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Dear Parishioners,

It feels strange to wear a mask in public. First of all my glasses fog up and my voice is muffled and then I wonder about cleaning the masks. I wonder if I look like a terrorist or crook when I enter a store or gas station. Good Grief! But, I have noticed that when I go out for a walk it has lessened the amount of pollen I have breathed in, so less sneezing and sniffing. One is afraid to sneeze for fear that people would take off running, saying under their breath, that man is contagious with Covid-19! So continues the saga of these crazy days.

On a positive note, the power of prayer has and will continue to bring God's gift of grace to us. In last Sunday's Gospel Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace be with you!" Then he breathed on them the Gift of the Holy Spirit and entrusted to them the power to forgive sins in His Name. Our Lord wants to "unmask" the darkness of sin and its crippling effects in our relationship with Him and our brothers and sisters. It is imperative that we continue to search ways in which we can draw closer to Christ and each other during these difficult times.

I continue to take appointments for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So if the Holy Spirit is prompting you to "remove the mask of your false self" the grace of the sacrament is a wonderful place to begin.

In Our Risen Lord,

Fr. Don Wagner