

Dear Parishioners,

During this Holy Week we are called to walk with Our Lord Jesus through his agony in the garden, the scourging, the crowning with thorns, his way of the cross and his death. We walk with him in view of the victory he won as he rose from the dead in glory.

We are called now to the cross in a particular way during this time of the coronavirus pandemic. How and when it will end we do not know. But it is the cross we have been given. May it bring us to repent of our sins in a greater way. May we trust Our Lord in a greater way and recognize his ultimate plan for us as we celebrate the Resurrection. Let us trust that God will bring a greater good through the time of illness.

Since we cannot come together for Holy Mass please pray each day with your family. Pray the rosary, watch the Mass on T.V./online. Participate in a livestream Holy Week liturgies with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. To join, visit the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend YouTube or Facebook pages by searching for "@diocesefwsb." These liturgies will also be broadcast on

Redeemer Radio. Other Holy Week opportunities can be found at [diocesefwsb.org/holyweek](http://diocesefwsb.org/holyweek) Pray for a Spiritual Communion since we cannot receive the Eucharist:

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

#### Special Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Know that I am praying for all of you. May the Grace and Peace of the Risen Lord be with you.

*Fr Paul*