

ST. MARIANA DE PAREDES CHURCH

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March 17, 2020

Dear St. Mariana Faithful:

UPDATE REGARDING CORONAVIRUS IMPACT TO CHURCH OPERATIONS

Late yesterday, Archbishop Jose Gomez announced the suspension of Masses amid the current health threat due to COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). We have attached those advisements in English and Spanish for your review. Please know that all of these changes are temporary and may be changed at any time; we will advise you as information is provided to us by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The following summarizes the changes that are effective immediately:

MASS, DAILY AND SUNDAY

- There will be no public celebration of Mass until March 29, 2020 or otherwise extended.
- We will be livestreaming Mass on Facebook each Saturday afternoon. Mass in Spanish will be offered at 4 pm and in English at 5 pm. These Masses will be recorded and you will be able to access them at your convenience on Sunday.
- The Church will be open for private prayer daily from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Please remember to keep at least 6 feet of distance between you and others.

OFFICE HOURS

- The Parish Office will be open seven days a week from 9 am to 12 noon.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

- All Lenten Penance services have been cancelled.
- For urgent needs only, the priests will hear confessions by appointment. Please call the Parish Office, extension 10 to request an appointment. One of our priests will return your call. You may also make an appointment via email to parish@stmariana.org – please include your name and telephone number in the request.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

- Because of our care and concern for your health and well-being, our priests will attend to requests for anointing of the sick at our local hospitals as well as at home for those gravely ill.
- We do not want to take germs to those who are ill at home. There will be no sick calls or distribution of Holy Communion by lay ministers during this period of social distancing.

BAPTISMS

- Unless there is an emergency situation, the Sacrament of Baptism will be postponed. We apologize for this, but the health and safety of you and your family is our highest priority.

WEDDINGS/QUINCEAÑERAS

- Father will make contact with those who may be impacted if the Mass suspension goes beyond March 31, 2020. There are currently no weddings or quinceañeras scheduled until late April.

FUNERALS

- We will provide graveside services at cemeteries as needed during this period.
- A Memorial Mass will be scheduled at a later date.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER

- At this time, we do not know what the plans are for these celebrations. More information will be available from the Archdiocese by March 27, 2020.

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FAITH FORMATION

First Reconciliation/First Communion

- All classes are cancelled until further notice.
- First Reconciliation will be rescheduled and you will be advised of the new date.
- First Communion dates will be revised if the Mass suspension extends beyond Easter.
- If you have any questions, you may contact Pablo Palacios at ppalacios@stmariana.org or at 562-949-8240 x21.

RCIA

- All classes are cancelled until further notice.
- All scrutinies and other program activities are on hold pending the outcome of the Easter celebrations.
- Moises Vargas will be contacting the families directly; however, if you need to reach him, please email him at moirvargas@yahoo.com or at 562-949-8240 x11.

CONFIRMATION

- All classes for youth and adults as well as Youth Nights are cancelled until further notice.
- The new date for the Confirmation Year 2 retreat will be announced once the suspension is lifted and arrangements have been made.
- If you have any questions, you may contact Jose Luis Plascencia at jplascencia@stmariana.org or at 562-949-8240 x28

GIVING

Although we hate to bring up money as we deal with this crisis, the reality is that the Church depends on your gifts to allow us to do the work that we do. As we are sure that you are aware, this suspension will have a profound (negative) impact on the parish's financial situation. Please be advised that last weekend's collection was only \$6,000 – about half the regular weekly amount. Please help us by donating in one of the following ways:

1. Mail in your gift. The Church address is 7922 Passons Blvd, Pico Rivera, CA 90660.
2. Drop it off at the Parish Office or call and make your donation via credit card.
3. Use the online giving option on our website – www.stmariana.org
4. Reserve the amount of your offering each week so that when normal operations resume, you can make one donation for the entire period.

THANK YOU

Please know that Fr. Miguel and I are here for you and that we will be praying for you daily. We look forward to the day when we can see you all again. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers! Please do whatever you need to do to stay healthy and to keep your family healthy. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time. God is with us! We ask for the intercession of our patroness, St. Mariana and our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe. May God bless you and protect you during this difficult time.

In His name, I am sincerely yours


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