Hello Everyone

I pray you are all doing well.

Thank you to all who have already replied to yesterday’s appeal. A note: the email is correct. There is no ‘t’. It is [smarys@cogeco.net](mailto:smarys@cogeco.net) One parishioner put the t in and their donation went to another St. Mary’s; unfortunately for us, fortunately for them.

Imagine, Holy Week will begin in just one week with Palm Sunday, April 5th. I thought I would send some additional helps for celebrating Sunday. For tomorrow be sure to participate in Bishop Barron’s Mass online at wordonfire.org or you can find Mass on Vision TV channel 28, EWTN channel 184 or Salt and Light channel 185. I would encourage you to participate as fully as possible by standing, sitting and kneeling at the appropriate times. One family mentioned that last Sunday they all got dressed up just like they do for Sunday Mass at the Cathedral.

I would encourage you to download/print off and pray daily the attached Spiritual Communion prayer. I have attached the Holy Father’s encouragement of this age old practice and also another teaching on Spiritual Communion. The notion of spiritual communion originated as a preparation for Mass and for those who are unable to attend Mass and thus is perfect in our current situation. I also am downloading a Liturgy of the Word with a good meditation. You could use it alone or use it to follow the readings for tomorrow’s Mass.

His Grace, Archbishop Mulhall, has sent a letter to the priests today saying that we should not have appointments in the rectory and confessions, if they are to be heard, are to be outside. If you would like to have your confession heard I am glad to hear them outside. We’ll stand and keep our social distance.

Stay safe.  Be prudent.  Wash hands often.  Practice social distancing. Above all, pray!

United in prayer in Christ

Father Shawn