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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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June 14, 2020
Solemnity of Corpus Christi
Sunday Within the Octave • Pentecost II
St. Basil the Great, BpCD

¶ Corpus Christi Sunday

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi. First Holy Communions** take place during the High Mass, with the annual outdoor **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** following.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until after the Procession. Plan to make a visit! **Exposition and Vespers** are at **4:45**, followed by the final Benediction of the day. Sunday classes are finished for the season.

¶ Next Sunday: Sacred Heart

Next Sunday is Father's Day, as well as the Sunday Within the Octave of the Sacred Heart. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail. Vespers with Sacred Heart Devotions will be at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

🕮 ***Set Your Missal:*** Sunday within the Octave of the Sacred Heart, with commemorations of Pentecost III and St. Aloysius Gonzaga. Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost III. Preface of the Sacred Heart.

¶ Your Prayers

Please pray for Jesse Stewart, Kent Maki, and the repose of the souls of †Chuck Bellavia and †Rose Wellman.

Congratulations to our First Communicants:

Mathew McConnell
William Young
Cecilia Brueggemann
Tatiana Kolenich
Mayra Miller

¶ Summer Modesty

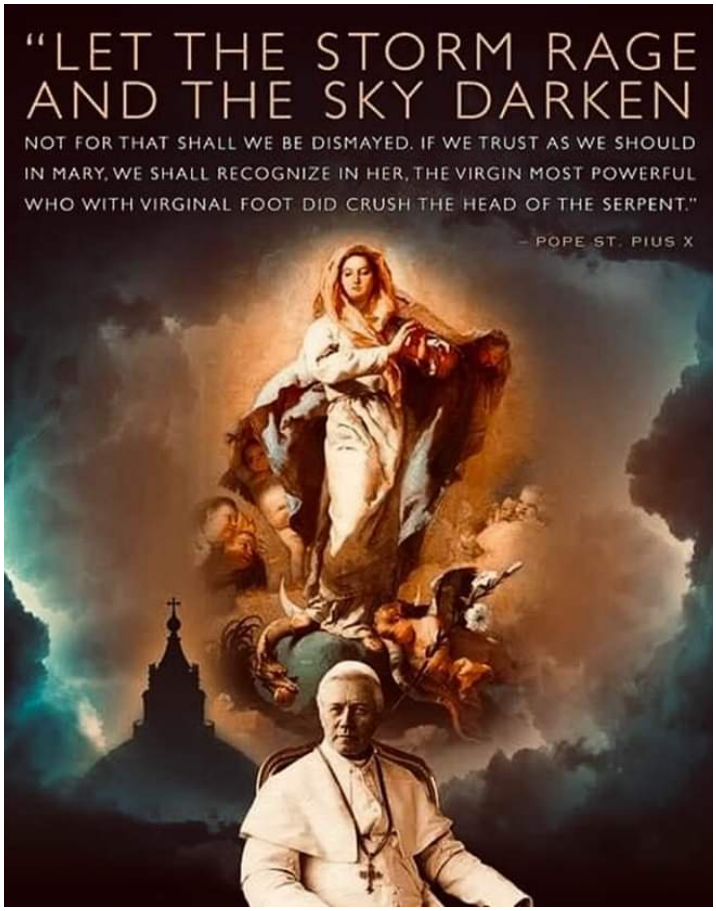
Summer is here and the temperature is high, but modesty does not take a break, and neither does our dress code. ***Ladies and girls,*** please remember Mary-like modesty: dresses and skirts must be below the knee, and no sleeveless, "cap" sleeved, sheer, or revealing tops are to be worn in church at any time. Your head must be covered. ***Men and boys must wear a coat and tie to Sunday and Holy Day Mass.*** Our church is kept cool so that you can easily follow this common sense dress code, which reflects the basic rules of Catholic modesty, fraternal charity, and the reverence and respect that is due to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and to His day.

¶ He Who Sings…Prays Twice!

Next Sunday we begin our Summer schedule. The choir takes a well-deserved break, and the faithful are asked to help sing the Sunday High Mass. The men's Schola will continue to sing the Propers, and the congregation is kindly asked to sing the Ordinary (the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei). This is an excellent way for you and your children to become familiar with the Church's beautiful Gregorian chant!

