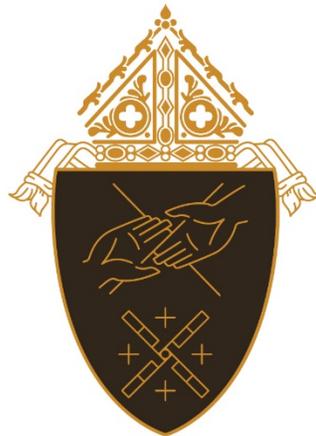


**BUSY PERSONS’
HOLY WEEK RETREAT**

April 11 -16, 2022

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



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DAY 3 – Wednesday, April 13, 2022

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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8

If I speak in the tongues of angels but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Love never fails.



Reflection:

Jesus makes his journey to the Cross as an act of love. He is going to suffer and die for you and for me. Jesus has fixed his eyes on Jerusalem, the place of love and peace. The true meaning of Christ's love is expressed in his outstretched arms. Jesus' arms are embracing a world that sometimes forgets the meaning of love. Christ's love does not count the cost but believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things without keeping a record of our wrongs.

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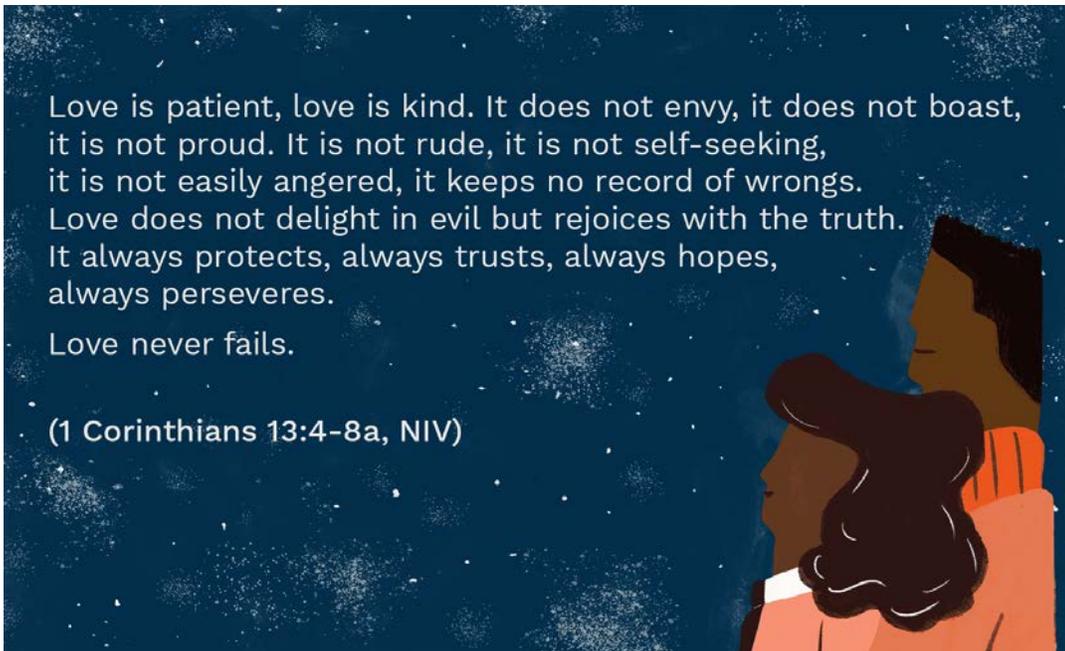
Meditation Questions:

- What prevents me from loving others? Do I see in them some aspect of myself that I don't like?
- What are "the signs of the time" that encourage me to love when I want to choose otherwise?

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(1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, NIV)



“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* -
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