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Re: COVID-19

My dear parishioners:

This brief letter is sent to the many families who do not have access to internet or modern-day instant messaging from Bishop Bergie or myself. All the news of contagion/infection is alarming, especially when so many Italians (including priests) have died. The world and the Church have experienced plagues in the past. What did Catholic bishops and priests do? They implored the mercy of God. They PRAYED. We must pray the ROSARY every day as Our Lady of Fatima instructed the three children – Lucia, Jacinta & Francisco in 1917.

More than ever, we do not panic, we do not blame Almighty God. We must return to the "real" life God has called us to live. Our church is open on some mornings for individual souls to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (we have to spread out & not be near another person). ONLY JESUS and the SORROWFUL MOTHER MARY can get us through this uncertain and unprecedented time. "JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU." Bishops have CANCELLED all Holy Week & Easter Masses, Confirmations, gatherings of any sort. When we have the all-clear to assemble again, you will be informed.

If you need to phone and speak with me or email, please do so. If I don't answer, do leave your name and number and I will return your call. May God bless and protect you and your families.

Sincerely in Jesus, Mary, St. Joseph & St. Therese,

Rev. Michael Andrysiak, Pastor St. Therese of Lisieux Church