Pastor’s Corner

Stay with us. These days, the advice to “stay” is everywhere. Best health practice counsels to: “stay home,” “stay six feet away,” and “stay safe.” The hope is that by “staying,” we can stem the tide of infection during the search for a remedy. Although “staying” is not a cure in itself, it is a necessary means by which public health and wholeness can be restored. There is a power in “staying.”

In the Gospel, we have an illuminative example of “staying” power. The story begins with flight. Jesus’ disciples, Cleopas and his companion, trudge the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. In the wake of the crucifixion, they are fleeing from Jerusalem with heavy hearts. They fear for their lives, they are ashamed that they abandoned their master in his hour of need, and they stew in the dejection of their shattered dreams of Christ as a political liberator. In the midst of the shadow of the cross, they encounter the Risen Christ who enters into their conversation and begins to explain the mysteries of salvation. Though they do not recognize Jesus, when they come to the crossroads, they are reluctant to part ways and so they say to Jesus: “Stay with us.” Though they do not fully realize what they are asking, nor do they know what the result of this invitation will be, request to “stay” makes all the difference. Their hearts have begun to heal and, in this moment, they are hungry for more.

By naming their need for Jesus to “stay,” they are rewarded with blessings beyond their imagining. As Jesus stays with them, he also breaks bread with them. In this action, He leaves them the gift of the Eucharist, His sacramental presence to be eaten and shared. In this moment, the disciples recognize the Risen Lord and, since his sacramental presence remains in them, He disappears. He no longer needs to be physically present, for he is now living within them. Filled with His presence, their response is immediate and decisive. They can no longer simply stay stuck in their fears and doubts. They jump up and race back to the small, isolated community locked in the Upper Room to share their encounter. The Passover bread that they share is no longer simply bread, but is the substance of Christ himself which unites them both with Christ and with one another. By asking Jesus to “stay with us,”
Cleopas and his friend get more than they could dream. Jesus comes alive and remains within them. Later, as they reflect on their journey, they come to realize that, even though they didn’t initially recognize Jesus, He was with them and their hearts were “burning within them.” To ask Jesus to stay is to experience the healing, restoring fire of his love.

Like the disciples traveling the Emmaus road, we travel the journey of Easter in the shadow of the cross. We might be carrying fears, frustration, and guilt during this time when we “stay in place.” Especially for us who are in the habit of receiving communion regularly, we mourn the loss of being able to sacramentally receive the Body and Blood of Jesus. And yet, Jesus offers us His presence in our lives. When we ask Jesus to “stay with us,” He will. When we ask Him to give us the strength to journey life’s road amid the anxieties and burdens of pandemic, He will.

A very simple prayer that I often call to mind right after I receive communion is the words of the disciples: “Stay with me, Lord.” I invite you to join me in the prayer. Although public sacramental communion is not possible, when the priest leads spiritual communion at Mass, join me in praying: “Stay with me, Lord.” As you go about the routine of the day invite Jesus with the words: “Stay with me, Lord.” As you wake in morning and retire in evening call upon the strength of his presence: “Stay with me, Lord.” And expect Christ to set your heart afire with his love.

~Fr. Michael

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**ST. DOMINIC’S CHURCH HOURS:**

12:00 NOON TO 5:00 PM

**LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**
- Morning Prayer: 7:15 am
- Mass: 8:00 am
- Evening Prayer: 5:00 pm

**SATURDAY**
- Morning Prayer: 8:00 AM
- Mass: 9:00 AM
- Evening Prayer: 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY**
- Morning Prayer: 9:00 am
- Mass: 10:00 am
- Evening Prayer: 5:00 pm
- Mass: 5:30 pm

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass Intentions are available online. Visit the parish website: www.stdominics.org, scroll down and click the Mass Intention link.

- Enter the name of an individual or a family.
- Indicate Living or Deceased.
- The Mass will be scheduled on a first available date basis. You will receive an email notifying the date of your Mass intention.
- We are blessed to have many concelebrants at our 8:00 am weekday, 9:00 am Saturday and 10:00 am Sunday
Masses to pray for the Intentions of the day.

**PRAYER FOR ST. RAPHAEL’S INTERCESSION**

Good Saint Raphael, blessed archangel, who healed the earth, we humbly implore your powerful intercession with Jesus through Mary. We pray for the healing of the sick, and for safety and good health for all from the corona virus.

Bless our doctors and nurses; receive the souls of the dead into their heavenly reward and console all who are in pain or mourn.

