

Dear St. Michael's family,

After a couple of weeks of this current lock-down, it's easy to be disheartened and stressed and fearful about what's going to happen to us. When we lose our certainty over anything, it can throw us into turmoil.

In this time when we are no longer able to share the Eucharist on a regular basis, I'm reminded of how the disciples must have felt after Jesus died and was in the tomb.

They had given up their lives to follow this man, and suddenly – nothing. He was gone. How abandoned they must have felt!

And yet God never abandoned them. It had always been part of His plan! “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up!” Jesus had told them. And so we know that God doesn't abandon us even when we don't feel Him or see Him for a time!

But to remind us that God remains with us, we are going to start live-streaming Sunday Mass at 10am on Facebook live. If you haven't liked us on Facebook yet, now is a great time to start!

We've been working to make sure our internet access in the church is up-to-speed, literally, so I'm hoping you can join us that way, at least, even if we can't be together in our church on Sunday.

We have misalettes available for your use at home just inside the front doors at the church. Come pick one up during the week to follow next Sunday's readings.

We are also looking at how we can communicate better with all of you. So we've started using a platform called “Flocknote”. This new platform is a parish messaging system that will make it easier for us to share news you need to know (like when Mass will be public again!), and also make it easier for you to share information with us. Our current email system is only accessible from the office, which could cause us problems if things get even more locked down. And regardless, Flocknote will allow communication through email and texting in a much more efficient way!

Please help us to gather up-to-date email addresses and cell phone numbers by texting “**snocatholic**” to **84576** for a link. Looking forward to sending out updates soon!

Are you or anyone else you know in need of help – groceries, prescriptions, errands, etc? If so, send us an email at care@stmichaelsnohomish.org. We have volunteers who can help you with that!

I've also attached some resources for you with this letter to help you stay close to the Lord in this time of social distancing.

You are in my prayers, and we remain united in the Lord.

May God bless you!

In Christ, Fr. Michael