

March 25, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Saint Petronille,

Solemnity of the Annunciation

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary with the news that she would bear a son and His name would be Jesus. She gave the response, "Let it be done unto me according to your word." This would be her constant response in her life with the Lord. She would endure some severe suffering during her life. She would fly to Egypt, because Herod's army was seeking to kill her little baby. She would witness him being ridiculed and maligned. She would search frantically for him in a major ancient city that had no lost parents' desk. She would witness Him beaten and tortured and spat upon and nailed to a cross. When His body was taken down from the cross, He would be laid in her arms. Her response? Faith and Hope and Love. She trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled and He saved the world.

During this time of great fear and anxiety and threats to our lives, the Blessed Virgin's example invites us to trust again. We remember that our ultimate good lies in the eternal. Let us this day offer this prayer to our Blessed Mother:

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Parish Mission Information

We had planned to hold our parish mission beginning this Monday. Although we will not be able to hold the parish mission in the parish church, we will be holding a virtual parish mission. You will be able to watch our parish mission on our parish YouTube Channel which is the same channel you use to watch the LiveStreaming Mass:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvNo_3DRIBPSBkdhbEB3j7Q

Stations of the Cross and Daily Mass

We offer Mass daily at 8:00 am on our YouTube Channel and Stations of the Cross will be available on Friday evening at 7 pm. Just click on the link above.

Children's Mass

We will LiveStream a children's Mass at 10 am with Gavin Coyle, Eric Rasmussen and Fr. Eduardo.

Liturgy of the Hours

The Liturgy of the Hours is an ancient prayer of the church which every priest and religious promises to pray every day. The prayer is designed to be an extension of the celebration of the Eucharist daily. If you would like to learn how to pray the Liturgy of the Hours click the link below:

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A Prayer in the Time of a Pandemic

This prayer was passed to me by one of our parishioners:

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

AMEN

May Almighty God bless you and keep you.

In Christ,

Fr. Thomas Milota