

Dear St. Rose and OLOR faithful.

What a Lent! Christ too endured 40 days of social isolation, privation and hunger as he battled the tempter and prepared for his public mission and ministry. Let's stay close to him in our isolation, privation and temptations and I pray gain spiritual strength while encountering ministering angels like he did. I prayed the Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass in my home chapel this morning with all of your intentions in mind. It's a special day for me as I celebrate the anniversary of my baptism in Montreal in 1961 with joyful thanksgiving for the gift of faith in Jesus and the close filial proximity of our Lord's foster father.

You've seen the Bishop's various memos advising of our response to the Provincial authority's directions and his prayerful consideration of our response within the Diocese. Fr. Michael, Cynthia and I met today to plan how to continue to care for our flocks somewhat remotely and with such a massive reduction in communal gathering. Here are some of our thoughts.

The Churches will be open for prayer and visits before the tabernacle of Jesus Eucharistic presence and OLOR will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.

**St Rose of Lima**

Wednesday 10-12      Friday 10-12

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Tuesday 9-3      Wednesday 9-3      Thursday 9-3      Friday 9-3      Sunday 9-1

The Lenten donation box is still available for gifts for D&P

Frs. Dean, Michael and Cynthia will be available for calls (Cynthia Tuesday through Friday mornings at the OLOR office) on our cell phones.

We would like to invite people who are able to volunteer with various tasks (i.e. drive shut ins to appointments, or buy and deliver groceries, office/Church tidying etc.) to send a note and we will compile a list. Conversely if you or anyone you're aware of needs some need met in the midst of this unprecedented season of caution, please let us know and we'll match up people. Thanks to those who have already signed up!

Attached to this email is a document with both TV and missal referrals for your prayer life in Lenten isolated wilderness.

I would also like to appeal to you to consider offering your tithes via PAD (pre authorized debit) to limit the financial impact on the parish. A form attached can be printed filled and sent by PDF back to our offices, or feel free to call and have Rita or Cynthia take your information. This will help keep the utilities paid, the staff funded and the Church prepared for the resumption of her worship, service, and varied ministries.

Blessings and peace to you and yours in Jesus' love,

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