



March 17, 2020

Dear Parish Family of St Paul:

Earlier today we received further communication from Cardinal Tobin regarding the coronavirus pandemic. Effective immediately:

- 1) All celebrations of Holy Mass both weekends and weekdays are to be suspended until further notice. Once again this coming weekend we will live-stream Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent at 10 AM. This seemed to work out very well last weekend, more than 2700 people logged into pray. We will also live stream daily mass every day at 10 AM.
- 2) St. Paul Church will be left open for the private prayer of the faithful beginning at 11 AM every day. Please be mindful when in church to keep a distance of 6 to 10 feet from other people around you. Our Beautiful church is big enough for people to spread out and keep a sufficient distance from one another.
- 3) We will have Eucharistic Adoration on Friday from 12 noon to 7 PM and again on Sunday afternoon from 3pm to 5 pm. Come and spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Again, please be mindful to keep a distance between yourself and others who are praying.
- 4) Stations of the cross for the remaining Fridays of Lent will be canceled.
- 5) The parish office will be closed until further notice. In an emergency, please leave a message on the emergency line and a priest will get back to you as soon as possible. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated individually as needed.
- 6) This afternoon I live- streamed the reading of a story to the Faith Formation and Academy children about the life of Saint Patrick and over 400 people logged in! This seems to be a great way to keep our parish family spiritually connected. Tomorrow Father Paul will give a talk on "Times Like These" for adults at 4 PM. And this Thursday, March 19 the feast of Saint Joseph, Father Patrick will read a story about Saint Joseph and speak to the children again at 4 PM.
- 7) Please watch the parish website and parish app for other live streamed events over the next weeks. For example a worship and prayer evening with music, other events for children, and the priests will preach a series on "The Seven Last Words of Christ" during the fifth week of Lent, March 29 to April 4 at 7:30 PM each evening.

In his letter cardinal Tobin stated: "Our Eucharistic fast continues and we pray for its quick end. Please be assured of my prayers for you and the communities we serve." May the Lord continue to bless us and keep us united in love and in faith together as one.

In the love of Jesus and Mary,

Father John