



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87114

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Dear Parishioners,

The Archbishop is very concerned that we as Catholics do our part to stem the tide of the Corona Virus in our state. He has issued further directions to each parish in the Archdiocese as reflected below.

In our efforts to continue to minimize our people's exposure to the virus, the following changes are effective immediately for ongoing activities at Nativity.

Friday night stations and soup supper will be canceled until further notice.

Our Lenten Journey on Monday nights and Thursday mornings will be cancelled until further notice. Please continue to follow the lessons in your book.

Tuesday "At home with the Word" classes will be suspended until further notice.

Sunday and Wednesday Catechism will be cancelled for the next three weeks. We will resume classes on Sunday, 5 April. We will update parents if this changes.

All confirmation trips will be cancelled until further notice. If there are any further changes to the confirmation schedule, parents will be notified immediately.

Communion to the homebound is suspended due to the compromised nature of many of our communicants. We will resume when it is safe for us to do so.

Masses are CANCELLED until further notice. The Archbishop has suspended our Sunday obligation until this crisis has passed. It is not a sin to miss Mass during this time. We encourage you to participate in the Sunday TV Mass at 6:30 am on KQRE while you await resumption of our regularly scheduled Masses. Funerals will continue according to the Archbishop's directions. We will notify you as changes occur.

Please note that we have made additional preparations to mitigate the spread of the Corona and other viruses among our faithful. There are now sanitization stations in the church and in the Pastoral Center. Please use them upon entering. Frequent washing of the hands is the best way to avoid contamination. Please continue to follow recommendations from health officials.

While we are closing some buildings temporarily, the Church is never closed! Our staff will be available to assist you in any way we can and each of us always carries Jesus in our hearts. We will continue to pray for those who are sick and for their families and we encourage you to also include them in your prayers.

Pax Christi,

In Christ's name,

Father Nathan Libaire
Pastor

Deacon Michael A. Illerbrun
Director, Faith Formation