¶ Upcoming Events

2020 YAG: July 10-12
Girls' Camp: July 21-23
Boys' Camp: July 28-30



¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We begin the Summer Novena, consisting of the traditional Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony, with a novena prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, this **Tuesday, June 16,** following the 8:00 & 11:25 AM and 5:00 PM Masses. **Don't forget** to turn in your petitions to St. Anthony, to be placed at his feet during the novena!

¶ FATHER'S DAY ENVELOPES

Envelopes can be found in the pews to enroll your father in the Masses for Father's Day. Fill them out and return them to the bookstore, office, or collection basket.

Collection Report

Sunday, June 7th……..$4,790.00
Second Collection……$1,128.00
Alter Christus……..$210.00

"Abolish religion if you like. Throw everything on secular government if you like. But do not be surprised if a machinery that was never meant to do anything but secure external decency and order fails to secure internal honesty and peace." – G.K. Chesterton

If we would only comprehend the fact that while the Eucharistic Species remain within us, Jesus is there and working in us, inseparably with the Father and the Holy Ghost and, therefore, the whole Holy Trinity is there.
– St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi

I am glad to know you are near to a church and the Blessed Sacrament. They are great graces, the Blessed Sacrament, the Mass, and Holy Communion. It is a great grace to be at the feet of Our Lord, and to receive Him.
–Charles de Foucauld

BEFORE THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

O my loving Eucharistic King
What hast Thou done for love of one
So worthless and sinful as I
'Tis beyond my understanding
As to the reason why
Yet 'tis the reason my heart's
Love for Thee doth sing.
– John Seyfried

THE LEAST

She is ailing and old,
Getting smaller and smaller,
Removed and remote
And recently moved
For a more improved care
To a much smaller room
At the end of the wing
Where she does not expect me
But waits just the same
Counting the days
That she passes in prayer
Like a bead smoothed away.
I visit her here
Where from memory glows
A gaze tried and pure
And wanting to know
She listens with care
To my tidings that flow
Till a man at the threshold
clears his throat.
He has a long list of communicants,
But a shortage of hosts.
"Can you break them in half?"
Her eyes, moons of hunger;
I can't help but ask.
My God, scant but whole,
Is broken in two, and
Then broken again so
I, too, can receive.
Further and smaller
I'm moved by the least.
– Rita Simmonds

✠ The Bishop's Corner ✠

Trinity Sunday was a perfect June day. We're only entitled to a few of them, so I hope you enjoyed it. The cool sun continued, though, through Monday morning and even Tuesday early. I'm sure we've used up all our coupons, but you never know. Nothing like a day in June.

Fr. Cekada has been joining us for the High Mass, and so appreciates—as do we all, and all of Heaven—our beautiful choir, which is *practically* "a youth choir," because the few welcome oldsters are young at heart. Today is the last choir Sunday, and we bid them a good restful Summer. Hurry back for September. But we do love to sing at St. Gertrude, and thus look forward to the congregational Sunday High Masses over the next few months.

But the 7:30 quiet Low Mass is wonderful for prayer as well, but in a different way. More people have returned after the "Covid Come On" started to collapse, what with government sponsored rioting in the land. The 11:30 Mass is a tad noisy at times, but the babies don't generally riot, so it's perfectly safe to attend, as many people now again do.

Last Tuesday morning at St. Gertrude was a sight to behold, a veritable beehive of activity. I didn't even know what all of the workers were up to, but I'm sure they were doing something good. Donors had arranged beautiful ornamental plantings in the cloister garden, and a youthful crew materialized to spread mulch, and tackle some of our many gardens. It's all good, as they say.

A Spanish speaking crew was removing rotted wood from parts of the building façade, and probably doing further repairs. At the rectory the other week we were treated to a total window wash. They looked like new, and how peaceful it was just to sit with Fr. Cekada and enjoy the scenery through shining windows.

I'm writing this corner early, before the great events of Corpus Christi, and Saturday's Fatima Procession. Thursday after Benediction I left for a quick trip to Detroit's Queen of Martyrs Church to offer the funeral Mass for a dear friend, Chuck Bellavia, who died last week. Sorrow in the midst of joy, but his death was a truly blessed one.

