

# *A New Experience of Church*

As we move together through these weeks of being apart from each other, I want to assure you that we are working hard to be as present to the community as we can be personally and electronically. To that end, I wanted to invite you to keep the following in mind:



1. We are extending our platforms beyond just our livestream to participate in the two Sunday Masses at 9:15 and 11:00 AM to include the parish FACEBOOK page and our parish YouTube channel. Details are on the parish website ( [www.queenoftheapostles.org](http://www.queenoftheapostles.org) ).
2. For the balance of Lent this will include the Stations of the Cross at 1:00 PM on Friday (but you can pray them privately in the daily Chapel, if you wish), the Parish Penance Service on March 29 as well as our sacramental preparation programs and potentially the celebration of these sacraments. We will always communicate with specific groups any changes that affect your schedule.
3. Additional spiritual programs will be offered by our livestream in the church beginning this week. Every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM, we invite you to tune in for the recitation of the ROSARY. Every Friday through the remainder of Lent, also at 7:00 PM we invite you to tune in to pray the STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
4. On Sunday afternoon, March 29 from 12 Noon (after the 11AM Mass live feed) until 3:00 PM, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the church and can be observed via the livestream camera. It gives a small opportunity to take a few moments of prayer from wherever you are and to "center" yourself in the nourishing reality of this great Mystery of God's presence among us. Tune in and pray for the each other!
5. On the parish website ( [www.queenoftheapostles.org](http://www.queenoftheapostles.org) ) we have included a few past titles from our Lenten small group formation program that give you a chance to revisit themes and reflect on the topics that you find there. Maybe you can use them with the other members of your household?
6. The bulletin is available online where you will also find an option to have it emailed directly to you each week (look for the QR code). This will keep you up to date during these weeks.
7. The daily Chapel in Saint Katharine Drexel Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM for private prayer if you are in the area and wish to stop in.
8. Unfortunately, nursing facilities and hospitals have severely limited visitors which include restrictions on clergy. We will try to be as responsive as we are permitted to be to meet their safety regulations as well as to protect our own safety. Please be patient and remember that God's Grace is bigger than both of us. We have temporarily suspended bringing Communion to homebound members of the parish for this reason as well. Only family members who have already been doing so and who reside in the same household with one of our homebound members may request to bring Communion during this current situation by contacting the church office.
9. Things are very fluid. Please be flexible: this could end in a short time or be extended for a longer period. We will try to respond to any and all circumstances we find ourselves in. Let's continue to pray for one another and, please, remember to support the parish financially by using Egive or by mailing/bringing your offering by the office. It is our only means of survival!