

BATTLEFIELD LETTER TWO:
THE HEARTBEAT OF THE WORLD

Dear Parishioners,

A parishioner told me today that she would never take the Mass for granted again.

Who could ever have imagined this terrible predicament? The lay faithful are barred from attending Mass and cut off from the reception of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ! Surely this state of affairs must end. It should bring us to our knees in humble supplication.

Parce Domine, parce populo tuo! Spare us O Lord, spare Thy people!

The Holy Mass is the very Heartbeat of the World. It is the mystical re-presentation of the Atoning Death of the Messiah on Golgotha. It is the ritual and sacramental means by which every believer down to the Last Day may stand at the foot of the Blessed Cross. No act of worship is superior to the Mass - it is ineffable, abounding in grace, capable of uniting our weary souls to the Fountain of Life Himself!

How often I have exhorted you to come to Holy Mass even daily. How often I have said that we do not know the number of Masses left to us. And now here we find ourselves impeded, no longer by our choice but by powers beyond our control!

As your two priests continue to offer hushed Masses in our two empty churches, at our beloved and treasured altars so lovingly adorned and beautified, you must transport yourselves spiritually to be present. It is imperative, for the Holy Mass is our spiritual lifeblood. The very Source and Summit of the Christian life.

Let us be united in this contest for victory over the present darkness. Our faithfulness will win us God's mercy and restore us to peace.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Father Francis de Rosa, Pastor
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