

~ Our Pastor's Message ~

Greetings,

Entering this rather strange period of our lives, somewhat in isolation, with churches closed, no celebrations of the Eucharist, or gatherings of people, we can feel frightened and confused about what God is trying to say to us. I think the universal message of loving God, neighbor, and self remains the most helpful thought to get us through these times. Knowing that prayer to God for ourselves and for each other is a wonderful way to express that love.

Each day at 12:10pm, your Jesuit community here at Immaculate Conception gathers for our daily liturgy, this private celebration is meant to be an opportunity for the Jesuits to pray for our parish community and for our larger community as we move through this time of difficulty. I invite you all to join us in Spirit so that we can pray together. From your homes we invite you to take a few minutes at 12:10 to pray, thus joining your prayers with ours. During the coming weeks we will be offering opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation to be celebrated in our Church. Currently those times are Tuesday and Thursdays at 11am through 11:45am, and Saturdays at 3pm through 3:45pm. (For various reasons, the Church restrooms will not be opened during these confession times. I apologize for any inconvenience.) I pray that you might be able to take advantage of these times for reconciliation should you feel the need.

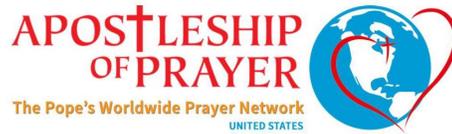
Our Archbishop is also praying with us and has written wonderful letters, posted on [the Archdiocesan website](#) to communicate with us so as to give us a better understanding about this unusual but necessary step of canceling our liturgical celebrations. I encourage you to take some time to read his letters. The Archbishop will also celebrate a weekly televised Mass from the Cathedral in Santa Fe on Sundays at 10am, The Archdiocesan website has more information. There are still ways we can be joined if only through those visuals on television with which we have become so familiar.

Let us be assured that the decisions around the halting of liturgical celebration is based on our understanding of modern science and on our belief in God's continued presence in our world. Perhaps during this time of sacrifice, we can become more familiar with God's abiding within ourselves and our neighbor, recognizing that the privilege of receiving the Eucharist is not denied as a punishment, but rather can be seen as an opportunity to be that living presence to each other in our daily family interactions.

Remembering that God is good all the time, all the time God is good let us seek out that goodness in these times of challenge. May God bless you all.

Fr Warren J. Broussard, SJ, Pastor

Online Resources: Here are some of the online resources that I use to prepare our bulletin weekly. You may find them helpful as we shelter in place. ~ *The Editor*



popesprayerusa.net; How we can pray the Rosary in solidarity during this health crisis: Following the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, many people from all over the world are enduring difficult times. In this challenging context, Lent can be a good opportunity to contemplate the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ by praying the Rosary for all those who are suffering.

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[The Year in Our Church](#); Each day there is a reflection on a Bible passage as well as *More Lenten Resources*.

Also at the top of Loyola Press' website is a Notice: "Learn more about how we can support you in response to the coronavirus in this *Letter from our President and Publisher*." This includes multiple online resources.

Sunday Connection: God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. The Sunday Connection provides useful background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.

[US CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS' DAILY MASS READINGS](#): You can read the Old and New Testament Readings for each day of the week.

[CALL TO ACTION](#): Lent in the Time of Coronavirus 2. *This piece is the second in a five-part Lenten reflection series written by the staff of CTA! For Part 2, Zach Johnson shares his thoughts on Lent and the Coronavirus.*

PRAYER FOR CALM: My Lord and my God, I do not know what will happen to me today, but what I do know is that nothing will happen to me today that you and I together cannot handle. This thought is enough to bring me to face the day in peace. I adore You in Your wisdom and love. I commend myself into your hands with complete trust. Amen