



Blessed Savior Catholic Church
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Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are surviving the lockdown, social distancing and all associated with the Coronavirus pandemic. This is a very difficult time for us as individuals and as a community. We feel the pain and suffering of so many in our nation and around the world who have fallen victim to this virus. We have also seen the massive layoffs and the crash of the stock market albeit recent rebounding. I ask that we remember in prayer everyone directly or indirectly affected by the Covid-19 crisis. We need to pray for healing for our nation and the world.

For us as a community, we share the frustrations of Christians worldwide of not being able to gather for the most important celebrations of the liturgical calendar, Holy Week and Easter. I hope you were able to connect the current pain and suffering to the Passion of Christ on Good Friday. Just as Christ overcame suffering and death, we will overcome the suffering and death associated with this pandemic.

Many of you have responded so generously to my appeal for weekly financial support to keep the parish going by turning in your envelopes. The same couple that contributed \$2,000 two weeks ago also contributed \$2,000 last week. What is amazing is the fact they are new to the parish (God-sent). I thank them and all of you who have made various sacrifices to keep the parish going. I also appeal to those who are not receiving envelopes or using the e-direct to send checks by ordinary envelopes. May God bless you all and replenish your resources.

Here are some updates from Archbishop ListECKi:

- Suspension of Mass will PROBABLY be extended through May 3
- The Dispensation from attending Sunday Mass will go on through May 31
- We need to stick together as one Body of Christ.
 - No Masses in parking lots (New flexibility added yesterday with strict conditions)
 - No communion services
 - No distribution of Palms. We will find a way to do this post-crisis (We can't separate the sacramentals from the liturgy they derive from)
 - No general absolution
 - Triduum is distinct from other Masses – no pre-recording, broadcast must be live.
 - The Triduum from the Cathedral will be live-streamed.
- Priests and deacons should not schedule funeral for a Covid-19 death before talking to the Vicar for Clergy (Catholic Cemeteries are compiling guidelines)
- Pay special attention to scams and phishing emails
- Budgets – process delayed, at least a month, probably more
- Trustees can stay in office until an election is possible.
- We will consider delegation for confirmations to pastors when the crisis is over

Let us do everything possible to keep the faith and help those around us. We believe this crisis will also come to pass. Meanwhile, be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

Wishing you a Blessed Easter and God's protection during this time of crisis.

Stay safe,

Rev. Romanus N. Nwaru
Pastor