

GOOD SHEPHERD CLUSTER
St. Boniface, Holy Family & Immaculate Conception
31 March 2020

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord. Lent has been particularly penitential since the time many preventative measures were put in place to limit the exposure to Coronavirus Covid-19. I know that so many of you have dearly missed coming to Mass and receiving Holy Communion. I continue to pray and offer Mass for you in my chapel each day.

It is with a heavy heart, to inform you there will be no public celebrations of the Mass for Holy Week and Easter. In addition, there will be no public Masses through at least the end of April. There have been and will be many sacrifices to make for the common good, but we will get through this together relying on the help of God. Please join me in praying every day for deliverance.

In the absence of public Mass we searched for a live stream option on YouTube to have a weekend Mass recorded with music. We hope you may spiritually unite yourself with the Lord and with one another in prayer in this way or at another Mass on television or online. You may find the video of Mass through a link on our website www.goodshepherdcluster.com or through a link on Facebook or by searching "Good Shepherd Cluster" on YouTube. We will have Mass for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday evening, Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday, and Easter Sunday morning.

On Easter Sunday I intend to have a (solitary) procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the block of Holy Family Parish at 10:00 am. If you are out for a drive, I would welcome you to park around the entire block of the parish and you may remain in your vehicles. If you walk, please maintain social distancing at a minimum of 6 feet at all times. In case of inclement weather, I will postpone this procession until the following Sunday on April 19. I am so very sorry that we will not be able to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for Easter, but perhaps we can look upon Him as He passes by.

During the procession with the Eucharist there will be four blessings in silence. First, to the north in the direction of the MercyOne Hospital, a blessing on our hospital/clinic, the sick, and all healthcare workers. Second, to the west - where the sun sets, a blessing on our livelihoods, labors, and those who are experiencing financial hardship at this time. Third, to the south - desiring the warmth of God's love, a blessing for an increase in faith, hope, and charity among all people in our area. Fourth, to the east in the direction of the dawn, a blessing for the coming of a new day, that God will deliver us from this virus, and renew us in the mystery of His Son's triumphant resurrection. I hope you will join me in praying from wherever you are for these four intentions and for your personal needs.

Also, according to your ability at this time, please kindly consider a generous gift to your parish for Easter. In uncertain circumstances, a gift can be a thoughtful expression of our faith and trust in God, who will see us through this time of difficulty. Your graciousness in mailing this in to the office is much appreciated.

May God bless and protect you and your families!

Fr. Dellaert

