

To All the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Thank you very much of your Easter Greetings and prayers! I did celebrate Holy Week and Easter at home, celebrating Mass privately and remember you too in my prayers. As St. Paul would say, My heart is with you though I am not with you. This a Holy Week that people of faith will always remember - not being allowed to come to the Church.

The Parish where my family belong did something; on Palm Sunday did the Mass in the Church privately and only those needed to assist the Mass were allowed with a loud speaker so that parishioners can hear and also live coverage on Face Book. The same thing on Holy Thursdays, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. On Holy Thursday after the private Mass in the Church there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament using a truck and parishioners were told to go out in front of their house with their candles as the Blessed Sacrament passes by, the same thing of Good Friday a procession of the Crucified Christ, and on Holy Saturday a procession of the Risen Christ. Jesus Resurrection from the dead reminds us that we are an Easter People - finding new life in the midst of tombs. Covid 19 is burying us but we discover new life, new meaning, new appreciation, and new hope.

May the Risen Christ bless us, strengthen our faith especially in this time of crisis, and empower us to be an Easter People! Alleluia!!!

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