

March 19, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I bring you the blessings of this Holy Lenten season. As you all know, we are facing unprecedented challenge in responding to this corona outbreak and its attendant demands. You all have enough stories of your own adaptation to this scourge.

Following the pastoral letter from Bishop Braxton, we will be stopping mass but live-streaming it for you all to participate in faith. The first one will take place this Sunday by 8am via St Joseph Parish and St Patrick's Facebook pages simultaneously. Invite your family to join. Let us make it a faith-filled moment for everyone.

Your envelopes and collections can be mailed or dropped at the parish offices of St Joseph Rocher and St Patrick's Ruma which will be open all through the week. We appreciate your effort at this moment.

Finally, we are open to mailing or referring parents to online resources that can help them teach their kids more about their faith as you stay at home. This can also be an enriching moment for our faiths to grow and blossom. While we pray and ask for a God's grace at this time, let us not be drawn into despair or lose hope. God is still alive and at work in the lives of believers. You are all in my prayers. Happy feast of Sts Patrick and Joseph and May they continue to intercede for us.

Rev Sebastian Ukoh CM