We ask these intercessions through the merits of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**PARISH ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM.** Become a supporting member of the parish through our online giving program, *e-Offering.* Make one-time or recurring donations for Sunday offerings, Community Outreach Services, Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, and other programs. Make your donations through a checking account or credit card: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover accepted. Visit our website: www.stdominics.org and click the DONATE button on the top bar on the homepage to get started. Or visit the parish office and complete a brochure. Thank you for your stewardship!

**CASHLESS GIVING:** Want to make a donation but forgot your wallet? Don’t carry cash? St. Dominic’s has two additional way you can donate.

**VENMO:** Our name = Saint Dominics, or our username = @stdominics. Just download the App to start making your donation. Thank you for your support of St. Dominic’s Church!

**PAYPAL:** Donation links are available on our YouTube Channel for all our live streamed and recorded liturgies. Our PayPal address is: paypal@stdominics.org

**PARISH EMAIL:** Sign up for the parish email list by visiting our website: www.stdominics.org.

- Scroll to the bottom of the homepage.
- Click **RESOURCES**
- Click **Email Lists**

You will be taken to the area to sign up.

**CHILDREN & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-based curriculum that uses a
hands-on approach to pass on the faith to our children. Using materials beautifully created by our own parish artists and catechists, children explore the life and teachings of Jesus, the items and gestures of the Mass, the history of salvation, and the Kingdom of God. We have had a Level 1 Atrium for 3-6 year olds for the past 12 years. This year, St. Dominic's has been working hard to take it to the next level with a Level 2 Atrium for 6-9 year olds in our First Communion class, and our hope is to one day have a Level 3 Atrium for 9-12 year olds. Thanks to the incredibly generous donations of many, we have raised the funds to grow our program. We are now looking for volunteer catechists willing to learn this beautiful method of passing on the faith to the future of our Church. The training for the catechists is so enriching that Mother Teresa insisted that all novices in the Missionaries of Charity receive this formation to deepen their own faith lives - that's how powerful it is! St. John Paul the Great, after viewing the Atrium in Rome said, "That is the most beautiful homily I have ever witnessed. It is proof that really the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to the children."

We have two catechist formations this summer. Each level has 12 days of formation in order to be certified, split over two summers.

- Level 1, Part 1 will be taught by Dr. Ruth Ohm Sutherland, Friday, June 26 - Wednesday, July 1, 2020.
- Our Level 2, Part 1 formation will be taught by Jennifer Bell and Emma Kane from Monday, August 17 - Saturday, August 22, 2020.

Registration and details will be available soon. Please contact Kathleen Folan if you are interested and/or to apply to be a catechist for the 2020-21 school year. kathy@stdominics.org or (415) 567-7824 x111.

**COMMUNITY LIFE**

**PARISH REGISTRATION.** Did you receive Fr. Michael’s Easter Letter? If not, perhaps you are have not officially registered. Visit our website, www.stdominics.org to download the Parish Registration form. Mail it back or email it to info@stdominics.org. We’ll process it and get you set up. Thank you!

**FRIENDS IN CHRIST.** The Friends in Christ group continues Stations of the Cross on Friday. For more information on how to be a part of this liturgy, email the group at FIC@stdominics.org.

**OUTREACH**

**FOOD BANK.** As of Monday, April 13, the San Francisco Marin Food Bank at St. Dominic’s resumed limited operations. The Food Bank team hand out prepared grocery food bags to participants in the program who show proper identification.
For more information on the San Francisco Marin Food Bank on how to support or be a participant, visit their website: https://www.sfmfoodbank.org/

ST. DOMINIC’S HOMEBOUND AND NURSING HOME MINISTRY. There are a number of nursing homes in our parish boundaries. For those of you who would like to visit the sick and elderly, as well to give communion and help Fr. Christopher Wetzel and Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano with saying Mass at these various places, call the parish office at (415) 567-7824 and leave a message for Fr. Christopher or email him directly at frchristopher@stdominics.org. Nursing Home Ministry is currently suspended.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR COMPANIONS FOR HEALTHCARE. Many of our parishioners have difficulty getting to their medical appointments. Ministering in Companions for Healthcare needs 1-3 hours of your time. The parishioners are grateful because of their needs they do not have to navigate public transportation or ridesharing. Connecting with the parishioner for a short car ride is very rewarding. Can you help out a parishioner who needs assistance getting to medical appointments? Do you have an employer that can give you volunteer hours so you can give a ride? Do you have a couple of hours during the day? All rides are arranged in advance and can be scheduled around your availability. Please volunteer by contacting Mary Lou at c4h.sd@gmail.com.

