



Pastor's Message

April 2, 2020

For all the ways you are living the Catholic faith during the pandemic, some which are known to me, others unknown, I pray for the Lord's blessings in your life. Whether you are a parishioner of Saint James Church, a family with children enrolled in our Academy, its Principal, a faculty member and/or employed as one of our staff persons, I am so proud to be your Pastor, for all you do striving to live your Catholic faith today.

During this difficult period in our history, to be faithful, fervent and fruitful in your witness as a believer in God, certainly must be as inspiring to others, as it has inspired me. Thank you!

Wherever and whenever possible, continue to be the person you are called to be in the divine plan of the Lord. It is your vocation.

Also, remember the importance of prayer, especially now. Bishop Arthur Serratelli, in his *Holy Thursday Letter to My Brother Priests,* penned it beautifully, "Prayer is our greatest comfort in this trial and our greatest weapon in the struggle to conquer the battle." Couple your good works as a Catholic with prayer, as we "battle" the present health crisis. If it is God we trust, so it is by our daily prayer we find the trust we need in God to do what we are meant to do, for God's greater glory.

Although separated, we must remain united as one Body of Christ- the Church. The coming days and weeks will pose its challenges. May God give us His strength. And, may we give strength to one another by our witness of the faith.

God Bless You,
Fr. Marc