

Dear Parishioner,

I am sorry I have not written to you earlier. The last couple of weeks I have been sifting through much of what has happened. One thing we know is that God is with us. I believe when difficult times come God shares his spirit with us in a more abundant way. Be open to the spirit that gives you so much consolation and peace.

This is also a time that we realize in a deeper way that this world is not our ultimate end. We are just pilgrims here. We will reach complete fulfillment in the next life. That is when all our endless desires will be satisfied.

It has been hard on so many people not being able to come to Mass. Our daily Mass attendance is the best I have experienced as a priest. Our weekend Mass attendance is above the national average. We have a very devout group of people. Unfortunately, we do not have the capability to live stream the Mass. So, we ask that you watch E.W.T.N. They are the largest TV network in the world.

Everyone is encouraged to receive a spiritual communion in lieu of Mass and Communion in the church. Spiritual Communion is communion of desire. Make your intention to receive Jesus in these difficult times. God is the source of abundant graces. He will give himself to you.

Continue to read the Bible as well. Do some spiritual reading! Many people find the rosary to be very consoling.

This is not a time to do nothing. Organize your life well! At the top of your schedule should be prayer and concern for people.

Private masses are being offered daily by Father Jose and myself. We are praying for your spiritual welfare and for the containment of the virus. We are also praying for those effected by the virus and those who care for them. All of the intentions for those days are being taken care of.

Confessions will be heard by appointment. All surfaces in the church building are being disinfected.

Unfortunately, there can be no public gathering for Holy Week. The masses and the Good Friday services will be celebrated in private. I know that is extremely painful for you. That is the week that defines us in so many ways.

Our parish office is closed. However, do call for a real need, question or for the anointing of the sick. I am looking forward to the day when we can get together again.

May God bless you and your loved ones. May God protect us all and be with all who are ill, with all caregivers and those working on the medical front lines.

Christ's Peace,  
Fr. Ed Maher  
Pastor