

My dear parish family,

It is so agonizing for me not to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist WITH YOU. This is has not happened before. But this very hard decision by the authorities is for the common good. We have to do our personal and community sacrifice to help curb the spread of the virus. This is a measure that must be done in the meantime and we hope we can resume back to normal. Let us PRAY HARD!

But this you have to know, the suspension of Sunday Eucharist is only with the congregation but the Sunday Eucharist is NOT SUSPENDED. There are two forms of Eucharistic celebration, "*Misa com popolu*", Mass with people, which is the normal way, and "*Misa sine popolu*", which means, Mass without people. The latter is practice in the monasteries, or in difficult times when people can't congregate. This is what's happening. Priests are required to say at least one Mass "*pro popolu*", meaning for the people on a Sunday. You have to know that I am doing a private Mass for the intention for you all this Sunday.

In times like this, we hold on to our faith. As citizens and as faithful Catholics we can get through these trying times. Let us heed what the Lord said to Peter and the apostles when they were tossed at the stormy seas of Galilee, "Don't be Afraid, It is Me".

While you are here, please keep distance from one another and please do not congregate and go home right away after your visit and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer and the Prayer in time of Coronavirus that are provided.

When home look for Online Live Mass streaming at the Archdiocese Website. And please PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR FAMILY.

Christ Over Virus and Infectious Diseases.
My prayers and blessings to you all,

Fr. Tony Castro