

A Message from Fr. Jim

March 24, 2020

Dear Friends,

I want to communicate some of the latest information regarding the future of our parish life. This is hard to communicate and quite honestly, unbelievable. This Lent and Easter Season, we are being called on to participate in the Paschal Mystery in a very real and new way. It is my ardent prayer that we will be more faithful followers of Jesus Christ as a result of living through these difficult days realizing that all of our trust and hope for a better tomorrow lies alone in Him.

Please take note of the following:

- *The suspension of public daily and Sunday Mass will continue indefinitely.
- *The distribution of Holy Communion is permitted only as part of the Last Rites.
- *The 12 Hours of Reconciliation scheduled for April 1 has been postponed.
- *Public celebrations of Holy Week and the Triduum are canceled. The Archbishop will live-stream from the cathedral.
- *The baptisms and reception into full communion of the Catholic Church that normally takes place at the Easter Vigil will be postponed.
- *There will be no public celebration of Holy Mass on Easter Sunday. The Archbishop will live-stream a Mass and Bishop Schuerman will also in Spanish.
- *Along with Confirmation, First Holy Communion celebrations will be postponed.
- *The Archdiocesan-wide Capital Campaign, *Love One Another*, has been suspended.

Fr. Sergio and I will continue to offer a Mass for Sundays that can be found on our websites and Facebook. I will let you know as soon as possible what will be offered for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Please consult our parishes' websites and Facebook for up to date information. I would also ask that, as best you can, you communicate with our elderly parishioners who do not have access to computer information. The Knights of Columbus is working to reach out to our elderly and homebound parishioners to assess their needs. Please let the parish offices know if you are aware of someone who needs assistance with groceries, medication pick-up, etc.

Let us continue to hold each other in prayer.

God bless you.

Fr. Jim Volkert