



FAITH AT HOME

Greetings!



As we journey through these uncharted waters together, share with us, your FAITH AT HOME. Send us your stories, your photos of your faith spaces, your prayer requests and your praises.

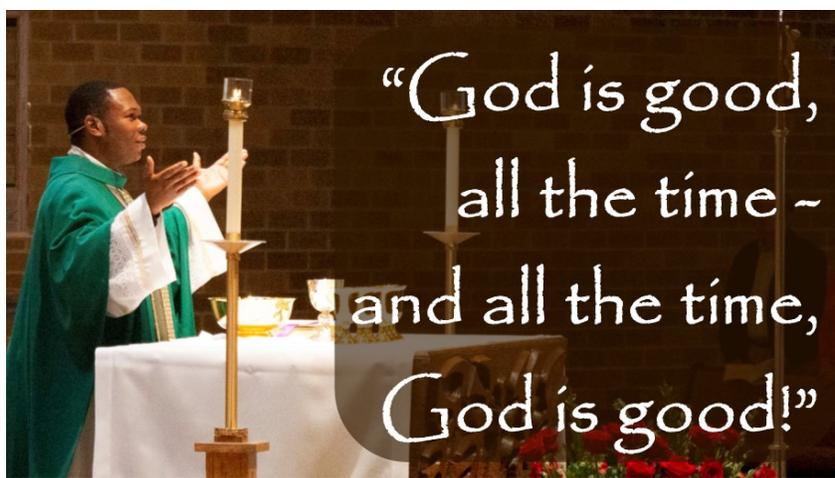
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Special Message from Fr. Ed



Faith at Home, March 29, 2020

Get out in nature, be with your families, and be one with the Lord.



Participating in Mass Remotely

Not being together as a church is hard, even painful. For some, it might even be impossible to remember a weekend that didn't include Mass. But here we are. So as a Church, we are going to lean into God's promise and make the best of this. We are going to claim the promise that He is with us, He will never fail us. And even in the midst of this, He desires to grow us and our capacity to know and love Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY MASS

Live streamed Masses:

Pray with the entire Church of Southeastern Wisconsin, [Cathedral of St. John Evangelist](#).

Recorded Mass is available at any time at [Heart of the Nation](#) or with [Bishop Robert Baron and Word on Fire](#).

[Daily Mass with Pope Francis \(Vatican News\)](#)

On television with:

WITI (Fox 6) at 5:30 AM and 4:30 PM

WVTV (My 24) at 7 AM and 9 AM

EWTN at 7 AM and 11 AM

On the radio with:

Radio 920 (WOLF) at 9 AM

DAILY MASS

Recorded Masses with [Heart of the Nation](#), [Word on Fire](#) and with [Pope Francis are available for daily connection](#).

Televised daily Mass with EWTN at 7 AM, 11 AM and 6 PM (Monday through Saturday)

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3. Search **"St. John Vianney Church"**
4. Choose the option with the address reading **1755 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield WI**
5. Fill in your Name and Email Address in the appropriate fields and choose **" Sign Up"** to complete the sign up process.



An Open Letter to the Choirs:

Dear Choir, I am writing this from my home, not usually where you'd find me on a Thursday morning! And I'm pretty sure most of you are seeing this now because you, too, find yourself at home due to the coronavirus outbreak. As most of you probably know already, Archbishop Listecki has updated the original plans for suspending all public Masses in the Archdiocese. The no-public-Mass policy has now been extended beyond the original date, which means that there will be no liturgical celebrations of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The Archdiocese will make future decisions on when to resume public Masses based on the realities of the coronavirus infection, along with an awareness of Wisconsin's "Safer at Home" declaration. None of us have ever experienced anything like this before. Indeed, who could have imagined this kind of decision even just weeks ago?

As parish musicians who love to sing our prayer together, maybe more intensely than many of our fellow parishioners, this loss of community prayer cuts even deeper. I know that's what my heart is telling me. This Lent has become a "fasting" from far more than mere food, or drink, or even simple pleasures. For us as musicians, it has become a "letting go" of our weekly choral rehearsals, the joy of making music together; of praying together each and every Sunday. And now, it is the loss of our communal celebrations of Holy Week - our remembrance of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. We will miss the

Procession with Palms, the Washing of the Feet, the Veneration of the Cross. We will miss the solemn, haunting chant of the Exultet and the great joy of singing in the return of our "Alleluia" at the Great Vigil and on Easter Sunday. Our Lenten fasting this year goes well beyond Lent.

But we must do our best to still use our time of Lent to prepare for Easter Sunday and the season that follows. Of course, we are not together as in the past. We will probably need to work a bit harder to usher in the time of joy that is Easter. But work we must! There are ways to continue our prayer during this time of physical separation. Read and pray the Scriptures of each day, whether alone or with those you live with.

I would suggest that for Sundays and Holy Week, consider seriously going online to watch/pray with the live-stream Mass from St. John the Evangelist Cathedral. As parishioners, we seldom worship outside our own parish community, so this could be a good time to come together (in a way) to pray with our Archbishop and bishops at our "Mother Church" - the Cathedral. You can find out more details on the archdiocesan website at archmil.org. As you browse that same website you will find other resources for online prayer as well. You can also find information and links to the U.S. bishops (USCCB) website and information for scripture and reflection during these trying times. These links provide some great options for supplementing our prayer life. We ask that you check them out and find those resources that are most helpful for you as we "pray differently" this year.

On a more practical note, obviously this changes (again!) the plan for when we resume our choir rehearsals. As we saw yesterday with the Archbishop's update, this whole situation is quite fluid and can change rather quickly. We naturally cannot resume our practices before Easter Sunday. For right now, I am holding off on setting a firm date for our next rehearsal. I think we will have a better idea of where we stand as we move past Easter Sunday. Since so much really hinges on the decisions of the Archdiocese, I will wait and see what they recommend moving forward.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support - for me, and just as important - for each other. Try to stay in touch with each other in the ways that we have available to us, simple as they may be. It is those simple things that can make all the difference to those around us. In the reading of the Passion on Palm/Passion Sunday, Jesus asks that the disciples "watch and pray". This season, more than ever, we must do the same - to "watch and pray" as we journey together through these troubled times. Keep the faith! And keep singing! Please stay safe and healthy until we can gather again! "Attend to your heart, Be calm through the night, Worship with integrity, Trust in God." (from Psalm 4)

Peace, Dave Sanders, Director of Liturgy & Music

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