

**Wednesday, April 8th, 2020** - Lent 2020 has been like no other. The Coronavirus came upon us, and we were all ill-prepared to deal with the effects. In spite of everyone having to adjust their lives, the Lenten Season has continued. We are now in the last hours of Lent 2020. I want to encourage each of you to continue to make it fruitful. Don't let anything get in the way of disrupting your faith and love for God.

Adjusting to the rapidly changing requirements from the government and from the diocese has disrupted many normal practices for most of us. The uncertainty of our future and how all of this will affect each of our futures is unknown. But one thing we can be certain of is that God is constant. God is always with us. God loves us. God will never abandon us. God will provide all that we need. God asks us to have faith in Him and to trust in Him. Please do not lose hope. When things seem gloomy and despair wants to creep in, resist them and turn all the more to God in your prayer.

I have been trying to pray an additional rosary or two for each of you every day. Some days I get three or four rosaries in, and other days I get only one or two. Know that every day in my prayer, I lift all of you up to God. I pray the five different Liturgy of the Hours (Prayer of the Church), and I celebrate Mass each day in private as well. Each of you are always present in those prayers. We will get through this with the grace of God.

A peek ahead, on Good Friday, the devotional practice of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Novena begins and leads up to Divine Mercy Sunday. Please join in this Divine Mercy Novena, and let the office know if you need any additional information regard the Novena and Divine Mercy Sunday.

In Christ,

Fr. Dan