

✠ PARISH UPDATE ✠
MARCH 20, 2020

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

I really miss Mass with you. But we all are making a sacrifice – you, for not being able to attend, and me, for “going it alone”. We are not alone. We are in this together. And we hope for the future, a resurrection. Our Lenten sacrifice is felt more deeply than we thought possible. But this time, we can search out and find Our Lord in other ways. In places we didn’t expect or plan.

Mass continues to be celebrated at every Catholic church in our diocese privately by every priest and we are all joined together in the celebration of the Body and the Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. All of us are hurting and looking to the healing that will come. Not in our time but in God’s good time. Then will be the time of rejoicing, the time to sing, the time to dance, the time of coming together as the Body of Christ, not just in the spiritual sense but physically sharing in that Body. We (I) look forward to that resurrection event!

For now, the sorrow and the suffering of Christ is felt by each of us – testing our faith, our hope, and even our love. Rooted in Christ, being in Christ, and Christ being in us.

Christ suffered and died for us. Have mercy on us, and on the whole world.

Father Ted

CANCELLED: ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES, including all committee/group meetings have been cancelled until further notice. As well, all Knights of Columbus activities and events are cancelled. Operate under the presumption that everything is cancelled unless you are notified otherwise.

ATTENTION KEY HOLDERS: Please refrain from entering any Church building for any reason whatsoever until notified otherwise. All buildings and offices are considered closed.

PSR NEWS As you all know, PSR has been cancelled until April 19th. Lessons for the next three weeks were sent home or mailed. Please take the time over the next several weeks to review the lessons with your child/children. It is important to keep up with their faith formation. Please check the website on Fridays for updates. There are many resources online that you can utilize to help with your child’s faith development during this time.

EASTER FLOWERS Should anyone want a refund of Easter flower donations already paid, please send an email to Mona Allen, mallen@saintjosephcircleville.com. All donations not refunded will be used for normal operational expenses, given the expected large slowdown in offertory collections. We again, encourage you to visit our website and enroll in Faith Direct to continue your support for St. Joseph Parish.

FAITH DIRECT Please consider signing up for Faith Direct through the Online Giving button on our website. Though Mass is cancelled St. Joseph still has its normal operational expenses. Prayerfully consider this method of ensuring continual support for St. Joseph during this difficult time.