



Communications from St. Andrew Catholic Church

St. Andrew Update to the Coronavirus Health Emergency – March 16

Due to the health crisis that is upon us, the celebration of all **public Masses throughout the Archdiocese of Atlanta have been suspended** -- at least **through the weekend of 4/4-5**. The decision of this magnitude was made by our local bishops, only after much guidance from the CDC, and the Georgia State Department of Health, in consultation with the Body of Consultors of the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

While these are certainly unprecedented and challenging times, we recognize that the sacramental life of the parish will continue. Here at Saint Andrew, we will continue to offer and encourage the following:

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** during our normal hours 9:30 AM to 9:00 PM Monday through Friday --- allowing for people to stop by for some independent prayer time with the Lord. **PLEASE NOTE:** Adoration will take place in the main church, to allow for a more appropriate social distancing. We ask that you enter through doors which lead to the Narthex and into the church.
- The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will still be available on Saturdays between 3:00 and 4:30 and, for parishioners, by appointment by calling the main office.
- You will still be able to **participate in Mass** at St. Andrew. A Mass will be recorded and made available to you each Sunday. We will provide more details this week.
- If you would like to support the continuing efforts of your St. Andrew parish, please consider signing up for [online giving](#).

Keep informed with our parish-- We will do everything we can to keep you updated through eBlasts, Facebook and the parish website, as we receive additional guidance from the archdiocese. You can also receive notifications by downloading our parish app:

- For iPhone users: text the word ParishApp1 to 555888
- For Android users: text the word ParishApp2 to 555888

In the meantime, we ask that you and your family use this time for some form of daily prayer -- for those struggling with this coronavirus, for their families, all caregivers and medical personnel, for all first responders and others with jobs requiring them to continue working, for researchers, and for policymakers at all levels of government -- that together we will work through this challenge with a growing sense of compassion for all of humankind.