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Dear Church Family,

We are in the midst of a tremendous trial both, as a Nation, as well as the World as we seek answers for Coronavirus. We continue in prayer for a quick, lasting resolution to the pandemic.

I'm reminded of a wonderful Scripture in Psalms 46:2-4 *"God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Thus we do not fear, though earth be shaken and mountains quake to the depths of the sea, Though its waters rage and foam and mountains totter at its surging"*.

I want to assure you that you and your loved ones are in my prayers during these uncertain times. I also want you to know that I, and all the clergy and staff here at **St. Anastasia** are available to you when needed. If you hear from our staff, know that we are reaching out to check in on you as well as to maintain good communication with all of you.

Few of us have experienced a situation such as this in our lifetime. Scripture reminds us *"that all things work for good for those who love God"* Romans 8:28. Please do not lose hope. Remember, God is still in control. He is the master, and we must depend on Him, and Him alone.

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has implemented several liturgical recommendations to address the current situation.

- Archbishop Jose H. Gomez has dispensed all the Catholic faithful of the Archdiocese and all Catholics currently in the Archdiocese from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass until further notice.
- All Masses and parish meetings are canceled until further notice.
- Sunday Mass is livestreamed in English and Spanish from the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels via Facebook @lacatholics. We encourage all of you to remain in communion as one Church by watching Sunday Mass every week.

Please remember that all these recommendations are meant for the safety and well-being of everyone. We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to when we can all gather as brothers and sisters in faith.

As we continue to support one another in this difficult time, let us remember to support those most vulnerable – the poor, those with less stable employment, parents who need to work and are unable to provide childcare with school closures, as well as college students unable to return home. The elderly and sick may feel isolation and loneliness, too. In the spirit of Lent, I ask all of us to cut out unnecessary things from our daily lives and to practice a spirit of gratitude and generosity to others. Please join me in prayer for the repose of those who have died, for the recovery of those who are sick, for the strength of healthcare workers and caregivers and for an end to this health crisis.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Leszek Semik
Pastor