

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This 2020 Lent has become a more penitential season than we could have ever imagined. Despite the severity of this pandemic and the uncertainty of the future we are people of faith who believe in God's providential care. Just as the penance of Lent is a short duration of time, this present state of health alert, social distancing, and drastic slow down in our economy will also come to an end.

I have been very impressed with the hard work done by our school staff under the leadership of Mrs. Laura Webster to keep the educational life of our children ongoing through on-line learning. Thank you to them and to all the parents and guardians who are working with them and making this possible.

Here at the church, we are streaming daily mass on our website and Facebook page beginning at 11:00 am and offering daily confessions: Monday thru Friday, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturday, 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm.

The church is opened everyday for personal prayer and devotion. Monday thru Friday, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The office is opened Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Friday, 9:00 am to noon.

We need more than ever to be concerned for each other. Prayer is the more powerful way we can help and also keep our hearts and minds centered on the Lord who calms the stormy seas around us. We can also reach out to those who might need assistance in getting their daily necessities.

Also, I'm asking you to continue your financial support for St. Mary's parish, church and school, to the best of your ability. We want to continue our contributions to the charitable organizations that we support, to the support of the staff at our church and school, to help those parishioners who may need our financial help, and to keep the lights on.

The way to contribute to the church and school at this time is threefold.

1. You can do it by Electronic Giving which is the easiest. You may go to this link to sign up: <https://osvonlinegiving.com/4449>

2. Mail: Please place your check in your regular offertory envelope and then enclose it in a regular envelope addressed to our parish. Please do not send cash in the mail.

St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church  
1420 Monte Sano Ave.  
Augusta, GA 30904

3. Drop off at the parish office.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish during these difficult times.

May the Lord protect you and give you peace and hope. I remain united to you in prayer.

In Christ,

Fr. Mark Ross  
Pastor