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Dear Parishioners,

At this frightening and difficult time, I wanted to assure you that I am with you all in my thoughts and prayers. Most importantly, however, I want to remind you that God is present among us, always. Of this we can be sure. Throughout the gospels, we see our Lord Jesus so very close to the sick, the isolated, and the suffering. He brought them healing, comfort and the strength to face adversity. And He only asked of them one thing: *faith*. The Prophet Isaiah remind us that surely Christ took upon Himself our pain and He bore our suffering. Truly, by His wounds, we are healed.

This coronavirus pandemic has surfaced so cruelly during this Holy Season of Lent, a time of penance and of grace. Lent continuously places before us the ideas of sacrifice and self-denial by which we are called to unite ourselves more closely to the Cross of Christ, in the hope of sharing in His glory. In this difficult time, we must sacrifice: giving-up our normal routine, giving-away our fears to the Lord, and giving-over our desire to stockpile. Sadly, this also includes giving-up attending Holy Mass, something none of us desire or ever anticipated. Yet, we must pick up the cross and carry it, if only for a short while.

God has not abandoned us, my friends, as He did not abandon His Son on Calvary. He is with us in our sacrifice. And by His grace, we will rise from this adversity, purified and ready to receive Him again when we gather for communion.

Saint Paul wrote, “Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer.” This is good advice from one who knew suffering, and good advice for all us.

Peace,

Fr. Gregg