



- For I know that -
my Redeemer Lives

Job 19:25

Easter 2020

Dear Friends,

As Moses led God's people through the desert, the people in their thirst grumbled and tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?"

With the global spread of the coronavirus, many might be asking that same question today. Aren't you getting tired of singing two verses of Happy Birthday every time you wash your hands?

Let us remember, we are a people of faith and trust in God's unconditional love. Regardless of the challenges, we encounter in life, together with the prophet Job we are able to say, "For I know that my Redeemer lives."

We experience the Redeemer's presence in so many ways. We experience that presence especially through the words and actions of others as well as our own. The Redeemer reaches out through you and me. We are His hands.

One verse in the song, Holy Ground, reads, "He has given us holy hands, He works through these hands, and so these hands are holy."

Through our many ministries here at St. Joseph, the Redeemer reaches out in love through our hands. So our hands are holy.

During this time of medical crisis, let us use our hands to help our neighbors, especially those of high risk. As the City of Fremont Human Services Department encourages us, let those of us "who have been lucky enough to secure extra cleaning and hygiene items... to please consider donating or sharing them with our elderly, isolated or mobility-limited neighbors."

Please know that you and your loved ones will have a special place in our Easter Masses and prayers. Please keep us in yours.

Peace and love,

Fr. Manny and Parish Staff