

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for stopping by the church today – your effort to be here is a beautiful sacrificial gift to God!

I'm sure you feel as I do, the great sadness of this time. Many of us have never experienced such a situation before in our lives. We are reminded during times like this that we are brothers and sisters in Christ, and as the world faces the coronavirus, we come to understand that the world cannot be separated from our doorstep. If we are able to make this sacrifice of not gathering for Mass at this critical time, we can know that through our sacrifice, we are helping to save lives – perhaps not down the street – but in the neighboring city or state or country. We are brothers and sisters!

I would ask your kindness in thought, word and prayer for our new Archbishop. This decision has been the most difficult of his life, and he does not take it lightly. He is our Shepherd given to us by Christ, and we are called to follow his voice as we would that of Jesus – the Good Shepherd. His role as Shepherd is to protect us as Christ would, or as a parent would – even when their child does not understand or is resistant.

This time, like no other, can be a beautiful time of prayer and appreciation for the Eucharist which we are sacrificing experiencing and receiving during this time. A kind of “spiritual fast” we undertake like we do on Good Friday – except extended in time.

Please spend some time in the church when it is open (Monday to Friday 9am – 12noon and Sun 9am – 12noon). Pray before the Blessed Sacrament; consider praying a Rosary; light a candle; pray the Stations of the Cross; pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet; sit in the pews and read and meditate on the Readings for this Sunday, letting the Word of God feed your soul.

And what a glorious celebration it will be when we celebrate Mass again together and receive the Eucharist – renewed in our appreciation and understanding of the gift that the Eucharist is for us!

Please take a bulletin, and if you wish, drop your envelope or offering in the rectory mailbox for the financial needs of the parish during this time.

May God bless and keep you in His Care!

God Love Ya!

Fr. Reilly