



SAINT JOHN FISHER PARISH

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Dear Parishioners:

What a month this has been! I hope we may soon find a glimmer of light at the end of this dark tunnel called the coronavirus.

Our mode of pastoral ministry has changed a lot. Perhaps the most apparent is how we are celebrating Mass. For several years we had been offering Live Mass via the internet, so that those who were homebound could experience the Sunday 9:00 am Mass with us through their computers or smart phones or even on television through a special hookup. For the past month and a half we have been forced to keep the church locked. However, Mass is celebrated by your priests every day at 8:00 am and Sundays at 9:00 am. Since all are homebound at this time, we are celebrating Mass with a skeleton crew but projected to all who access us through our website. Daily Mass is viewed live by almost 100 viewers and later on that day by almost 300 viewers. Sunday Mass is viewed live by almost 800 viewers and later on that day by over 2000. We get viewers from all over the country but mainly from our own parishioners.

We rotate the celebrants and homilists to provide you a variety. On Sunday you get to experience the musicians you would ordinarily have. We even provide the readings, prayers, and song sheet online to help you to participate. I have been inspired by the emails of gratitude and support from many of you. I also try to give announcements that may be of help. The weekly bulletin is also available on our website, www.sjf.org. In fact, certain classes and other activities, which had previously taken place on site, are now offered online. I highly recommend that you utilize our website, for it is our primary means of communication.

I am also aware that many of you may not be adept at mastering the internet. If you have internet access but don't know where to go from there, please call the Parish Office. The receptionist will see that it gets to the right person who may be able to assist you in accessing Mass online.

Meanwhile, let's all pray for an end of this pandemic and a safe passage through this dark tunnel to light. May the light of Christ guide us. I look forward to the day when we can once again worship together in person as the Body of Christ and receive the Holy Eucharist. Know that you are in my prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. David A. Sork
Pastor