

April 24, 2020

Dear Friends, Blessings to all of you!

Another week has passed in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. I pray that everyone is finding their way through these challenging times.

In prayer today, a thought occurred to me. Perhaps we are being called to intentionally embrace these inconveniences and sufferings (our daily Cross) as a way to strip ourselves of those things which are not truly essential; to awaken our tepid and lukewarm faith – which we all can take for granted; to pray for *more* privations and a greater spirit of detachment; and to become truly humble and pure of heart.

All this helps us in our life-long journey of discipleship. It is what forms, strengthens, and nourishes ourselves for living out our baptismal call to be genuinely holy, prophetic, and self-giving witnesses to the risen Christ.

A few updates and reminders:

Gather Hymnals:

We are changing out our “Gather” hymnals with a new hymnal called “Worship Now”. The Gather hymnals were published in 1994. In 2000, many of these hymnals were donated as memorials on behalf of others by a number of our parishioners.

If any of you had donated hymnals and would like to have them, we are happy to make them available to you. Otherwise we will be seeking to either give them away or recycle them. They have served us well over the years, but it has come time to adopt some newer resources. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in acquiring one of the memorial hymnals. The deadline will be **Monday, May 4th**.

Liturgy & Prayer Schedule:

- Monday – Friday (8:30am – 4:00pm): The church is open for private prayer.
- Friday - (9:00am – 10:30am): Individual Confessions in the church.
- Saturday – (3:00pm – 4:30pm): Individual Confessions in the church.
- Saturday – (5:00pm): Livestreaming and recording of the Sunday Mass

Q&A with Fr. Dave

Please send us any questions (practical, spiritual, or theological) to which you would like me to respond. I would like to put my responses in the bulletin and on our social media resources. It could be a fun way to connect! Email [Cindy Miller here](#).