



Reflection from Fr. Mike

As we experience all kinds of reactions to the Coronavirus spread, I am sharing what we have communicated at St. James, Liberty. Please understand that we don't want to spread the virus but still want to experience the Liturgy in its proper way. Of course, how people handle the information will vary. We feel these are practical suggestions.

We will continue to offer the Sign of Peace. Feel free to extend that gesture in whatever form you would like: by a nod, a bow, a 'fistbump', or a handshake. Try to be sensitive to how the person you are greeting accepts that.

We will continue to offer the Blood of Christ to the assembly. If you wish not to receive, we honor that decision.

As far as holding hands at the Our Father, if those around do not wish to, please honor that.

If you are elderly or have a compromised immune system, be assured you do not have to attend Mass. We will make every effort to see that the Eucharist is brought to your home.

The importance of gathering each and every Sunday is a vital part of our community. If you cannot attend or do not feel comfortable in church, please know our prayers are with you.

As more guidelines come from the Diocese, we will follow those the best way we can. In the meantime, let us pray for God's healing and protection upon our nation and the world in the midst of this Coronavirus scare.

It's been a while since we have filled out Stewardship cards and made a committed pledge to our parish community. We will have that opportunity on Sunday, March 29th.

Stewardship is sharing our 'time, talent and treasure.' We will address the time and talent part of stewardship in the Fall. But in the meantime, we ask that you pray and reflect on your hopes and dreams for St. James. Your commitment in returning a pledge card will help put those hopes and dreams in place. We will be able to continue to provide a community of faith that nurtures us and our families to live out God's Word!

Thanks to all who are so very committed to carrying out the message of Jesus this Lenten season, and in the words of St. Paul, 'May God continue the Good Work begun among us'.

Blessings, Fr. Mike