Fr. McGuire spent the night at the rectory to look after Fr. Cekada in my absence. **Fr. McKenna** is back from a long hot mission trip. I hope he gave up on wearing the slave mask, as the extra strain in the heat would be intolerable, to say nothing of stupid.

Puccini has made a quasi-peace with the latest cat, Vivaldi. Maybe they'll be friends. We miss the original Newcat, and I'm sure his 11:30 followers do as well.

Our school finished its curious year on First Friday. So many and such interruptions, but we made it. We're looking forward to welcoming two new families, and would welcome yours as well to our fine school. In the meantime we're grateful to the ladies of the school choir for June's monthly Requiem, and the Corpus Christi High Mass.

We had a last minute but very fine High Mass on Our Lady's altar Monday evening for the transferred feast of her Queenship, and a good attendance between the Legacy singers and the faithful. Note that now there are more beautiful early morning Masses at 7:00 as well as at 8:00. This week of Corpus Christi is privileged to have daily exposition and Benediction. Oh, and don't forget the first of the thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony this week.

This week of graces concludes with the feast of the Sacred Heart, which calls us to His Ocean of Mercy even as we make reparation, and renew our personal, family and parish consecration to His most loving Heart. Pray with us, while still you may, while the Marxist revolution rages and Deep State marches inexorably on.

But what a sweet, happy and innocent day is Corpus Christi Sunday, with its First Communions and Procession, the dear little ones still in their shining purity. As you go unto the altar of God may your own youth be gladdened. We're a *young* church, you know!

Ad Deum qui laetificat juventutam meam,

Bishop Dolan

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

St. John's Eve

Tuesday, June 23

Solemn High Mass at 5:45 PM

Followed by a parish potluck and barbecue, and the Blessing of the Bonfire.

Please bring a side dish, dessert or beverage to share!

Servers

Mon 6/15	**8:00 AM:** Simpsons
Tue 6/16	**8:00 AM:** D. & A. McConnell
Wed 6/17	**8:00 AM:** P. Omlor, C. & S. Richesson
Thu 6/18	**7:00 AM:** Simpsons
Fri 6/19	**5:45 PM: MC:** M. Simpson **TH:** P. Omlor **ACs:** H. Lumbatis, D. Simpson
Sun 6/21	**7:30 AM Low:** Brueggemann Bros. **9:00 AM High: Chaplains:** J. Lacy, M. Simpson **TH:** Na. McClorey **ACs:** T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus **Torch:** A. McClorey, T. & D. England, J. Kolenich **11:30 AM Low:** A.D. Kinnett, N. Kolenich **4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction:** G. Miller **5:45 PM Low:** G. Miller

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Being for every man the touchstone of faith and love, the Eucharist, like the cross, divided minds as soon as it was announced… When the renegades had withdrawn, Jesus was left alone with the twelve apostles. Then He asked them this question, and it seems that our ears can still hear His supplicating tone: "Do you also wish to go way?" Thus, until the end of time, the Creator will plead with His creatures…

[There is a] mysterious mingling of conflicting feelings in the man who is about to receive Holy Communion: fear and confidence, openheartedness and remorse, shame and love. The small Host which the sinner approaches throws an impartial and terrible light on irretrievable deeds: on that which he has done, on that which he should not have refrained from doing. No man knows himself if he has not looked at his soul in the light of the Host lifted above the ciborium…

All these misdeeds that the communicant sees at a glance are no longer his; someone else has taken them over since the pardon of Christ has come down on his soul with the absolution of the priest. His misery, far from driving him into despair, helps him understand how much he has been loved…

If we love [God], it is a sign that He loves us, for it is a gift of God to love God, and He never rewards us for anything that He has not Himself given us. Thus, an almost foolish confidence overcomes all our doubts, our anxieties, and overflows the memories of the defilement of our soul…

What is almost always obtained through frequent Communion is a grace which surpasses all perceptible favors: an increased light and, better still, a new strength in God.

– François Mauriac

THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

Friday, June 19th, is the feast of the **Sacred Heart**, and should be marked with **special fervor** in our families where He has been **enthroned** as King of Love. **Decorate** your Sacred Heart shrine, renew your **consecrations** as a family and receive **Holy Communion** at the **8:00, 11:25 AM,** or **5:45 PM Mass**.