COMPANIONS FOR HEALTH CARE. We seek to companion and support St. Dominic’s parishioners through the medical care system by assisting, clarifying, or instructing. If you need assistance or support navigating medical appointments or transportation to and from outpatient procedures, call (415) 567-7824 ext. 106 or email c4health.sd@gmail.com.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS! Do you need a ride to and from medical appointments?
- We have a call list of 14 volunteers and 8 ready and willing volunteers
- Call our Companions for Healthcare number, (415) 567-7824 ext. 106 or email at c4health.sd@gmail.com today! Please give 3-5 days ADVANCE notice so that we can arrange a ride.

LIMA CENTER’S ONGOING CLOTHING AND TOILETRY DRIVE Our drop-in center for the homeless is always in need of men's new underwear, socks, t-shirts, jeans (sizes 30 – 34) and toiletry items (such as travel size shampoo, deodorant and razors). Check out our online wish lists to see what we need and get it shipped directly to the Lima Center. Or, check them when you're out shopping and then drop off your donation at the Parish Office. Due to space constraints, we cannot accept dress slacks and shirts, women's or children's clothing. Thank you for your support through all the seasons.

Dollar Days (get an instant tax-receipt)
LIMA CENTER. Our homeless outreach program continues to function with reduced services, giving out a hot meal, sandwiches, and snack bags to the homeless from 10:00 – 11:00 am Tuesday through Friday. We assist approximately 25-45 guests who drop by each day.

We could use help obtaining items for distribution. We need sandwich fixings: sliced bread, lunch meat, sliced cheese, mayo, mustard, peanut butter and jelly.

We also need items for the snack bags and distribution of the hot food that is being prepared. Check out what we need on our Amazon Wishlist.

LIMA CENTER SUPPORT. Frank Wercinski, a high school student and member of our community, is coordinating our COVID-19 Lima Center Food Drive. He is reaching out to his classmates and other organizations so that we can continue to serve those living on the streets, giving out a hot meal, sandwiches and snack bags to the homeless from 10:00 – 11:00 am every Tuesday through Friday.

If you’d like to get involved, we could use items for making sandwiches, as well as snacks like those on our Wishlist.

Go to Frank's Google Form to let us know how you'll be donating. We could also use help retrieving items, so if you'd be willing to pick up donations in your neighborhood, click here.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION EMAILS: If you would like to receive a short daily spiritual reflection to start your weekday, email Deacon Dan Rosen at deacondan@stdominics.org

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE. A spiritual director accompanies you in your prayer relationship with God and helps you discern the movement of the Holy Spirit in your life. A spiritual guide offers spiritual counsel and wisdom. St. Dominic’s has two
trained, experienced parishioners who have offered their time at no cost. For Spiritual Direction, call Diana Robinson at (415) 730-4783 or email gioia1106@gmail.com. For Spiritual Guidance, call Alfredo Neira at (415) 515-1650 or email aeneira@yahoo.com.

INNER HEALING. A giant leap towards holiness requires a spiritual, intellectual, and ecclesial undertaking. “For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Eph 6:12). Authority and the sword of the Holy Spirit accompany each child of God. Learn to pray with success in the Most Holy Name of Jesus for victory with the 5 Gospel Keys in the UNBOUND prayer model. Don’t be unarmed this LENT without the assistance of the church, as you contend for holiness with the reality of the spiritual warfare inside yourself, within your family and in others.

After this year’s flu season, the Freedom in Christ Conference will be rescheduled. However, the battle for our souls is daily and unavoidable. Arm yourself with a private UNBOUND prayer session at 5keystofreedom.com or call 424.IAM.FREE (424.426.3733)

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SPES SALVI: “In hope we are saved!” Weekly on Tuesdays, started April 21, 7:00 pm, online faith study: stdominics.whereby.com/spesalvi Go deeper this Easter to truly understand what it means to live as a witness to the HOPE we have in Jesus Christ - an important message that is especially needed in our lives right now as we are faced with so much uncertainty especially during this time of suffering and need.

Using the wisdom of Pope Benedict XVI, Catholic lay missionary and international speaker Tricia Bolle will be leading a 6-week faith study on the virtue of HOPE based on the papal encyclical SPE SALVI. Come join us and learn about how Christ is calling you to be a witness to His hope!
For more information, email Daniel Wandres at danielpj@stdominics.org or Tricia Bolle, tricia@laymissionary.org.

