

### **A Message from Father Harrison**



For the duration of this virus epidemic we will not be able to celebrate any public Masses until some date to be announced in the future. I encourage everyone to pray daily, read the Scriptures, and refer to the Archdiocesan web site for many useful resources to help with your spiritual growth while we wait for the opportunity to get back the Eucharist.

It is a difficult time for us when we usually look forward to this holiest moment of our faith. However, we can still benefit from other spiritual exercises that can be done in our home: the family rosary; watching Mass at the cathedral or streamed from some other churches; listening to homilies and talks available on FORMED and other sites that can be found on the archdiocesan websites; and family discussions with the children about the meaning of Holy Week and Easter without the familiar elements that accompany our celebrations. All this and many more activities can still allow us to grow in the faith.

#### **Regarding Presentation BMV Parish:**

- The chapel will be open from 8 am until 7 pm daily for personal prayer. Should the chapel become too crowded, the Church will open for the same hours;
- Blessed Palm will be available on Palm Sunday eve in the vestibule of the church from 4 pm - 6 pm, and again on Palm Sunday morning from 8 am - 1 pm.
- Confessions will be heard at the usual time, 4 pm - 4:45 pm on Saturday, April 4; and from 4 pm - 5 pm on Saturday, April 11, the vigil of Easter.
- The blessing of Easter foods will take place at 5 pm on Saturday, April 11, the vigil of Easter.

Please keep in mind that God is still working through this difficult time in the hearts of each of us. Even though this is so very different from anything that any of us have ever experienced, He can make this "journey through the desert" a time of great mystical power. We must give Him a chance to surprise us!