

Solemnity of St. Joseph
March 19, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

On Third Sunday of Lent, Jesus said, "there comes a time when you will worship in spirit and truth" John 4: 23-24. We might not be able to worship the way God has asked us during this pandemic, but He knows our need to get saved from this pandemic. I am convinced we can all rediscover the spirit that makes us want to congregate around the altar.

The directive from the Diocese to cancel all public Masses and large parish gatherings is difficult. This is not a decision taken lightly. On the other hand, it is meant to help us all during this pandemic. Despite all this, we can make a stronger commitment to Jesus during these circumstances.

We recommend the following:

1. Daily recital of the Creed (Apostles and Nicene Creed) We should never forget who we believe in.
2. **Tune in to our 8am Sunday Mass live broadcast on HPAT cable Channel 5 or on the Hpat.org internet channel online.** Mass is rebroadcast on Wednesday at Noon and Thursday at 10am.

Make a spiritual communion - (From our Holy Father, to our bishops and priests, daily Mass is being offered for the whole world, including for you)

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

3. Recite the Rosary daily (if possible 7pm parish hour) You will learn the works of God through the mysteries.
4. Private visit to the Blessed Sacrament (Church is open 8:00am -7pm Mon – Fri & 9:00am - 7:00pm Sat & Sunday)
5. Private confessions set up in the sanctuary (Thursday noon-1pm, Saturday 10-11am and 3-4pm)
6. Contact the home bound and vulnerable (Call, text or email) loved ones to make sure they are well.

Please continue to support the parish with your weekly offertory contributions. We have reduced hours and staffing, but still have fixed expenses to cover such as payroll, taxes, insurance and utilities etc. All of which we rely heavily on our faithful parishioners and their contributions. **For your convenience, an online giving form is enclosed that can be filled out and returned, or you can visit our website at www.blsachibbing.org to set up weekly contributions.** You can continue to support the mission of the parish from the safety of your own home. **You may also mail your contributions to the parish office at 2310 7th Ave E Hibbing, MN 55746** Contact Susie Marchetti 262-5541 x103 if you have any questions.

Effective Monday, March 23rd, parish office hours will be 8am-2pm M-Th and closed on Friday. The church will be open for prayer Mon-Fri 8am -7pm, Sat & Sun 9am -7pm. [USE parking lot link entrance only.](#)

All scheduled Mass intentions will be fully fulfilled by private Masses offered by Fr. Jeremy and Fr. Samson. Anointing of the Sick is as usual—call the parish office 262-5541 or the rectory 263-3681. Funerals will be held as needed with proper social distancing. No luncheon will follow.

Follow the Blessed Sacrament parish website, Facebook and Instagram pages for continued opportunities to stay connected during this time.

Please contact Mary at the parish 262-5541 if you know of homebound or sick parishioners, or if you would like to be part of our calling ministry to keep in touch with our most vulnerable parishioners.

We are all in this together! The Easter Season will be an even greater time of rejoicing when we can all receive our Risen Lord in the Eucharist together again.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jeremy Bock
Associate Pastor