

Psalm 46

“God is our refuge and our strength,  
An ever-present help in distress.

Therefore we fear not , though the earth be shaken  
And mountains plunge into the depths of the sea.”

My brother and sisters in Christ, this is indeed difficult times for the Church. The suspension of Holy Sacrifice of Mass and limited access to the Sacraments is disconcerting to say the least. Pray for your Bishop, and Holy Mother Church. This Lent is truly one of sacrifice and penance, I hope that you will take this time of the government's shutdown of most activities, to pray, fast and study your faith.

We will continue to have the Church open: **St. Mary's will remain open during daylight hours for private devotions. St. Ann's will be open 9am-noon. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8-noon Tuesday and Thursday, Mondays and Wednesday evening 7-8. Video Mass from St Marys will continue. At present we are working on plans for Video Masses for Holy week, in light of the Vatican's new recommendations for Holy Week with the people.**

There are possibilities for confession with any priest at surrounding parishes by appointment. Please, please, please make sure you are in a state of grace in these uncertain times. The corona virus does not appear to be any more deadly on average than normal flu virus, but it is new and we don't know what the outcome will be. Now is the time to ready, as Christ says we do not know the day nor the hour.....

Regarding anointing of the sick: most hospitals are not allowing visitors and are not allowing priests to visit. If you or someone you are caregiver for needs Anointing of the Sick, do not wait until they are in the hospital. You may call me 740-502-0260, or call the closest parish to you and ask for a priest. Be mindful of the priest's health and reserve this for those in danger of death.

On this the Vigil of the Annunciation, let us take time to remember Our Lady, Mary the Mother of God, our life , our sweetness and our hope. Pray the rosary daily. Remember that all Our Lord Jesus Christ is still the Sovereign King and “Be Not Afraid!!”

God be Praised in ALL things. Deacon David Lozowski