

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Lent is the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving; a time of preparation for the Holy Week when we meditate on the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. None of us knew on Ash Wednesday that this would be a Lent like no other, when the entire world would be engulfed by a new, potentially life-threatening illness, coronavirus pandemic. Let us be assured that God loves and cares for each of us in every circumstance. He accompanies all of us in the journey of life with His compassionate mercy.

His Excellency, Bishop Edward K Braxton is dispensing all Catholics in the Diocese of Belleville from the obligation of participating in the Sunday Eucharist effective immediately. All public celebrations of the Liturgy, as well as Liturgy of the Hours, Stations of the Cross and all other group activities attended by more than ten people are suspended at this time.

I have posted for your reading and reflection a summary of the Sunday Homily for March 22 (Lent IV Sunday). I will be posting the homily on our website every Sunday during this period.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS : I would like to remind all our parishioners that your financial support remains an integral part of parish life and the continued operation of our parish and its mission of Christian service. Please continue giving your time, talent and treasure at this difficult time. You may send your weekly contribution envelopes either by mail or drop-off in the mail box. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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Pastor

Spiritual Resources:

1. Televised Celebration of the Eucharist: EWTN TV Channel : www.ewtn.com
2. Catholic TV : www.Catholictv.org
3. Bishop Robert Barron, Word on fire, posts a daily celebration of Eucharist at 7.15 AM www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/
4. Diocesan website: www.diobelle.org