



**Dear parishioners,**

Remedies around this COVID-19 pandemic are getting tougher. While panicking is not advisable, taking the right measures is. According to the letter sent from Bishop Gregory Parkes dated March 18, 2020 public Masses will be suspended in the whole Diocese of Saint Petersburg until it can be determined to return to normal schedules and public worship. Take notice of the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday's Mass that Bishop is granting. Since the conferring of the Sacrament of Confirmation was going to take place on April 19, and since we are not sure that this present state of emergency be over by that time, we will have to postpone this celebration. We were going to have the First Communions on May 17; this celebration also will be postponed in case all public masses are still suspended by that time. Following Bishop's advice, we will try to keep opened the Church, for private prayer, in according to our possibilities. We are trying to be creative and help our parishioners to link themselves to certain application (ZOOM) so they can follow the Sunday Mass from OLPH. You can as well visit our Diocesan website <https://www.dosp.org>

I am strongly encouraging all our parishioners for your continuous financial support. You can do it online or sending your check by regular mail. Praying to God and with the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help we will come out from this challenge fortified.

Be assure of my best support as the pastor of this community in communion with the whole Diocese entrusted to our Bishop Gregory Parkes.

May God bless you all.

**Rev. Hector Cruz, S.M.**

