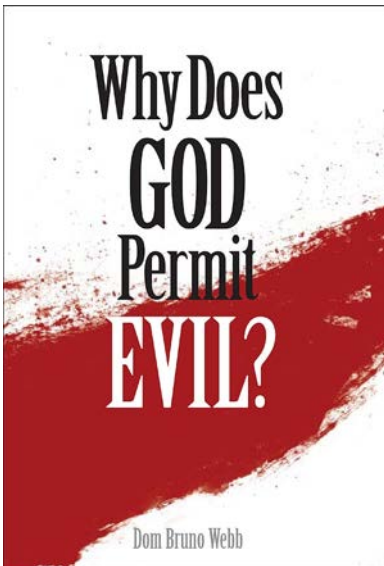
God’s blessing,

Alexander Tschugguel

Source: LifeSiteNews.

3. Book of the Month

Why Does God permit evil? *by Fr. Bruno Webb, Sophia Institute Press*



Hatred, murder, terrorism, and war spring from the sins of men. But why does God let innocent children suffer from the effects of these evils? Why does He let earthquakes devastate cities, despair drive souls to suicide, and cancer kill humans and animals?

You and I would prevent these evils if we could. Why doesn't God?

If He's good - as our Faith claims - why doesn't He stay the hand of those about to do evil? Why doesn't He keep little ones from violence and death? Indeed, how could He have allowed evil to enter the universe in the first place?

In these pages, Benedictine author Dom Bruno Webb brings you face-to-face with evil. Without fudging or flinching, he answers these hard questions and more. In this slim volume, he gives the most convincing explanation of the mystery of

evil that's available today.

You'll finally come to understand the source of the appalling violence and savagery that lies close to the heart of nature; you'll discover why the insensate Earth and its inhabitants all groan in pain; you'll see why, even before they were conceived, Adam's offspring fell with him, and why God stood by, permitting all this to happen.

Was God helpless? Indifferent? Outgunned?

In these wise pages, Dom Bruno Webb shows that evil never defeats God.

On the contrary, He uses suffering to destroy the very sin which gives birth to evil. Here you'll come to understand why, despite the evil that wracks the Earth and all the beings on it, God nonetheless assured Dame Julian of Norwich that "all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

Here's the book that answers, once and for all, the question of why God permits evil. It will enlighten and console all the suffering and sorrowful souls who are puzzled and troubled by the evil that suffuses our universe.

Better: it explains how to transform suffering into deeds that God will use to ensure that finally and indeed, "all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be

well." In other words, these pages are not only an explanation of evil; they're a remedy for it, a remedy you can begin using today.

*Note: this book is available both a paperback or **eBook** from Sophia Institute Press*
<https://www.sophiainstitute.com/>

SCHEDULE OF MASS BEING LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE

Note: as soon as we can resume normal activities, we will notify the faithful.

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	Feasts	Toronto
Saturday March 28	Ferial	8:00am
Sunday March 29	Passion Sunday	8:00am 10:30am
Monday March 30	Ferial	6:00pm
Tuesday March 31	Ferial	6:00pm
Wednesday April 1 st	Ferial	6:00pm
Thursday April 2	Ferial	6:00pm
Friday April 3	Our Lady of Sorrows & 1 st <i>Friday of the Month</i>	6:00pm
Saturday April 4	Ferial & 1 st Sat. of the Month	8:00am
Sunday April 5	Palm Sunday	8:00am 10:30am

Schedule for Holy Week, Easter and thereafter, TBA