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Dear Friends,

The spread of the COVID-19 has enormously impacted our families, our parish, our community, our country and the world significantly. Many of us feel isolated, anxious and fearful with the news constantly offering us the most severe scenarios of the pandemic surrounding us.

We enter into Holy Week and the Celebration of the Paschal Triduum with the Palm Sunday liturgy on April 5th. Unfortunately, our liturgical observance of the Lord's Passion, death and Resurrection will take place without the active participation of our parishioners. However, we have made arrangements to livestream all of our sacred liturgies. I invite you all to participate remotely in each of these liturgical celebrations during this Holy Week with renewed faith and trust in God.

Below you will find the schedule of the liturgical celebrations:

Palm Sunday

Celebration of Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the Passion of the Lord.

9:00 AM Holy Mass (English) 11:00 AM Holy Mass (Spanish)

On Palm Sunday, I ask that you join me holding a palm frond in your hand, while it is blessed at the livestream mass, or by placing a palm frond on your door (hopefully, you can find a palm frond from your yard). This virtual blessing of the palms will help us, despite the social distancing, to be connected as we enter into the Holiest of Weeks. We may be physically isolated, but not separated. We are united as the body of Christ.

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday: 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

Good Friday: 3:00 PM Service of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)

7:00 PM Service of the Lord's Passion (English)

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 8:00 PM Solemn Vigil celebration of the Lord's Resurrection (Bilingual)

Easter Sunday: 9:00 AM Holy Mass (English)

11:00 AM Holy Mass (Spanish)

I remind you to pray frequently and continue placing your trust in God, our true Lord and Savior. With Him, we will find comfort. I hope and pray that we can all gather once again before the altar of God in our parish church as soon as possible. May God continue to bless each one of you and your families in these difficult times.

Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and prayers. On behalf of all our priests, faculty and staff, I wish you and your families a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Fr. George