

April 2, 2020

Dear friends in Christ,

In the last couple of weeks, we have all experienced the disruption of life caused by the Coronavirus. From events being postponed or cancelled, we have all been overwhelmed with a sense of loss and disbelief. However, "Do not be afraid" (Mt 28:5). These days of uncertainty cannot diminish the joy of the Easter Season because we are a people of faith firmly rooted in the Resurrection of Christ. Therefore, we cannot allow fear or anxiety to control our lives. Rather, in the words of Pope Francis, "Let us hand over our fears to the Lord so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him onboard there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms because with God life never dies."

Sunday, April 5th is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Although we cannot come together as a community to worship and give thanks to the Lord, I will be celebrating the Eucharist with each of you in mind. Blest palms will be available for pick up located on a table outside of the handicap entrance of church beginning at 8 a.m. Sunday morning.

Until we can come together as a faith community to celebrate the Mass, let us continue to pray for one another; especially for those who have been affected by the Coronavirus.

Be safe, stay strong, and "DO NOT BE AFRAID!"

Asking a particular remembrance in your daily prayers, I am...

Fraternally yours,

Fr. Brian

St. Genevieve, pray for us!