



Greetings and our first Sunday worship with Pastor Rich October 29, 2020

Saludos en el nombre de Jesucristo!

I hope this message finds all of you doing well. During the past month, so many of you have sent me warm words of welcome and taken personal time out of your days to help me learn all I can about my new church. I am so grateful for all you have done to make me feel at home in a new place.

Things are moving along smoothly for me and my family as we prepare for our move. I have found a nice, reasonably priced place to stay in the town of Corrales where I will be making a home from January until June when my family comes down to join me. I'm already packing up a few boxes and the four of us find ourselves spending many evenings on the couch watching videos about New Mexico as we acquaint ourselves with all the sights and sounds of this new chapter in our lives.

As I read about the alarming numbers of COVID-19 cases in New Mexico, I pray that all of you are staying safe and that God is blessing you all with a spirit of calm and peace. I know that even those of us who never get infected with COVID-19 can nonetheless find ourselves stricken with great anxiety during these difficult days. Not only do we worry about what will happen to us if we should get sick, but many of us are especially worried about our loved ones whose health is fragile and who would therefore be in serious danger if they should become infected with this virus. So I pray that God watches over you and gives your heart a sense of serenity as you place everything in God's hands.

This Sunday is All Saint's Day, and in my sermon, I will be asking the question Who is a Saint? I think this is an important question to ponder every now and then. Who are the people in your life whom you have known that you consider saints? Of course, we cannot know who the saints among us are unless we first know what a saint is. So, how would you define the word saint? How do the writers of

the New Testament define saint? Do you think your definition is the same or different? Our scripture readings for this Sunday will be Joshua 3: 7-14 and Matthew 5: 1-12.

I look forward to being with all of you this Sunday. Until then, may God watch over us all!

Blessings,

Pastor Rich