

Dear Parishioners,

As we prepare for our second Sunday with our churches locked, I want to send a message especially to focus on how we can pray at home in this time. I have prepared a Sunday Gospel Reflection which you can use this with family or on your own to pray this coming Sunday. This may become a regular format to help us all to prepare for Sunday and to encourage families to pray together at home.

You can find this Gospel Reflection at the right sidebar of our website and also on our Facebook page. We created the Facebook page recently so Gospel Reflections as well as parish updates can reach as many parishioners as possible. Please Like the page and share this and future Gospel Reflections and updates with parishioners who may not be part of our email list.

Also, encourage them to sign up for our email list. The sign up form can be found both in our website and Facebook page. Video updates are also posted in our Youtube channel. Links for our Facebook page and Youtube channel are also at the right sidebar of the website.

A Sunday homily will be on the website as usual. Fr. Philippe will celebrate Mass at Corpus Christi site this Sunday and I will be at Our Lady of Lourdes site. Even in our distance from each other we are united as a parish in our prayer this Sunday.

I ask you in particular to pray for parishioners who are sick at this time and for all health care workers.

This is the last weekend of the month, the usual time when we have a special blessing for married couples who are celebrating a wedding anniversary during that month. So, if your anniversary is in March you can phone or email me and I will do the blessing by phone. Or you can wait for the next end of the month to be part of that blessing in our church.

Though the church and office are officially closed we are still checking messages and emails. Let us know if you or a fellow parishioner has any needs.

The patron saint of our new parish is St. Catherine of Siena. She lived during the Black Plague in Europe in the 14th century. St. Catherine went out to care for the sick and dying in the face of this terrible plague. Our new church will have a shrine dedicated to St. Catherine and will have an image of St. Catherine caring for the sick. Our parish name is very meaningful at this time. So we pray, St. Catherine of Siena, Pray for us.

God bless.