

COAR PEACE MISSION

Prayer Service



Celebration of the Martyrdom and Legacy of St. Oscar A. Romero

*in thanksgiving for all those who work with and sacrifice for
the people of El Salvador*

March 24, 2022 ~ 3rd Week of Lent

Celebrated at:

Church of the Resurrection * 32001 Cannon Road * Solon, Ohio 44139

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Order of Service

Welcome

Daphne Held, COAR Board Member

Entrance Hymn: *Romero Hymn*

Romero Hymn
(sung to the tune of *Ode to Joy*)
Verses: 1, 2, 3 & 6

God, you raise up true disciples, teachers, martyrs, deep in faith.
Like Romero, holy people, giving witness to your grace.
Let us listen to their voices, speaking of new ways to live.
By their words and by their actions, we may know the love you give.

Yours the gospel that disturbs us, words that must demand a choice;
Speaking to a broken people, hope for those who have no voice.
Stir in us your call to action, rouse us from our apathy.
In the places lost to darkness, we will shine for all to see.

Still our brothers, sisters suffer, helpless and afraid to speak,
Victims of oppressors using power to dominate the weak.
When we see injustice near us, we will cry out "This must cease!"
And by our example, turn this world from violence back to peace.

Brought together by your Spirit, one in you, our risen Lord,
Now you send us as your chosen, hearts emboldened, hope restored.
Like Romero, we will serve you and whatever may befall,
We'll devote ourselves to justice and the common good of all.

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Adorning the Altar

Cross

Deacon Mark Janezic
St. Rita Parish

Flowers

Chris Janezic and Joe Raguso
COAR Peace Mission Board members

Basket of Prayer Intentions

Joe Vasil
St. Basil the Great Catholic Church

Opening Prayer and Remarks

Rev. Tom Dragga
Pastor, Church of the Resurrection

Christ of the margins, help us to recognize you in the faces of the poorest and most vulnerable people. Be with us as we gather together and pray that your justice will reign throughout the earth.

We pray that we may, in the spirit of St. Oscar Romero, be courageous enough to speak out on behalf of those who face injustice, no matter the cost.

In your name we pray. Amen.

First Reading
Psalm 112:1-9

Mark Van de Walle
Church of the Resurrection

Hallelujah!
Blessed the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commands.
His descendants shall be mighty in the land, a generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches shall be in his house; his righteousness shall endure forever.
Light shines through the darkness for the upright; gracious, compassionate, and righteous.
It is good for the man gracious in lending, who conducts his affairs with justice.
For he shall never be shaken; the righteous shall be remembered forever.
He shall not fear an ill report; his heart is steadfast, trusting the Lord.
His heart is tranquil, without fear, till at last he looks down on his foes.
Lavishly he gives to the poor; his righteousness shall endure forever; his horn shall be exalted in honor.

Stories and Song
The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor

Sing *Refrain, Verse 1, and Refrain*

Stories

Tim Rose
Church of the Holy Angels and
Danielle's Mission

The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor

Sing *Refrain*

Stories

John Hannon
St. Rita Parish

The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor

Sing *Refrain*

Stories

Gerry Jira
St. Barnabas Catholic Parish

The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor

Sing *Refrain*

<p><i>Stories</i></p> <p><i>The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor</i></p>	<p>Rev. Steve Vellenga Mission Office Director and former Cleveland Latin America Mission team member h</p> <p>Sing <i>Verse 2</i> and <i>Refrain</i></p>
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<p>Refrain: The Lord hears the cry of the poor Blessed be the Lord</p> <p>Verse 1: I will bless the Lord at all times With praise ever in my mouth Let my soul glory in the Lord Who will hear the cry of the poor</p>	<p>Verse 2: Let the lowly hear and be glad the Lord listens to their pleas and to hearts broken, He is near for he hears the cry of the poor</p>
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<p>Second Reading <i>2 Corinthians 8:10-14</i></p>	<p>Sr. Susan Javorek, SND Church of the Resurrection</p>
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For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that for your sake he became poor although he was rich, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And I am giving counsel in this matter, for it is appropriate for you who began not only to act but to act willingly last year: complete it now, so that your eager willingness may be matched by your completion of it out of what you have. For if the eagerness is there, it is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have; not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your surplus at the present time should supply their needs, so that their surplus may also supply your needs, that there may be equality.

