



Embracing God's People • Equipping Disciples • Accompanying Believers

March 16, 2020

Brothers and Sisters in Faith:

I wanted to take a moment to express my deep gratitude to all of you and to all our parishioners. This past weekend was an extraordinary one in the life of our Church. I was gratified to see as many as were present in Church this past weekend. I was also very glad to see that many of our parishioners remained home. Whether you were with us physically or spiritually, you were all held in prayer by the priests and lay leadership of our parish.

Tomorrow, Tuesday, I anticipate being able to share more information about our church's response to the ongoing and deepening changes related to the COVID-19 viral threat to public health. As the public health leaders coordinate with Archdiocesan officials, we receive notifications and respond with strategies to ensure we both share information with our communities, as well as adapt to be in compliance with recommended guidance.

Below are a few items that might be of interest. Be assured of the continued prayers of myself, and of our entire parish leadership.

*Fr. David*

#### **Fr. Ron Rolheiser Leads Parish Mission**

OLL Parishioners have been afforded a very special opportunity, courtesy of Msgr. Torgerson and the Catholic Community at St. Monica Church, to join with them as Fr. Rolheiser leads a parish mission on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening of this week (March 16, 17 & 18). Look for us on Facebook @ollnrparish., where the mission is being livestreamed.

#### **“And who is my neighbor?”**

On Sunday, a number of our parishioners overwhelmed me with their offer to assist in helping their fellow “at risk” or “vulnerable” parishioners get groceries, collect prescriptions, or other such immediate needs in these times. ***If you would like to volunteer*** to participate in “**Lourdes Neighbors**”, please send an email to me [pastor@ollnr.org](mailto:pastor@ollnr.org), and I will be happy to discuss it more with you, and get you connected to “**Lourdes Neighbors**”.

I anticipate “**Lourdes Neighbors**” becoming active no later than tomorrow, Tuesday 3/17. Happy St. Patrick's Day. More details to follow.

**Parish Office Continues to Serve**

We are adapting to the new guidance for self-distancing and self-isolation by encouraging our parish staff to remain close to their families. Anyone calling the parish office during regular hours (9am - 5pm) can expect to receive a response from staff within a couple of hours. Calls at the weekends might take longer to return. Email is also a good way to communicate during these days of necessary physical distance.

**Parish School Adapts to Creative Learning Model**

Faculty and Staff have been working very closely with parents and guardians to ensure uninterrupted learning for our students during these days, when coming together in the physical space of the school is no longer a possibility. The creativity and partnership between families and teachers to ensure the best for our students is wonderful to see as it unfolds.

**Share the News**

This email notice has gone out to over 1300 of our parish families. However, it has been communicated to me that some faithful and regular parishioners did not receive it. If you're chatting with fellow parishioners, and they don't receive it but would like to, encourage them to send an email to [ollcensus@ollnr.org](mailto:ollcensus@ollnr.org), and we will happily add them to our email list.