



St. John the Apostle Church

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Dear Parishioners,

May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! These last few weeks have definitely been trying times and without the privilege of being able to attend Mass and receive Jesus in Holy Communion, it's even more difficult. However, God has not abandoned us! This is an opportunity to deepen our spiritual lives by living in faith our real relationship with God wherever we find ourselves. He is really and truly with us always through our Baptismal gift of divine childhood in God. Thus, these last days of Lent and as we enter into the Easter season we can, like Mary, allow God to have His way in us and experience His profound love for us in this turbulent time. Take full advantage of the graces that God is giving us. It is a gifted time for families to spend learning and living their faith together.

Enclosed you will find a sheet with information offering a unity of prayer as a parish, times for reconciliation, times for Mass (live streamed on Facebook), and links to other resources. Also, the times that the church office is open and times that you can pray in the church. Lastly, you will find instruction on how to do online giving and how to use the Formed.org program for learning about faith as a family and good family movies to watch together.

Know that I am praying for you and all the parishioners. Together we will get through this crazy time and see how God can bring something magnificent out of this pandemic from what only looks negative; just as He did with the passion of Jesus Christ His Son and our Lord!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. David Richter

Fr. David Richter, *Pastor*

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."

