To paraphrase Pope Francis, today we are entering your homes in a very different way than usual. In a message he sent out to the world leading up to Holy Week, he noted how difficult and full of suffering these weeks have been for the many people whose lives have been affected by Covid-19.

This past week I have run into a couple of families while also hearing from parents and others who are sheltering – and yet doing their best to cope with the issues we face today. No one could have imagined just a few months ago that this year’s Holy Week would take on such a dramatic similarity to what Jesus experienced.

Our Pope acknowledged that Christians will celebrate Holy Week “in a truly unusual way” and added that this week sums up the message of the Gospel: “God’s boundless love. And in the silence of our cities, the Easter Gospel will resound,” he said. “In the risen Jesus, life conquered death.”

When I hear these words, I can not help but remember the words of Jesus during his last moment of life – “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” But also, there was still hope in the promise of God’s deliverance and that there would be a resurrection on the other side of death. Psalm 22 shows us Jesus’ utter dependence upon God, even when he could not feel anything but the weight of the sin of the world. We are invited to do the same in our lives. To depend on God, trust in his love, and believe that eternal life is offered to us through the sacrifice of Jesus his son. “Hope”, said the Pope, is nourished by our Paschal faith.

“It is the hope of a better time, in which we can be better, finally freed from evil and from this pandemic,” he said. “It is hope: hope does not disappoint. It is not an illusion; it is a hope.”

May God raise us all up from this darkness, and may He continue to bless us as we prepare for the Celebration of Easter. To each one of you, I wish you a blessed and Happy Easter.

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Andy stated “We have an all-hands on-deck approach here in Napa awaiting for the surge of patients that is beginning to come from COVID-19. We have set up two large tents outside the ER where we are seeing and screening patients. Inside the ER we have divided the department into patients with respiratory symptoms who are placed into isolation rooms with reverse airflow, and rooms with patients with other symptoms. We are preparing to set up a temporary hospital in our back parking lot. I am trying to be as careful as I can when treating patients suspected to have coronavirus, especially those in distress who require breathing tubes/ventilators or other procedures. I change and shower at the hospital before coming home and, if things worsen, will likely stay in a hotel rather than risk spreading something to my family. Overall, the entire ER and the staff are on edge. We have been told it is just a matter of time, but the social isolation measures have delayed the timing of the surge. Hoping all my friends and family at Central Catholic are safe and that we can open up our local businesses soon and return to some type of normal life again"
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