

My dear friends in Christ,

I hope and pray that you are staying safe and healthy during this time of challenge and difficulty!

Our Lenten journey: from SLAVERY TO FREEDOM, has given us a new reality and dimension with our current situation. In fact it has given a new meaning to the phrase “we are in the wilderness, in the desert!” With Covid-19 with us, yes we are “in the wilderness, in the desert” battling the many temptations and challenges before us.

It has been very hard trying to deal with it every day. Many of us are responding and reacting to this with different spirit and creativity. This “wilderness experience” brought about by this crisis is certainly a great battleground for us. It is great test of our faith! Every hour and every minute the numbers of cases and death grow with tremendous impact on people, family and the community.

This really a time of uncertainty! And many of us are using this time to reflect on the meaning of life, our faith, our relationship with one another and with God.

Here we are entering into the holiest week of our liturgical year!

I hope and pray that you have taken all the necessary actions and steps to be with us during this time of challenge and contemplation.

The Holy Week is really a beautiful time to just relax, to spend time in prayer and to reflect of the goodness of our God and how our God has touched our very being through the person of Jesus! To be holy is our goal and should be our identity!

In spite of the ugliness of this Covid-19 pandemic, I see hope and beauty and I see more goodness in the world. I see family and friends connecting with each other more even when they are physically apart through the power of Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, email, telephone calls, Facetime, Viber, etc. and sharing comforting words of love and support. People are offering prayers for one another. People have shown great discipline and patience. Enemies at one point have reached out to forgive each other! I have received many words of gratitude and appreciation thanking those who have been helping me LIVE STREAM our masses on YouTube and on our FACEBOOK PAGE.

I would like to thank Myrtle Dawana, Eric Fernandez and Ricky de los Reyes! These are the people behind the scene!

Please join us during these celebrations LIVE STREAM on our YOUTUBE Channel and on our FACEBOOK Page. Please SUBSCRIBE on our YouTube Channel!

The EASTER TRIDUUM (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) is the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ: his LIFE, DEATH AND

RESURRECTION! It is a powerful and grace-filled moment in the life of the Church. Here we are drawn to the transforming mystery of his LOVE! The second Vatican Council document on liturgical matters talks about the importance in celebrating the Easter Triduum with great reverence and solemnity! It says, "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life!"

These are the schedule of our services all LIVE BROADCAST:

Holy Thursday----7:30pm

Good Friday: 12noon-----Stations of the Cross

3pm-----The Passion of the Lord and

Veneration of the Cross

Easter Vigil-----7pm

Easter Sunday----10am

I would like to thank Neal Pierce for his great help working behind the scene and also all the lectors that have volunteered to proclaim the word of God during this most difficult time.

***On behalf of Fr. Francisco, Fr. Anthony, Deacon Ben, the Pastoral Staff, the Finance Council, the Facilities Committee, the Pastoral Council, I would like to greet you all-----
HAPPY EASTER!***

In Christ,

Fr. Geoffrey

P.S The palm leaves will be blessed during the mass on Palm Sunday but they will not be left outside for people to pick up. They will be distributed when it is the right time! When everything has returned to normal!