

Maundy Thursday Reflection

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Intense fear, frustration, anxiety, not knowing which advice, to protect our selves, is true or false, along with the worry and concern for loved ones, especially the elderly, our friends and neighbors, is a crisis we are facing right now.

It is times such as this that many turn to prayer and God for help and guidance. Gathering together to support each other in a house of God, to hear the words of comfort, strength, and assurance of God's everlasting protection and love, is not an option right now.

The Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples was also a tense and fearful time. Jesus tells them he is leaving them and they cannot follow. Jesus, their teacher and Lord, washes their feet--the job of a lowly servant. Jesus tells them that he, their Lord, had washed their feet to show his love for them and to teach that all, Lord and servants, are equal in God's eyes. He taught that they should wash each others feet. He said, "A new command I give you, Love one another, as I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

Our St. James community, during this crisis, has reached out to many of our members who are alone and needing help to survive safely. Following the command of our Lord Jesus to love one another, in this manner, is a true act of faith and trust that Jesus and the Holy Spirit is with us to guide and protect us, always.

May God bless us and keep us and our loved ones now and forever.

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