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The Solemnity of Saint Joseph

Dear Members and Friends of Corpus Christi Parish:

To say that the past couple of weeks, in fact the past couple days, is unprecedented would be an understatement. I can honestly say that I have never quite experienced anything like it in my more than 40 years as a priest and nearly 35 years as a Pastor. I am sure that many of you could make the same statement.

Please know that, while we are not able to publicly celebrate Mass, Confessions, or any other devotion or service for the time being, you are all being remembered each day in prayer during the daily Mass that I am celebrating privately. My hope and prayer, obviously, is that we will all be able to gather again around the table of the Lord in person to celebrate the Eucharist and other Sacraments. Please include that intention in your personal and family daily prayer, as well.

During these days, our Chapel is open daily for personal and private prayer. We have seen many cars parked near the Chapel the past few days, even if just for a few minutes. Even though we are not able to enjoy Eucharistic exposition at this time, the Real Presence of Our Lord is with us, even when reserved in the closed tabernacle. Come and take advantage of this blessed opportunity as your time allows.

As a parish community and family of faith, we are concerned about the well-being of all our parish members and friends. Many of our parishioners have volunteered to assist anyone who might be in need in any way – errand running, household chores, shopping, taxi service, etc. If you have need of help, please call and let us know (272-9982) and we can connect you with a fellow parish member. Also, consider reaching out not only to family members, neighbors, and friends who might need your help, but also to giving a call to those you often see in church, letting them know how much you miss their presence. If you do not know someone's contact information, give us a call.

At this time, it is uncertain whether we will be able to publicly celebrate Mass and the Sacraments during Holy Week and Easter. That, of course, is our hope and prayer, but it remains to be seen if that will be possible. In the meantime, I encourage you to take advantage of the celebrations of Mass that can be found on television and streamed from various locations. We are looking into what services we might be able to provide in this regard as a parish.

Keep informed. Even though we are not in church, we are still publishing a weekly parish bulletin. The bulletin (and bulletins from the previous three weekends) can be found just inside the Chapel entrance door, as well as online. Just click the "Bulletin" menu above on our parish website.

In the meantime, if there is anything at all that we can do to make this time easier and more pleasant for you and your family, please do not hesitate to contact us.

God bless you all –
Father Daryl