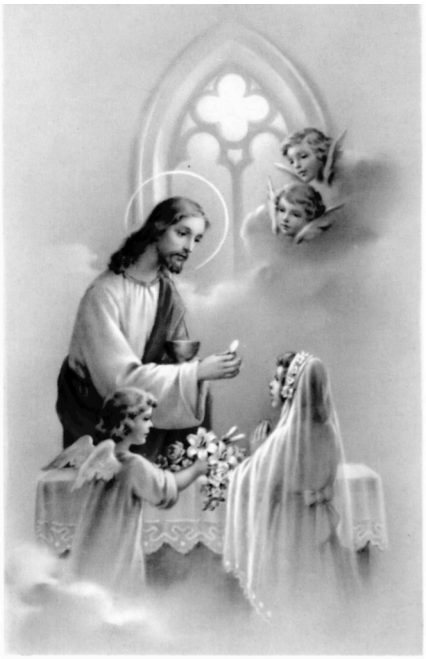
This feast offers us an opportunity to make **reparation** to His Sacred Heart for our coldness and indifference to the Blessed Sacrament, as well as to remember just how much He loves us. Make an effort to attend an extra Mass in His honor during the Octave.

Remember, this is a feast Our Lord **personally and specifically requested** of St. Margaret Mary. Shouldn't you come?

THE FATIMA PRAYERS

O My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee. *(Three times)*

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles throughout the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences whereby He is offended. Through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners. O most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee. My God, my God, I love Thee in the most Blessed Sacrament!



O my Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. *(To be said when offering up personal sacrifices, penances and sufferings etc.)*

FIRST COMMUNION

In his little book of devotions, St. Dominic Savio wrote down some resolutions which he took in the year 1849, on the day of his First Holy Communion.

"Resolutions made by me, Dominic Savio, in the year 1849, on the day of my First Communion, at the age of seven.

1. I will go to Confession often, and as frequently to Communion as my confessor allows.
2. I wish to sanctify Sundays and festivals in a special manner.
3. My friends shall be Jesus and Mary.
4. Death rather than sin."

Let us ask this of Our Lord when, during the day, we go to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament; "O Jesus Christ, Incarnate Word, I desire to prepare a dwelling for You within myself... O Eternal Wisdom! Prepare my soul to become Your temple by Your infinite merits."

– Columba Marmion

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARX

I suppose we shouldn't have expected better from Parson Goat. *(The writer's "pet name" for Covid Conforming Clergy. – Editor's note)*

After all, he bowed to Leviathan rather than the Lord when he closed his church this past March. And he now awaits the beast's permission to re-open while forcing parishioners to wear masks and helping the government spy on them via "contact tracing."

So Parson Goat's empathy with the rioters exploiting George Floyd's death shouldn't shock us, though said rioters break as many Commandments as they do windows. Worse, most of the protesters are committed Marxists.

But you'd never suspect it from Parson Goat's encouragement of them.

Floyd's criminal past notwithstanding, his murder was unspeakably barbaric….

...They call for more laws, more regulations, more "reform," as Marxists always do. Is it mere coincidence that this recipe yields a centralized government with ever stronger police departments?

Of course, not all of Floyd's alleged defenders are communists. Some are apolitical thugs who thrill at assault and arson; others are thieves hoping to walk away with a new flat-screen TV and a pair of Nikes; a few may sincerely, naively believe they're demonstrating against cops' cruelty. But the majority of those hurling rocks and waving signs aim to destroy our remaining liberties. Like virtually all Dimocrats and way too many Repulsivecans, they're globalists striving to erase America. But then, communists have always espoused worldwide conquest.

Their philosophy is the enemy of all mankind, slaying its hundreds of millions and impoverishing survivors wherever sinners implement it. It is especially virulent against Christianity. Not only does communism violate just about every Biblical command, but Marx worshipped Satan. He deliberately constructed his system as a demonic parody of Christianity. No wonder every Marxist government persecutes believers, usually with prolonged and unbearable physical torture. One of those victims "urge[d] Christians not to be duped by Marxism's benevolent disguise as a mere political or economic theory" because it encompasses so much more: "The ultimate aim of communism in conquering new countries is not to establish another social or economic system. It is to mock God and praise Satan."

