

25 March 2020

*Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate what many in the Ancient Church considered to be the most important day in history, because Jesus' Incarnation in the womb of Mary was the sign of the beginning of our salvation!

### **Be not afraid!**

As the Angel Gabriel said to Mary, "Do not be afraid...for you have found favor with God." The message is the same for us today! Even in the midst of a pandemic, self-isolation, economic distress, and other things that are part of living in our fallen world, we are not afraid because we, too, have found favor with God. Because of Mary's *fiat*, Jesus has come into our world, fulfilled God's Promise to us, and we know that have been saved from sin, death, and all evil!

### **"Stay Home, Stay Healthy"**

Governor Inslee's order for us to stay home in order to limit the spread of the virus means a few more changes for our church. The first is that the Parish Office will be closed until the governor's order is lifted. Our amazing parish staff is continuing to minister from home, utilizing the gift of technology to keep ministries going. You can contact any of them through their e-mail. If you have been mailing your contributions to the Parish Office, please know that we will continue to regularly check mail, so we will still be able to receive them. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Church is open!**

Our church remains open for private prayer! The church will be open **10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. every day of the week**. You can also enjoy prayer in our Grotto (behind the Church, to the west).

We are not permitted to have any kind of scheduled liturgies. Therefore, there will be no Adoration on Wednesdays, and no Confessions on Saturdays or First Fridays until the governor's order is lifted. I am available for individual appointments for both Confession and Anointing of the Sick. Please send me a message to schedule.

### **Live-stream Mass**

Mass will continue to be live-streamed on our YouTube Channel **at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday and every day of the week**. You can also watch the recordings at any time. See the parish website for links to prayers and song sheets to help you participate.

Please keep up your prayers and be well! In particular, let's keep praying the *Angelus* and *Our Lady of Seattle Prayer* every day at 12:00 noon.

Our Lady of Seattle, Undoer of Knots, and Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Fr. Chad Green