



St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

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Dear St. Philip Neri Family,

In these days in which our Church is closed because of the Corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic, I want you to know that we your priests here at St. Philip Neri Church, Barstow celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass daily here in our parish for you.

At this time of fear, uncertainly and distancing from loved ones especially those who have been confirmed having the virus, let us not forget that Jesus Christ our Lord, has power over the COVID-19 virus, infection and death.

The scripture encourages us that: "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their ways and return to me, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and I will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14 In the book of Psalms it says, "...because you have Jesus as your refuge and have made the Most High your stronghold, no evil shall befall you, no affliction shall come near your house. The Lord will command His angles with regard to you, to guard you wherever you go." Psalm 91:9-11

To this end, please be assured that you, your intentions and loved ones are daily lifted up at our daily masses and private prayer at this terrible time.

Please mail or email in a photo of yourself or your family so that we could expose it along with others in the chapel and remember you when we offer masses while the parish is closed.

I also humbly ask that you prayerfully consider keeping up with your weekly tithing by mailing in your envelopes to us. This is the only way we are to keep our church going. And it's only through this, your generous support and generosity, that we continue our ministry here at St. Philip Neri Church.

Again, please remember that we are entrusting you and your intentions to the powerful intercessions of Mary Mother of Mercy and St. Philip Neri our Patron Saint, that God will sustain us during the Coronavirus pandemic.

One in Christ,

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Pastor