

## THE SHEPHERDS WALKING STICK

I was very happy last Wednesday, March 3, to meet the members of the CWL during a virtual meeting through Zoom. At first there was confusion on how to get connected and join the meeting, but I sensed that the ladies considered it part of the fun in adapting to new technology. When the tech problems were finally solved, the familiar camaraderie was evident. Indeed, I admire the organization to surpass obstacles in order to continue their mandate. Kudos to the St. John the Evangelist Parish CWL!..... I would like to remind everyone that the booking system in our parish website is also a contact tracing list. So, if you cannot make it to the Mass, be sure to cancel your booking so that in the event there is covid-19 exposure (God forbid it!), you will be excluded from any steps or restrictions to be advised by health authorities..... Starting this Sunday, we are increasing the number of people who may attend Holy Mass from 45 to 65. If you are no longer able to book for the 11 AM Sunday Mass, do consider signing-up for the Saturday 5 PM Mass or 7 PM Sunday Mass..... Some people reported that they were not able to receive confirmation of their booking. You have to give your email address to be able to receive confirmation. The system is not setup for confirmation via text messaging. Also, it is possible that the email confirmation would go to the Spam folder in your account, so kindly check..... Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of March is for a renewed experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In his [video](#) for the prayer intention, created by the [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#), the pope asked for prayers that the Sacrament of Reconciliation would be experienced "with renewed depth, to taste the

forgiveness and infinite mercy of God.” He emphasized that through the sacrament, we come to the heart of God before our mistakes. He explained it by saying, “The center of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need.” In other words, God’s love is greater than our mistakes, failures, defects, greater than laws and judgments. Therefore, the sacrament of Reconciliation is a loving encounter with a Father who receives and always forgives. There are a few cases wherein the priest may not dispense absolution, but always I will try my very best to be an image of the merciful Father when I meet you in the confessional.

<https://youtu.be/NcJtvuuNLgk>