

April 10th, 2020

Dear All,

It's highly unusual for us to keep Holy Week in such a limited way, and many have observed what bad timing for the virus to hit and prevent us from being together for these most holy days of the year. But I think we need Holy Week now more than ever: as we draw near Jesus in his sufferings, we find him drawing near to us in ours. And as we celebrate his resurrection, we find reaffirmed the promise of his new, eternal life to us and to the whole world. That message is as welcome now as it ever was, no doubt more so to many of us.

I'll take this opportunity to thank publicly the six who have been coming to church these weeks of live-streaming: Lisa Key, Paul Porter, George Emblom, Kim Novak, Anna Weidman, and David Owens. The rules by which we can continue livestreaming services state that this group cannot change, and so most of them are in church probably far more than they might otherwise be! But there are many who are also working behind the scenes: Toni our administrator is tireless putting together leaflets and other communications, Todd Snow and the altar guild, Betsy Hada and the flower guild, and Joel our Sexton have all been keeping us going and deserve direct credit for whatever success the broadcasts have been. Thank you to them, and to all of you, for your prayers and your patience as we continue to figure out how we might offer worship as broadly as we might.

Just a further note about the YADAs -- they are also happy to help answer any technology questions you might have (in addition to groceries), and to help you connect to Zoom or the livestream if you'd like. Just reach out either directly to them (emails below) or else be in touch with me or Toni and we'll connect you.

Last and certainly not least, congratulations to Toni and Jesse on the birth of their daughter Josie! Josie arrived five weeks early but is hale and hearty, and has given us all a big shot of Easter joy. As you may have known, we were in the midst of planning a (virtual) baby shower for her before her due date, but that will now be a "post" baby shower!

With every good wish for a holy continuation of the Triduum, and a very happy Easter-

Yours faithfully,
Fr. Blake