**SHRINE OF ST. JUDE**

The Shrine of St. Jude gift store is closed. Candles are available by calling The St. Jude Shrine Office at (415) 931-5919 or visit their online store: [https://store.stjude-shrine.org/](https://store.stjude-shrine.org/). The candles will be lit in the church by a Shrine of St. Jude staff member or a Dominican friar.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**Help Students with Homework:**

Maureen & Craig Sullivan Youth Program. Monday – Friday, 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Catholic Charities CYO Home, 10th & Mission, San Francisco. Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help 3-5th graders with reading and homework at our Maureen and Craig Sullivan Youth Program. Make a difference by helping our staff provide academic enrichment activities that address educational gaps and shape the future for these children. A commitment of once a week is desired. Contact Brandon Shepard at BShepard@catholiccharitiessf.org or call (415) 972-1274 to learn more.

**Volunteer with Seniors at Catholic Charities Adult Day Services.** Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Volunteers help the Catholic Charities with enrichment activities for adults and seniors with memory issues. Hours and days are flexible hours, a commitment of once a week is desired. Contact Brandon Shepard BShepard@catholiccharitiessf.org or call (415) 972-1274 to learn more.

**Catholic Charities Leland House:**

Celebrate resident’s birthdays. Bring sweets and birthday cards to celebrate the birthdays happening that month for formerly homeless residents living with chronic HIV/AIDS at Catholic Charities Leland House in San Francisco.

Contact Volunteer Manager Carol Laughlin at CLaughlin@catholiccharitiessf.org or (415) 972-1236 to sign up for the monthly celebration or to learn more. Or provide companionship to residents by playing cards, bingo, board games or just chatting – your company is so valuable. Hours and days are flexible. A commitment of twice a month or more is desired. Contact Brandon Shepard at BShepard@catholiccharitiessf.org or call (415) 972-1274 to learn more.
AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 Third Sunday of Easter
Ac 10:34, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8 Jn 20:1-9
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Pro Populo; Constancia Castro Mendoza†; Ramírez Castellanos Family†; Josefine Papanggo; Marcos Mendoza†
❖ Church hours: 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm
❖ Morning Prayer (live stream):9:00 am
❖ Mass (live stream): 10:00 am
❖ Evening Prayer (live stream): 5:00 pm
❖ Mass (live stream): 5:30 pm

MONDAY, APRIL 27
Ac 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Thomas A. Sullivan†; Kevin Kennedy
❖ Church hours: 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm
❖ Morning Prayer (live stream): 7:15 am
❖ Mass (live stream): 8:00 am
❖ Evening Prayer (live stream): 5:00 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 28
Ac 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab+7b+8a, 17+21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Mrs. Nelly Castro; Mr. Rodrigo Castro
❖ Church hours: 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm
❖ Morning Prayer (live stream): 7:15 am
❖ Mass (live stream): 8:00 am
❖ Evening Prayer (live stream): 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin & Doctor of the Church
Rv 1:5-8 or Col 1:24-29 or 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9,13-14,17-18a or Ps 21: 23-24,26-27,28,31-32; Jn7:14b-18, 37b-39 or Jn 17:1-11, or Jn 14:21-26
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Elizabeth Tong; The Kennedy, Castro, Beck, Eclipse & Hall Families
❖ Church hours: 12:00 Noon to 5:00 pm
❖ Morning Prayer (live stream): 7:15 am
❖ Mass (live stream): 8:00 am
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THURSDAY, APRIL 30 St. Pius V, Pope
Ac 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Our daughters: Simone, Giselle & Remy Kennedy; Kevin & Bernadette Kennedy (Marriage)
❖ Church hours: 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm
❖ Morning Prayer (live stream): 7:15 am
❖ Mass (live stream): 8:00 am
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FRIDAY, MAY 1
Ac 9:1-20; Ps 117:1, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Mary Ellen Taylor†; Lynda Smythe†; Deceased Dominicans, family, friends and benefactors
❖ Church hours: 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm
❖ Morning Prayer (live stream): 7:15 am
❖ Mass (live stream): 8:00 am
❖ Evening Prayer (live stream): 5:00 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 2 St. Athanasius, bishop and doctor
Ac 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Bernadette Kennedy
❖ Church hours: 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm
❖ Morning Prayer (live stream): 8:00 am
❖ Mass (live stream): 9:00 am
❖ Evening Prayer (live stream): 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter
Ac 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10 or, in Year A, Jn 10:11-18
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Pro Populo; Clyde Valdez†; Irma Elena Steiner†; Brooks Patrick Casey†; Ann Merrill (Death anniversary)†
❖ Church hours: 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm
❖ Morning Prayer (live stream): 9:00 am
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PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS:
**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**MASSES & LITURGIES**

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**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

- Monthly: First Saturday after the 8:00 am Mass.

