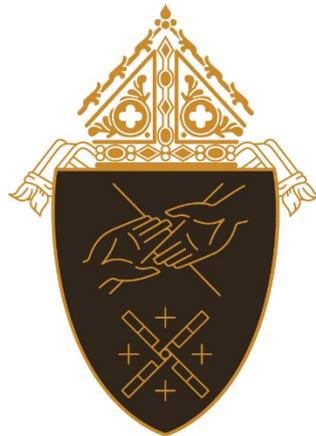


**BUSY PERSONS’
HOLY WEEK RETREAT**

April 11 -16, 2022

***“The Lord is my Light
and my Salvation”***



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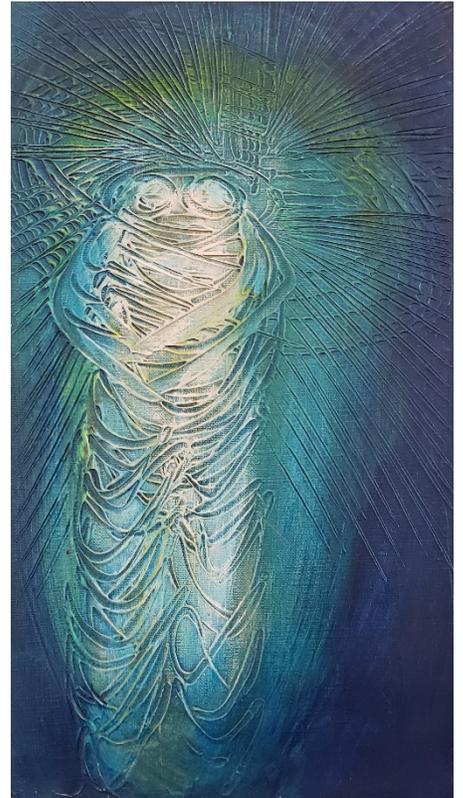
Morning Prayer Line with Br. Sean Moffett, CFC @ 7:30 a.m. EST...

"Attending to the Passion of Jesus through the eyes and heart of his mother" - 4th Station

Dial-in # (720) 820-1469

Scripture: Romans 15:5-8,13-14

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge, and competent to instruct one another.



(Artwork by Br. Ken Chapman, CFC.)

Reflection:

Our world is often looking for a reason to hope. The power of the Spirit offers hope to those whose needs are great. We are all searching for a reason to hope. The life of a Christian is based on faith, hope, and love. It is these that push us forward to serve the world with love. During Holy Week we find Jesus full of concern for his followers. We want to follow Jesus but it takes more than words. We must be willing to be transformed by the love that he shares with us. We must invite the Spirit to give us hope and a reason to face another day. Our lives are in the hands of God and He will never leave us or forsake us. It is the Spirit of hope that brings meaning and a sense of purpose to the poor, oppressed, sick, and weary. While serving others, we find that we are transformed.

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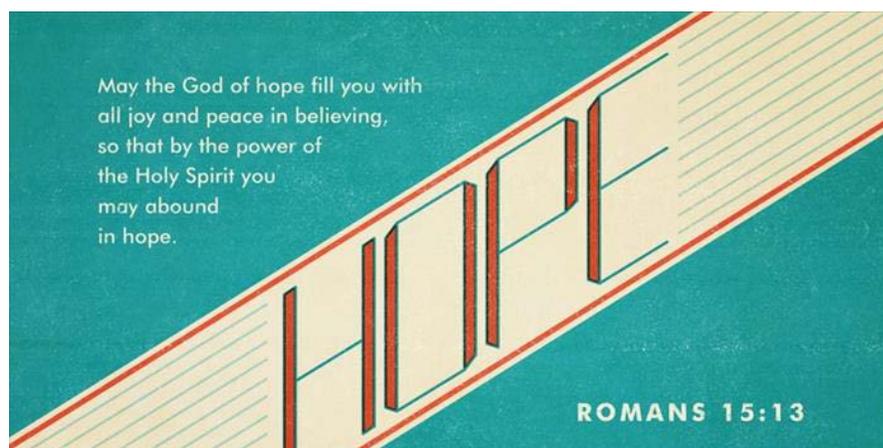
Meditation Questions:

- How have I been transformed by my service to the poor, oppressed, sick, and weary? Has it made a difference in how I see God in others?
- What are “the signs of the time” that encourage me when I am feeling low?

Musical Reflection: *If Today You Hear His Voice* by Rawn Harbor ([CLICK HERE](#))

Optional Activities:

- **Attend Mass** - in-person or virtual @ your Local Church or via
 - [EWTN](#)
 - [St. Patrick's Cathedral website](#)
 - [St. Charles Borromeo Church website](#), Harlem @ 8:30 a.m.
 - Attend or view **The Chrism Mass** @ [St. Patrick's Cathedral](#) @ 4:00 p.m. The Chrism Mass is celebrated by the Archbishop (Cardinal Dolan) with his clergy, as a sign of their unity and communion with one another. At this Mass, the sacred oils that will be used at churches throughout the year are blessed by the Archbishop.
- **Perform an Act of Mercy** - shelter or assist someone who is homeless, visit or communicate with brother(s) or sister(s) whose imprisoned...



“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation”

The title of this Busy Person’s Retreat is inspired by the recent events of 2022. As we enter Holy Week, we can see that this year, so far, has been filled with both positive and negative events. The Global pandemic of the Coronavirus is still on our minds, the insecurity in Haiti, Nigeria, and other countries with the kidnapping of missionaries and civilians, the acts of aggression between countries like Afghanistan, Russia, and Ukraine, as well as the joyous celebrations as we welcomed and ordained a new Bishop in Brooklyn and new Auxiliary Bishops in the New York Archdiocese. In all of this, we are asking “What is the Spirit saying to each of us, and our contemporary world?”

While we may be tempted to rush through this self-directed retreat in one sitting, we are invited to slow down, breathe, and take each of these three days before the Easter Triduum separately as we begin this journey. Some writers refer to Holy Week as “The week that changed the world.” With God as our light and our salvation, are we ready to walk this road with Jesus, the light of the World?

Retreat Prayer

God, you have called people of every race, language, and culture to accompany you on your journey to the Cross. You have promised us that you will be with us as we carry our Crosses. We know that you are always seeking the best for us. You know our needs before they reach our lips. Be our light and our Salvation. Let this retreat be for us a place to rest in your love. Speak to our hearts, Lord! Help us. We need you more than ever. Amen



Musical Reflection: *Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light & My Salvation* -
by Rawn Harbor [**CLICK HERE**](#)