



St. Benedict

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY THE HOLY CROSS BE MY LIGHT

March 20, 2020

Dear parishioners of St. Benedict,

I have just returned from Melbourne, Australia having visited my Aunt Evelyn, who celebrated her 80th birthday. Due to the Coronavirus, I cut my visit short and was lucky to get home on American soil. I managed to get the last flight out of Melbourne to Los Angeles. I write this note to you under a self-imposed quarantine from my rectory.

First, I want to thank all of the staff, deacons and priests, for holding down the fort while I was away. I am totally appreciative of all they have done to serve and support our community of St. Benedict and beyond.

As you can imagine, this is a very fluid situation. We get constant updates from our Bishop and the Archdiocese. I want to reassure you that we are doing all we can to ensure the safety and health of our staff and parishioners.

- Our church remains open for private prayer from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day.
- Adoration begins Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church.
- No public masses on weekdays or weekends. Priests are saying private masses for those already intended, but these are private masses.
- Fr. Jack is live streaming masses at noon Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday.

As I write, we are awaiting some directives from the Bishop's Office regarding Holy Week.

Please continue to keep everyone in prayer and please know that we are praying for each other.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Paul A. Flood
Pastor