As we celebrate the Easter Octave, it is hard not to remember that our social lent of lockdowns and illness continues. Even amid all the physical, psychological and economic suffering in our society, there are signs of hope and opportunities for financial health and spiritual encouragement.

This week Catholic News Service is highlighting a few of the stories that may bear fruit in other communities. In addition, we are including a short video discussing the Real Presence. In a time when so many of us hunger to return to the Eucharistic table, it is worthwhile to reflect that what we hunger for is not bread and wine, but the Body and Blood of Christ.

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https://cnstopstories.com/2020/04/14/talk-of-federal-aid-for-local-journalism-includes-religious-news-outlets/ There may also be aid available for Catholic publications in next federal aid legislation.

https://cnstopstories.com/2020/04/15/music-teacher-keeps-students-tuned-in-via-weekly-community-psalm-sing/ A Catholic teacher found a way to unite her community and engage her students in song.

https://cnstopstories.com/2020/04/16/look-to-mary-when-feeling-helpless-advice-poor-clares-in-new-orleans/ Cloistered nuns have advice for all of us: pray, get a routine, and turn off the 24/7 news!

https://cnstopstories.com/2020/04/09/a-virus-challenges-a-u-s-culture-that-may-need-the-lessons-it-can-teach/ Even amid the disruption and the suffering, there are positive lessons for us all.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P93uwU6W2Z0 A reflection on what the Real Presence means in this time of separation from the Eucharist.

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