Given this antipathy towards Our Lord, we might assume that His Church would abhor Marxism. We might also expect Christians to war against each of its varieties and descendants, whether Progressivism, socialism, feminism, environmentalism, critical theory, LGBTLMNOP, Antifa, Black Lives Matter, Democrats, Republicans, or even "Independent."

Instead, Parson Goat shamelessly panders to these degenerates. He smears white Christians as racists, urges them to repent, and preaches the virtues of "tolerance." His prattle on this topic is so squishy, so "nice," that pinpointing his heresies is like chasing drops of mercury. Disguising his Progressive bilge in Christian rhetoric, he even cites Scripture as he pushes the Devil's designs.

For example, one Parson Goat who has yet to re-open his doors emailed his congregation this week:

"I'm writing with a plea to Jesus' church that Jesus' blood-bought people will always be clear and articulate about the fact that racism isn't only a social issue, it's also a sin issue. …"

Yep, he's right so far. God creates each human in His image; for anyone—black, brown, white, Asian, or a combination thereof—to despise those of differing hues challenges the Almighty's wisdom and taste.

Unfortunately, Parson Goat didn't quit while he was ahead: "… we may take different approaches and respond in different ways to the sin of the past week—for example, some of us will see a wisdom and need to peacefully protest"—in other words, to join the Marxists—"others of us won't; some of us will believe one certain political action should be taken, others of us will support a different course of action."

Nauseating, isn't it? Parson Goat pretends that Marxism, with its murder, theft and horrific persecution of our brothers and sisters, is simply one alternative among many "political actions."

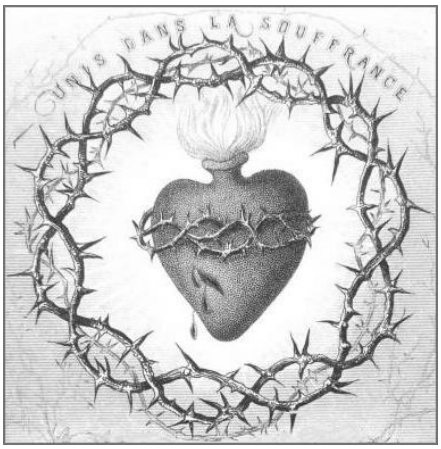
He shoveled such baloney for two entire pages. Never once did he condemn the violence, looting and burning of those "peaceful protests." Likewise, you'll search his church's website in vain for any discussion—let alone denunciation—of abortion, sodomy, official sexual assault (a.k.a. the TSA), etc. But in support of Marxists, he spouts paragraphs.

Nor is he alone. Another Parson Goat opined: "The vile brutality of racism in America has been unmistakable in recent weeks…we acknowledge that the bloody history of racially motivated violence in the United States continues to this day, we denounce any doctrine of racial superiority, and we join the many calls for systemic change"—that's code for "Progressive agenda"—"in a nation that has often failed to uphold God's vision of justice and has persistently worked against people of color."

Did this blasphemer tremble as he equated holy justice with Marxism?

Yet he never asks, "How long will Marxists murder, torture and tyrannize before Christians chastise them?"...

…Do they ever lift [their voices] in fervent supplication for communism's legions of sufferers? *– Becky Akers*



✠ CALENDAR

MON 6/15/20 **WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
SS. VITUS & COMPANIONS
8:00 AM **Exposition, Low Mass** For choir & servers *(Doloris Ritze)* **Benediction**

TUE 6/16/20 **WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS, C
7:00 AM **Low Mass** †Dolores MacDonald – 20th Anniversary 5/27 *(Tom & Karen Simpson)*
8:00 AM **Exposition, Low Mass** †Richard VandeRyt *(Mark Cash)*
Opening of the 13 Tuesdays, Benediction
5:00 PM **Low Mass** Bishop Daniel Dolan – Thank You! *(Mary Rizzo)*

WED 6/17/20 **WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
7:00 AM **Low Mass** My wife's conversion *(David Bayer)*
8:00 AM **Exposition, Low Mass** Special Intentions *(P.T. & A.M. Omlor)* **Benediction**
☞ **5:10 PM** **Low Mass** †Richard VandeRyt *(Clare Lotarski)*

