

***Coronavirus updates:***

Aware that our situations are changing day by day, it is good to try to keep things updated as well as we can. With this new protective order to stay home and stay safe, our activities are restricted to online efforts alone. Some of you have very kindly responded to the video Mass available on-line on the weekends—it is so important for us to maintain any contact possible.

Deacon Kelly, Wendy and I will be making phone calls just to check in on folks from time to time during these days. Many of our personal challenges are just with getting used to enforced inactivity—we are accustomed to being mobile and interacting with dozens of people every day, and our world has gotten smaller with each passing day. It does offer the opportunity of growing in appreciation for those who have to suffer with us each day, and it has increased our love for being able to gather together in prayer at Mass. However, the shortest distance between people is not a straight line as has often been observed, but is instead prayer. No distance can separate us from those whom we love when we are united in prayer. It is the great acknowledgment of the nature of the Church and Communion of Saints—whether in this world or in the next, prayer unites us in Christ.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to keep our church open for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as we had previously scheduled. Please be assured of my ongoing prayers for you and for our whole community as we continue to move forward at this time.