



“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6

Blessings and Prayers from Fr. James, Fr. Deniskingsley and Fr. Rijo to all of you. Know You are in our prayers always, especially during our current situation. It is important that everyone remains safe and stay at home as the per CDC and government recommendations.

Here are the latest updates to try to keep you informed:

- We sent a letter regarding the distribution of palms but unfortunately Bishop Coyne’s office sent us the following information: **NO PALMS OR HOLY WATER**

“Fathers: After careful and prayerful consideration, Bishop Coyne has decided that there will be no public distribution of palms in the parishes of the Diocese of Burlington. Rather, it is recommended that the palms be stored in a cool dry place until such time as they can be distributed publicly to our parishioners.

This decision was made considering the Stay Home – Stay Safe Order of Governor Scott and recent updates from the CDC and the President of the United States that the next two weeks could be times of significant increases in coronavirus infections. The best way to slow and prevent the spread of the virus is to encourage our people to stay in place.

Msgr. McDermott”

- We hope you are reading your Bibles. Reading Psalms and the New Testament are very powerful prayers to the Lord, especially during this time.
- If you are in need of a priest, a special blessing or prayers Intentions or offering, please do not hesitate to contact the office.
- If you want to make confessions, it can be done now with an act of contrition followed by reciting Psalm 51.
- Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil Masses will be live streaming on Facebook and YouTube.
- Check our website for updated information with the following link www.materdeivermont.com or call the parish office at 334-5066.
- We are working with NEK-TV and hope to be broadcasting our Mass in the near future.

God Bless all of you and know we LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU!!!!
We cannot wait to be together with all of you where we can PRAISE
GOD TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN!

“Praise be to the LORD for He has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.” Psalm 28:6-7

With Prayers and Blessings,

Fr. Rijo Johnson, SDV
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