THU 6/18/20 **OCTAVE DAY OF CORPUS CHRISTI**
ST. EPHREM, CD • SS. MARK & MARCELLIANUS, MM
7:00 AM **Exposition, Low Mass** SGG & MHT Seminary Clergy *(Tom & Karen Simpson)*
Benediction
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Mr. & Mrs. Dave Campbell – Happy 38th Anniversary *(Mr. & Mrs. William Oleyar)*
☞ **11:25 AM** **Low Mass** Fr. Anthony Cekada *(Mary Rizzo)*

FRI 6/19/20 **SACRED HEART OF JESUS**
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Our dearly departed friends at SGG *(The Wilker Family)*
☞ **11:25 AM** **Low Mass** Rafael – Happy 14th *(K/V)*
5:15 PM **Rosary & Confessions**
5:45 PM **High Mass** Repose of the soul of †Grandma Rose Wellman *(Theresa Simpson)*
6:30 PM **Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction**

SAT 6/20/20 **WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
ST. SILVERIUS, PM • *MOST PURE HEART OF MARY*
7:15 AM **Confessions**
7:30 AM **Low Mass** †Ryan Greenwell *(Eva Nellenbach)*
8:05 AM **Salve & Sermon**
8:20 AM **High Mass** †Mr. Robert Brockman *(Simpson family)*

SUN 6/21/20 **FATHER'S DAY**
SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE SACRED HEART
PENTECOST III • ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, C
7:05 AM **Rosary**
7:30 AM **Low Mass** My †Parents, 65th Anniversary *(Scott Pepiot)*
9:00 AM **High Mass** For our fathers, whose names are on the altar
11:05 AM **Rosary**
11:30 AM **Low Mass** Brockman Children & Spouses
4:45 PM **Vespers & Benediction**
5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

✠ COVID CORNER

WHO: ASYMPTOMATIC TRANSMISSION RARE

Now that it's successfully acclimated billions of people to soft totalitarianism and inflicted untold economic and psychic damage, the World Health Organization announced yesterday that its previous claim that Covid-19 was highly transmissible by those without symptoms was wrong.

The notion of asymptomatic transmission was the primary justification for economic shutdowns, school closures, "social distancing" and mask orders.

"From the data we have, it still seems to be rare that an asymptomatic person actually transmits onward to a secondary individual," said Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove, who leads the WHO's diseases and zoonosis unit, during a press briefing in Geneva, where WHO is headquartered.

Hey, don't worry about it!

The fact that someone with no advanced degrees in medicine could easily tell that this virus was not highly transmissible by asymptomatic carriers simply by looking at the infection rates and lethality in places like China and South Korea doesn't mean that those with worldwide responsibility and top medical credentials should know! We all make mistakes. Some of them lead to global depression and some of them don't. Some of them qualify as treason or fraud and some of them don't.

Besides, it doesn't matter anymore. The belief that healthy people are extremely dangerous and the practice of social isolation are already ingrained in 75 percent of the population. The facts are beside the point now!

I'm just glad that the WHO gets billions of dollars from national governments, the pharmaceutical industry and concerned citizens like Bill Gates so that it can figure out when it's made a miscalculation.

– Laura Wood

CHURCH OF THE ANTI-MASK

by Becky Akers

Dennis K live[s] in Minneapolis, two miles from ground zero:

"Went into a local mom and pop hardware store. Ignored the sign which stated MASK MUST BE WORN INSIDE AND NO MORE THAN TWO CUSTOMERS…yada yada. Purchased a shovel only. The only store clerk pointed to his mask display on the counter and said… 'Do you want one for the next store or next time?' Me: 'Ahhhh unfortunately, I can't wear one because of my religion.' He almost apologized for offering me one!"

A TREATMENT FOR THE MOST LETHAL OF DISEASES

by Becky Akers

Responding to *Public Health's Next War on Us*, David Maharaj "think[s] public health officials should be the ones treated like a virus. A complete lockdown in their houses, and no coming out until we find a vaccine that inoculates against pompous windbags."

That's a good prescription for all bureaucrats and politicians!