

## **Pastoral Message**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 28-29, 2020**

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These past days have been most unusual for all of us. No one could have imagined that a microscopic, invisible organism could cause such havoc in our lives. Yet, here we are. In many ways the Coronavirus has turned our lives upside down.

As Catholics, however, there is never a reason to be without hope. Even as we are, for all practical purposes “in a lock-down,” our faith teaches us that Christ is never locked away or at a distance. Even as we practice “social distancing”, we know that Christ is ever closer to us - even closer to us than we are to ourselves.

You will notice if you happen to pass by St. Elizabeth or St. Brigid in the evening or night that our churches are flooded with red lights as a visual reminder of the many victims of the Coronavirus. May the lights remind each of us to say an extra prayer as well for those who are suffering across our town, state and country during this bleak time.

You will notice a link here on the parish website for the liturgical events that will be available for parishioners and others who would like to join us in prayer in the weeks ahead. In addition to Mass for this weekend, the 5th Sunday of Lent (March 28-29), we plan to also have Mass for Palm Sunday (next weekend, April 4-5) as well as Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 9), the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday (April 10) and the Mass of the Resurrection for Easter Sunday (April 12).