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Dear Parish Family,

What an impressive weekend it was! For the first time in several weeks we were allowed to gather together not only through the internet but also in person to celebrate our faith, and what better way to demonstrate that, than to celebrate the Holy Eucharist together. Yes there were restrictions and limitations placed upon us those who gathered at the church but that did not take away from the blessedness of the gathering. It certainly touched my heart to witness all of that and it spoke a lot about the yearning and love we all have for the Eucharist! But please know I am not only talking about those who came, but to all of you who participated by watching the LIVE stream and celebrated an Act of Spiritual Communion. And while we did not reach the 25% capacity in the church, it was still overwhelming to witness the presence and even more so with the knowledge that many of you were following along on social media. I know that many more of you wanted to be here physically, but as I have said time and again, it is okay to stay at home. And as one parishioner said, "I'd rather not see you now so I can see you later, than see you now and not see you later."

We will continue to keep the weekend schedule of masses just like this past weekend where we will sit apart, wear our masks, receive communion in the hand and live stream the 10:00 am mass. So again, join us if you can but PLEASE stay home if you need to or if you are uncomfortable. Let's continue to pray even more for the end of this plague!

Peace be with you!

Fr. Dwight

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