March 20, 2020

My dear parishioners,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8)!

Our staff at Annunciation Catholic School and their teachers are working on curriculum for students to be able to work at home. Our religious education programs and confirmation program are working on online lessons so that your children can continue their faith formation. We have the opportunity through email and Flocknote to be able to communicate with the parish as a whole and Formed.org gives us a wonderful opportunity to study our faith individually in many ways. Currently, the church remains open for private devotions as we now move forward in the grace of God.

With that being said, the operation of the church is still at work and thus needs your support to continue. I am reaching out to you today to invite you to consider continuing your tithing to the church so that we can go forward with our day to day operations. The parish of Our Lady of the Annunciation offers parishioners the ability to tithe online. We work with a third-party company called Our Sunday Visitor. Parishioners can sign up for an account with Our Sunday Visitor and make a one time or monthly scheduled donation. You may also continue to tithe using your envelopes and by sending them in the mail or dropping them by the parish office.

To sign up for online giving please visit the parish website at www.annunciationparishabq.org. Select the second bullet on the left titled Online Giving, from there you will be directed to OSVonlinegiving.com. If you encounter any errors in setting up your account, you will need to contact OSV customer service at 1-800-348-2886.

Be assured of my prayers and those of Fr. Celestine and Fr. Demkovich here at our rectory chapel altar each day. We are all united in Christ Jesus and are invited to a deeper life of prayer in our homes and in the depths of our souls. I am including an insert to give you ideas on how to further your personal and family prayer life during this extraordinary Lent for the world today. May the peace of the Lord be with you always as I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Bennett J. Voorhies,
Pastor of Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish
ALL PUBLIC WORSHIP IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC

ANNUNCIATION CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN DAILY FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

HERE ARE RECOMMENDED PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS:

1. LECTIO DIVINA: READ AND MEDITATE ON A BIBLE PASSAGE

2. PRAY A HOLY HOUR IN CHURCH

3. PRAY A ROSARY

4. PRAY A CHAPLET OF MERCY & A LITANY

5. PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6. INVOKE YOUR ANGEL AND THE SAINTS

7. MAKE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

MY JESUS, I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE TRULY PRESENT IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST. 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

O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY, O SACRAMENT DIVINE, ALL PRAISE AND ALL THANKSGIVING BE EVERY MOMENT THINE! (3 TIMES)

8. PRAY FOR THE SICK:

O GOD, WHO WILLED THAT OUR INFIRMITIES BE BORNE BY YOUR ONLY BEGOTTEN SON TO SHOW THE VALUE OF HUMAN SUFFERING, LISTEN IN KINDNESS TO OUR PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE SICK; GRANT THAT ALL WHO ARE OPPRESSED BY PAIN, DISTRESS OR OTHER AFFLICTIONS MAY KNOW THAT THEY ARE CHOSEN AMONG THOSE PROCLAIMED BLESSED AND ARE UNITED TO CHRIST IN HIS SUFFERING FOR THE SALVATION OF THE WORLD. THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK, PRAY FOR US!