



Dear Parishioners,

Peace be with you. This period in our Church history seems so surreal. Let this be part of our Lenten and Desert Experience. Like Jesus we can also utter the Psalm 22:2 “*My God, My God why have you forsaken me.*” It’s in these moments that God is right here with us.

God has a plan and God will make a way. With the call of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving we continue to do our very best to live up to this call in our everyday living. The call to prayer is for everyone, irrespective of race, color, cult and creed. Take this moment of grace to be more prayerful and recollected. Let us remember all those effected by this virus especially everyone in the frontline, doctors, nurses and care-givers.

The call to fast in even a deeper form of prayer when people are all scrounging and hoarding food in sheer excess. Let us be mindful of the needs of others. And the call to almsgiving is so relevant because the poor are affected the most.

Let us as a community walk this road never taken ever before and be in solidarity with the rest of the world. It is a walk in faith and we take the example and life of Jesus as our only guide.

The Church will remain closed but you can call the office for any emergencies especially for funerals. Please go to our **website: www.omphip.org** for any new announcements. You are still remembered in our masses although we cannot celebrate together as a family and community. Jesus walks with us and He assures that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Romans 8:38-39. “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

We will come again together to celebrate the Eucharist, better and stronger. I believe in the Resurrection. On behalf of Fr. Philip Lai and my Redemptorist Community I wish to thank you for your prayerful support and understanding. We shall overcome this pandemic that has gripped the world in so much fear. May the peace of Christ live in our hearts. May Mary Our Mother of Perpetual Help and St. Alphonsus continue to pray with us and for us.

In Him there is fullness of Redemption.

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