

The Reflection from Pastor Fr. John Carlos, Holy Cross Church, Harrison, NJ, March 22, 2020

FOURTEEN DAYS WAS ENOUGH!

When Jacob's children encountered their brother Joseph in Egypt, who they had given up as a slave, they were afraid that Joseph would take revenge on them. But Joseph responds with affectionate friendship for the brothers. Joseph explains that God even takes good from bad.

We are currently experiencing a world crisis, a pandemic. But from this crisis, the Lord brings something good.

Something invisible came and put everything in place. Suddenly fuel prices went down, pollution went down, people started to have time, so much time that they don't even know what to do with it, parents are spending time with their children as a family at home, work is no longer a priority, travel and leisure also not a priority. Suddenly, silently, we turn into ourselves and understand the value of the word solidarity.

In an instant we realize that we are all in the same boat, rich and poor, that the supermarket shelves are empty and the hospitals are full.

In garages or in parking lots, high-end cars and old junk cars are stopped just because no one can get out.

Half a dozen days were enough for the Universe to establish the social equality that was said to be impossible to restore.

FEAR invaded everyone.

May this at least serve to realize the vulnerability of humanity and our need for God.

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