<p>Reflection</p> <p>Song: St. Romero</p>	<p>Rev. Tom Dragga</p> <p>St. Romero (Sing along with the COAR children) (Next page)</p>
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Spanish

Coro:

*Resucitaste en tu pueblo
Siendo la voz de los pobres.
Profeta salvadoreño
Oscar Arnulfo Romero.*

*Unido siempre a Pedro
Profeta fiel verdadero.
Se hizo vida el mensaje
De Medellín en tu pueblo.
Pensaron callar tu voz
Aquellos ricos del pueblo,
Que se mancharon las manos
Con la sangre del profeta.*

*Nosotros somos latinos
De tierra salvadoreña.
Y grandes en dignidad
En San Arnulfo Romero.
Fue Cristo quien te consagra
Profeta y mártir del pueblo
Sea en Latinoamérica
Santo de todos los pueblos.*

Coro

*Vos sos una esperanza
Llamando a la conversión.
Pues, miraste en el pobre
Tristeza, hambre y dolor.
Aquellos que han olvidado
Hacer vida el Evangelio,
Deben de seguir tus pasos
Y ser la voz de este pueblo.*

*La fe exige justicia
Un evangelio hecho vida
Cuando marginan al pobre
Es Dios quien clama justicia.
El día en que te mataron
La bestia estaba sedienta
Matando a muchos hermanos
Hijos queridos del pueblo.*

English

Chorus:

*You rose again in your people,
As the voice of the poor.
Salvadoran prophet,
Oscar Arnulfo Romero.*

*United always to Peter
True and faithful prophet
You brought the message
Of Medellín to life in your people.
They thought to stifle your voice,
The richest among your people,
Those that stained their hands
With the blood of the prophet.*

*We are Latinos
From El Salvador.
We are great in dignity
In St. Arnulfo Romero
Christ has consecrated you
Prophet and martyr of the people
Be for Latin America
A saint for all people.*

Chorus

*You are our hope
Calling us to conversion
You saw in the poor
Sadness, hunger, and pain.
Those that have forgotten
To live the Gospel
Should follow your footsteps
And be the voice of the people.*

*Faith cries out for justice
The Gospel brought to life.
When the poor are marginalized,
God clamors for justice.
The day you were killed,
The beast was thirsty
Killing many brothers and sisters
Beloved children of the people.*

<p><i>El profeta nunca muere Eso lo dijo Romero, Si llegaran a matarme, Resucitaré en el pueblo Si llegaran a matarme, Resucitaré en el pueblo</i></p> <p>Coro</p>	<p><i>The prophet never dies, That's what Romero said: If they kill me, I will rise again in my people. If they kill me, I will rise again in my people.</i></p> <p>Chorus</p>
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<p>Intercessions</p> <p>Prayer after the Intercessions</p>	<p>Dr. John Novak St. Joseph Catholic Church</p> <p>Rev. Tom Dragga</p>
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PRESIDER:
We gather together to ask Christ for the courage to follow all those holy men and women in service to the poor and marginalized. Our response will be “Lord Hear Our Prayer”.

LECTOR:
That Christ’s peace will reign in El Salvador, where people continue to suffer violence, we pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may find ways to comfort those who suffer around the world, especially victims of violence, those who go without food or water and all who continue to live in fear, we pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That political leaders will put the poorest and most vulnerable around the world first, we pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of us gathered here: that we will not be indifferent to the suffering of our brothers and sisters around the world, but that, like St. Romero, we will rise up on their behalf, even when it is uncomfortable or unpopular, we pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the canonization of Rutilio Grande and the beatification of the women martyrs of El Salvador, we pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all organizations, groups and individuals who walk in solidarity with the people of El Salvador we pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the children of COAR, the staff and all those who support them by deed, gift and prayer, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those petitions offered from across North America, contained on the cards that were placed on the altar, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those prayers we offer now in the silence of our hearts, ... (pause) ... we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

PRESIDER:

We offer all these prayers through Christ, our Lord.

Blessing of groups, individuals, and organizations active in El Salvador

Rev. Tom Dragga

May the god of St. Romero, a god of love, bless all of you who have supported and accompanied the people of El Salvador.

AND LET THE PEOPLE SAY

AMEN

May the god of St. Romero, a god of justice, bless your prayer and efforts to become a more just and equitable society with the people of El Salvador

AND LET THE PEOPLE SAY

AMEN

Let us go forth in the Spirit of Monseñor Romero, our St. Romero.

Thanks be to God

Closing Hymn: Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo/
We are the Body of Christ

Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo/We are the Body
of Christ

**Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo /
We Are the Body of Christ**

Refrain

So-mos el cuer-po de Cris-to. We are the bod-y of
Christ. He - mos o - í - do el lla -
ma-do; we've an-swered "Yes," to the call of the Lord. (*Oh!)
So-mos el cuer-po de Cris-to. We are the bod-y of
Christ. Tra - e - mos su san - to men -
sa - je. We come to bring the good news to the world. 3. Que

Verses

1. Dios vie-ne al mun-do a tra - vés de no - so - tros.
 2. Ca - da per - so - na es par - te del rei - no; So - mos el cuer - po de
 3. nues - tras ac - cio - nes re - fle - jen jus - ti - cia;

Cris-to. *God is re - vealed when we love one an - oth - er.
 Put - ting a stop to all dis - crim - i - na - tion,
 Stop - ping a - buse and re - liev - ing the hun - gry,*

We are the bod - y of Christ.
 (1.) All
 (2.) ♯
 (3.) ♯

mun-do a cum - plir la mi - sión de la I - gle - sia.
 To - das las ra - zas que ha - bi - tan la tie - rra, So - mos el cuer - po de
 Va - mos al mun-do a cui - dar su re - ba - ño.

