



St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community

A Message from the Pastor

April 3, 2020



Dear Parishioners,

Is this the new normal? What **IS** normal anyway? As we maneuver through these days of our desert experience, our prayer together brings us together in spirit. Nothing can defeat Christ. Where two or three are gathered then Christ is there. Christ is with us even when alone for He would not abandon us. So, the new normal for these days is our gathering alone or with those in our households to pray, to remember, to sing and dance. Oh, now that would be a vision wouldn't it! I don't want a broken hip and neither do you!

Today, I met with parishioners Manuel and Tiffany Carmona. They will be videotaping for us the Holy Week services beginning with Passion (Palm) Sunday. As we gather for this Holy Week apart, know that our prayers these days in these difficult times are for each one of you. We will do it this way for now since we don't have a good way of livestreaming from our Church. The wifi and cell signals are difficult due to the thick walls and roofing.

This weekend, we will send you the link to view our Palm Sunday celebration. I will send out the schedule early next week for the rest of the week. We are doing our celebrations simple and down to earth just as Jesus would have it. Not to mention, we couldn't gather people to help us clean and decorate. Again, know of our thoughts and prayers and cyber-presence with you at all times.

Know of your priests' daily prayers for you as we journey together, but apart.

Please visit our Parish Website for continued COVID-19 information related to parish activities and previous e-communications: <http://stluketemplecity.org/covid-19-notice>.

Prayers and blessings from cyberspace,

Fr. Mark