

FAITH AT HOME

Greetings!

It has been a challenging time. Information changing so quickly. While these are difficult times, we look ahead and we will bear through.

Yesterday I was on a conference call with the archbishop and 200 others. The archbishop is supporting the recommendations of the CDC and extending the suspension of the celebration of public Mass until May 3. It may go longer or possibly shorter, but this is the current planned date. Once cleared for public Masses, he will still extend dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass for a few weeks, knowing there may still be a concern for persons at higher risk for illness with the virus in the ensuing months.

During this time of CoVID19, we are asked to keep our people safe. Keep our priests, staff, lay ministers, volunteers, teachers, students and all in our parish safe. As soon as we can celebrate and join in groups we will begin the process of rebuilding, and what a celebration that will be. In the meantime, senior priests are asked to quarantine themselves. Since priests are being asked to refrain from home visits, anointing of the sick, viaticums; there will be a select group of priests trained as "professional chaplains" to support requests for hospital visits, last rites, etc. We will get through this time. The Lord is with us.

Obviously these are very challenging times financially without the public celebration of Mass as roughly 40% of our income comes through that weekly basket. Many of you have stepped up wonderfully - either converting your normal giving pattern to FaithDirect or mailing in your offertory. Thank you! Thank you!

We are being very cognizant of our expenses and obligations. I have personally donated my April salary back to the parish. Be assured that we are looking at many options and will continue to be good stewards of what you have given. I do ask for your continued support.

Stay connected! Stay connected with our Lord. Stay connected with Mass. Stay connected with our SJV school, Christian Formation, our many Ministries. Most importantly, stay connected with one another. Peace, Fr. Ed Kornath



Palm Sunday

The archbishop has forbidden the distribution of palms for this coming Sunday. Therefore, we will not be able to hand out palms as we originally hoped. There are great ideas floating around parishes and the internet suggesting that everyone break out some form of greenery and hang it on your door as a sign of hope for the coming Easter. Join in!

Easter

On Easter Sunday, all parishes are encouraged to ring church bells at 12 noon in unity and celebration. Join others in the archdiocese and ring your bells at home!

Join us for Easter Mass with our first live streamed Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM. More details to follow.



Special Message from Dave Baudry



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INSPIRATION

[Click here](#) for a great SPOTIFY playlist during this time.



Helping Children and Teens Cope with Anxiety due to COVID19

As coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) continues to spread, adults, children and teens are trying to make sense of what the outbreak means for their families and communities.

[Click here](#) for the article.



"How Should Catholics Respond to the Coronavirus Pandemic?" with Fr. Mike Schmitz

Fr. Mike had to cut short a trip to the Holy Land due to the coronavirus, and has a wonderful and very Catholic response to the pandemic on [video here.](#)

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