



March 20, 2020

Dear Parish Family,

Our experience of what it's like to live with the COVID-19 virus in our world has been changing day to day. To comply with directives from Bishop McElroy in response to Governor Newsom's executive order Thursday, March 19th, asking us all to "shelter in place", we have enacted the following in the interest of protecting the health of all the members of our community.

Sacraments in General:

- Public Masses will continue to be suspended.
- Baptisms which cannot be postponed must be Private and include only members of the immediate family up to ten people including the clergy and the child.
- Rites for the Dead are limited to interment services at the cemetery with less than ten people including the clergy; Funeral Masses must be postponed until COVID-19 has been contained.
- There can be NO Communion services or communal Liturgies of the Word
- Weddings are to be postponed, or, can continue with less than ten people present including the clergy.
- Quinceañeras must be postponed.
- The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is to be provided for those who are dying or experiencing a medical emergency.
- The sacrament of Confession is available by appointment.

Confirmation, First Communions, and Easter Sacraments and Liturgies:

- Confirmation and First Communions will have to be rescheduled when the reality of the current crisis becomes clearer.
- We will NOT have a communal celebration the Sacred Triduum — Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The Easter sacraments usually given to those participating in the RCIA will be postponed to Pentecost.

Church and Office CLOSED:

The parish campus — both church and office — will be CLOSED, and staff will be working remotely. Please be patient as we adjust to this new reality and seek to respond to phone calls and emails remotely.

We will continue to develop virtual means for ministry online to be a spiritual support during these unusual and challenging days. Please visit our website regularly for updates www.saintpiusx.org and subscribe to our YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram.

Let us continue to keep up our habits of prayer which bring peace to our hearts.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Corey Tufford