Cris-to. *Bring - ing the light of God's mer - cy to oth - ers,
 All are in - vit - ed to feast in the ban - quet.
 Serv - ing each oth - er we build up the king - dom;*

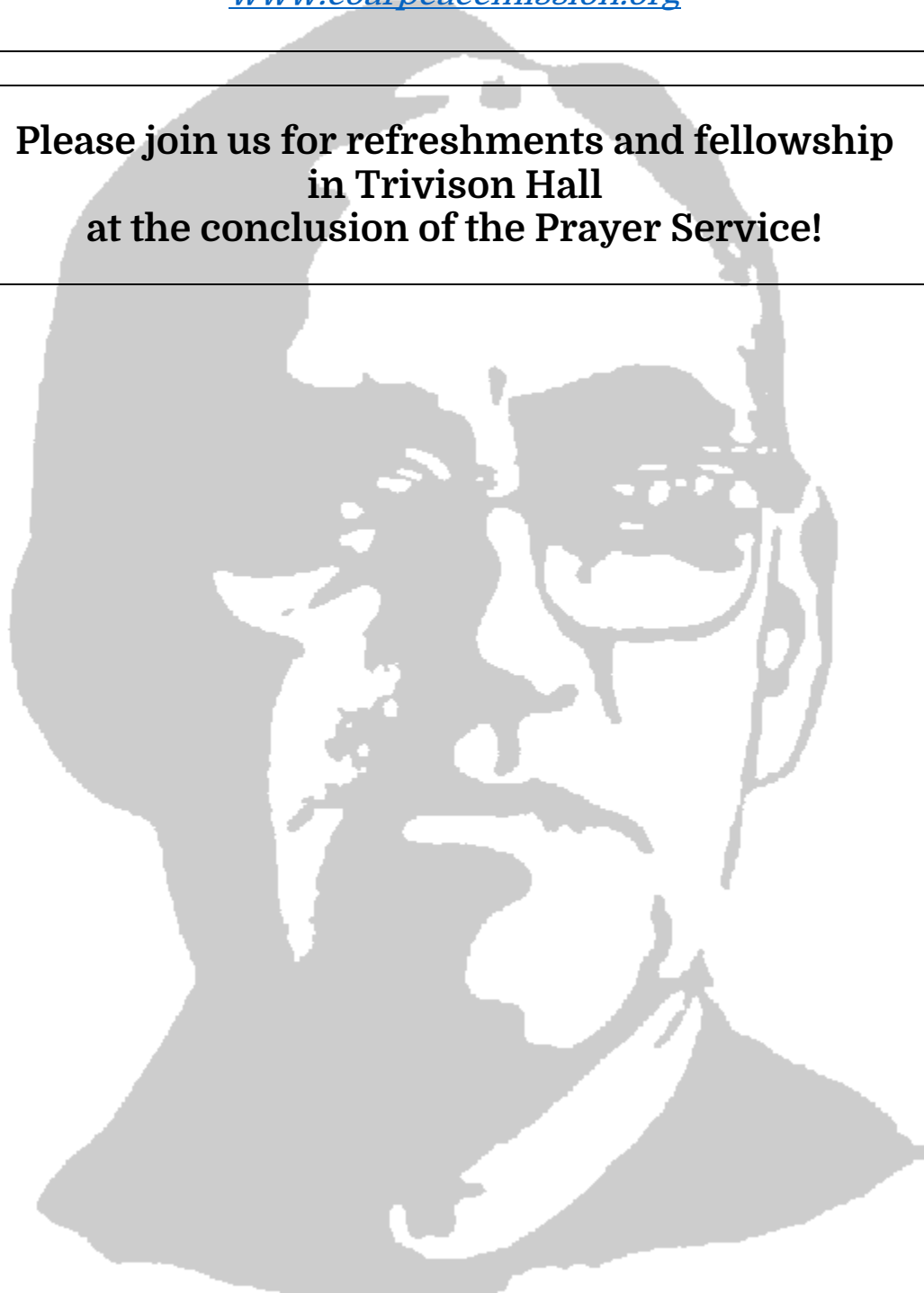
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at the conclusion of the Prayer Service!**



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the living legacy of St. Oscar A. Romero.**

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***¡Viva San Romero!
¡Que viva!***

