Dear Friend,

Just when we need mutual support the most as the corona virus spreads among us, our need for “distancing” from one another increases! And for those who serve on the front lines, the stress mounts even more.

In the providence of God, Holy Week comes at the right time. Holy week is about the stress and tension between Jesus and the entrenched opposition to him led by the leaders of his own faith, and their collusion with the cruel occupying Roman government. This Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week, ending in the triduum (three days) of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil / Easter Sunday.

Let’s get together and share our distress and danger with each other and Jesus, and walk his path with him, the way of the cross, to death and resurrection. I’ve attached some detailed information on how we can join together for Holy Week from your home. We’ll be live streaming:

***Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion*** …at **9am**

Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week…at **9am**

Holy Thursday ***Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper***…at **7pm**

Good Friday ***Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion*** …at **3pm**

Holy Saturday ***Vigil of the Lord’s Resurrection*** …at **7:30 pm**

Easter Sunday Mass **at 9 am**

Attached to my email are some participation aids for you to use at home so you can feel as much as possible a part of the Holy Week Liturgies. One sheet outlines things you can do for each day at home during the live-streaming of the liturgy here at our little church, or for use if you view the liturgies later from the link on our website (miparish.net).

For example, if you email us [(leslie@miparish.net](mailto:(leslie@miparish.net)) your petitions or expressions of gratitude for Jesus’ death and resurrection, especially during the present pandemic crisis, we will place your written sentiments together with everyone else’s at the foot of the cross in the little church during the Good Friday liturgy as our way of venerating the cross together.

Thanks for the positive feedback you have shown for our live-streaming efforts. This is brand new to all of us working on it. And special thanks for the support so many have shown for parish income by continuing to mail in your envelopes as well as your support for our St. Vincent de Paul conference. The Msgr. Ryan weekly pantry days are busier than ever. One distressed pantry visitor left a thank-you message on the pantry answering machine saying that when he got home, he was grateful to see the food in his refrigerator after his visit here.

And don’t forget to print out the Easter Lamb we are sending you as an attachment and place it in your window, as a sign of God’s blessing to protect your household just as God protected the households of the Israelites in the time of plague. May we be freed from plague by following Jesus, the new Moses, across the parted sea into the promised land!

All the best,

Fr. Bill