

Dear Parish Family,

I wanted to ensure you know **the times the Church will be open daily for prayer and adoration.** These times are:

- **Monday - Friday: From 8:00am - 12 Midnight.** The Eucharist will be in the small Monstrance the entire time, so that those schedule to adore can do so on their designated day and time.
 - **Saturday: From 8:00am 7:00pm.** Again the Monstrance will be exposed the whole time.
 - **Sunday: 8:00am - 5:00pm.** Again the Monstrance will be exposed the whole time.
- I hope our Church will become a place of comfort and reassurance that no matter how bad COVID-19 gets, God is always present, and even if nature is causing this, that His Will is being done, especially in our response to this crisis: how we pray, how we treat people, how we help our neighbors and those who are sick, etc.

I also hope you find that praying before the Blessed Sacrament will be a wonderful to **make a spiritual communion in lieu of the current suspension of Masses.**

To assist in the above, I'm sending our a separate constant contact out with a document entitled "Seeking the Lord at home." It contains many resources for not only making a "spiritual communion", but many other prayers and sites to watch daily Mass on TV.

I am also expanding the days/times for confession. As of today, Friday, 20 Mar 2020, I will hear confessions every day from 12 Noon - 1:00pm, Monday - Friday. Saturday confessions will be at the regular time, i.e. 3:00pm - 4:30pm or as long as it takes. Confessions will be heard in the Adoration Chapel. Again, I will sit in a chair on the right side and those going to confession will be asked to sit in the far seat on the left side. This will give us the required 6 foot separation.

I would also encourage those praying in the Church to keep the required "social distance" from others. There is plenty of room in the Church to get 6 feet between those present.

For those with children in Sacred Heart School, Mrs. Norman and all the teachers are working hard at setting up on-line instruction. Please pay attention to all emails sent out by Mrs. Norman or by your child's teacher. The information they contain is critical to help all involved make this process work.

Finally, the Catholic News Agency reports that the Vatican has granted a plenary indulgence for those with COVID-19, and those who care for them, to include medical staff, and family members, and those who pray for them. Please remember, that a plenary indulgence, properly performed according to Church guidance for gaining an

indulgence, and with the correction intention wipes away all temporal punishment due to sin from the time of your baptism to the present.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and your family and loved ones safe and free from the coronavirus.

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Pastor