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

- Morning Prayer: Weekdays 7:15 am
- Evening Prayer: Daily 5:00 pm

**ROSARY**

- Weekdays: After the 8:00 am Mass
- Saturday: 7:40 am before the 8:00 am Mass
- Sunday: 4:00 pm, after the St. Jude Pilgrim Mass

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

- Sunday: Thirty minutes before Mass including Saturday Vigil Mass
- Weekdays: Call for an appointment, (415) 567-7824

**PARISH OFFICE**

- Telephone: (415) 567-7824
- Monday: CLOSED until April 7, 2020
- Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
- Closed for lunch 12:30 – 1:30 pm
- Saturday & Sunday: 9:30 am – 5:30 pm
- Closed for lunch 12:30 – 1:30 pm
- Website: www.stdominics.org
- Email: info@stdominics.org
- Bulletin: bulletin@stdominics.org
- Pastor’s email: frmichael@stdominics.org

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**AT A GLANCE**


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**PRAY ESPECIALLY DURING THIS TIME**

Doctors, nurses & health care professionals; first responders

**PRAY FOR OUR DEAD:**

Ms. Patricia Allen, Raymond Aguilar

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**Eileen Magnes-Salcido, Sue Mangiameli, Rose Claire Mangini, Marilyn McIntyre, Michele McLaughlin, Lily Mejia, Stacy Middleton, Martha Montenegro, Sheila Doyle O’Day, David Oliverio, Janet Paige, Elaine Pastale, Ron Peterson, Sarah Plantenberg, Tim Pursell, Janel Rhea, Linda Rivera, Karl Rock, Leonor Rouse, Maria Salas, Connie Scheidecker, Stephen Styczynski, Rose Sullivan, Harry Sweet, Lori Thelem, Roosevelt & Victoria Thomas, John Tusch, Teola Watson, Charles Williams, Jerome Williams, Hana Yago and the sick who are homebound, in nursing homes and hospitals.**

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Ms. Patricia Allen, Raymond Aguilar
Dear St. Dominic’s Community,

As you are aware, the Bay Area counties have issued a “shelter in place” order for the purpose of limiting the spread of the coronavirus. Based on this new ordinance and in consultation with the Archdiocese, I want to keep you updated on the latest with regard to our schedule.

**Masses/Confessions:** All daily and weekend public Masses and Confessions are suspended until at least Tuesday, April 7; however, the priests of St. Dominic’s will continue to celebrate Mass and honor all the intentions for the daily and weekend Masses. Every day for at least the next three weeks, we will live stream one mass daily at 8:00 am (approximately). The live stream will begin at 7:15 am with our chanted Morning Prayer followed by Mass. At 5:00 pm, we will be livestreaming our Evening Prayers. These liturgies will be hosted at our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCljNGvGWjigSdWVDjcaeHRA

Also, I made a video, in conjunction with our Province, on how to make a spiritual communion. For the video in its entirety, and other spiritual resources in the face of this pandemic, visit: https://www.opwest.org/coronavirus/.

Moreover, you can keep connected with preaching and spiritual support and resource through our podcast:


**Lima Center:** We will continue to serve our homeless and at-risk guests. Our services and hours will be modified to ensure health of both our volunteers and guests. We will give “to-go” food boxes Tuesday – Friday from 10:00 – 11:00 am. Also those in need of gift cards or food bags can call (415) 567-7824 to make an appointment for pick up.

**Parish Office:** The parish office will continue to be closed until at least May 3rd. We will be checking email and voicemail throughout the day. For emergencies, call (415) 567-7824 and our answering service can direct you directly to a Dominican friar.

**Parish Events:** All parish events onsite are suspended. There are some groups that are connecting virtually to pray and connect. For example, if you would like to join in virtual Stations of the Cross or Rosary email our Friends in Christ group at: fic@stdominics.org

As other opportunities for virtual prayer and connection emerge, they will be announced on our website https://stdominics.org.

**Church Availability:** Our beautiful St. Dominic Church will remain open as a place for private prayer from 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm. For those of us who are feeling disconnected in this time of prudent “self-distancing,” I invite you to come and connect with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Find a quiet place to pray. Lift your heart to Lord. We’re open so you can connect.

Finally, as I noted in my previous letter, we should never doubt the power of prayer. As a parish, we are asking God thought the intercession of St. Raphael for protection and healing from the coronavirus. I invite you to join me in this daily prayer.


~ Fr. Michael