

Dear Parish Family,

I hope and pray that you are each staying healthy and safe! Through this time of uncertainty our Lord continues to sustain and bless us. If we allow Him to enter our hearts in a new way, and strive to refocus ourselves on Him, we will certainly know His grace and mercy. I want to invite you to see this as a time to strengthen your faith, to quiet whatever noise and distractions that have gotten in the way of your relationship with God, to root out sinfulness, and to grow in virtue and holiness.

What we are going through is real and it is tough and, as sons and daughters of God, this is what we are made for. We are made for greatness. We are made for holiness. We are made to be a light in the darkness and to suffer with our Savior as we journey towards Eternal Life.

During this time Fr. Gow and I are making every effort to help you to stay connected to the Parish Family. Sunday Mass will be offered at 9AM live on our Parish Facebook page – click the small letter “f” in the upper corner of our website www.stcatherinechurch.com or search Facebook for StCatherineChurchOfficial, Daily Mass Monday-Saturday will be at 8AM on the Facebook page, and we will have Adoration with the Rosary Monday-Friday at 3PM on the Facebook page. Fr. Gow is also podcasting many wonderful things – check out his page at R1217.com.

Given the hard times we are in, I am asking you to please remember our parish in both prayer and sacrificial giving. Our Parish Staff is working from home and keeping the various aspects of the Parish running. Our teachers are teaching, preparing lessons, and grading. Our maintenance staff is working hard to keep up with our facilities and to sanitize the church and school for when we all return. Payroll and health insurance for our parish and school staff and bills continue even in a time of crisis. The work of God continues, and the work of the Church continues.

I humbly ask you to please continue to tithe and make your sacrificial financial offerings to the parish. Online giving is a great way to give, especially during these times. You can sign up by clicking the link on the parish website. You can also mail your envelopes and donations into the parish. Thank you so very much for your continued prayers and support!

Please be assured of my prayers for you each day. God is with us!

Your Pastor,
Fr. DeBlock

