



St. Pius Roman Catholic Church

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4th Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020



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Preschool Director

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Parish Operations Manager

Mass Times

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am (Spanish) Livestream Only

Sunday Schedule: 9:30 am Livestream Only
11:30 am Spanish Mass Livestream Only

Reconciliation Saturdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm

For urgent pastoral needs, please call our emergency line: (650) 395-7487

In effect through April 7, 2020

this week

PC = Parish Center FC = Fitzsimon Center
HC = Homer Crouse

March 21 - 28, 2020

21 Saturday	Weekday	25 Wednesday	The Annunciation of the Lord
22 Sunday	4th Sunday of Lent	26 Thursday	St. Catherine of Genoa
9:30 am	Mass Live on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/piusrwc/		
11:30 am	Mass - Spanish Live on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/piusrwc/		
23 Monday	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo	27 Friday	Weekday
24 Tuesday	St. Oscar Arnulfo Romero	28 Saturday	St. Catharine of Bologna
3:00 pm	Novena Live on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/piusrwc/	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Individual Reconciliation (Church)

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from the pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During my annual retreat last April, I had the opportunity to read *David: The Divided Heart* by David Wolpe. I have been captivated by the person and mystic of David much of my adult life and certainly as a priest. Like many, my only point of reference about David growing up was the biblical story of his slaying of Goliath. So, instinctively, David is a folk hero. As one of seven brothers, I was drawn to the strength and might David presented; he could defeat anyone, even one as giant as Goliath. Hopefully with some maturity, I have become drawn to the complexities and contradictions of David, because he expressed so vividly and dramatically our human nature, both the “better angles of our nature” and our flaws and weaknesses.

The first reading from Samuel illustrates for us how often we as human beings see and judge things that are counter-intuitive to how God sees them. The Lord instructs Samuel to go to Bethlehem where, when he meets Jesse and his sons, it will be revealed to him whom God has chosen to be king. Through very human eyes, Samuel assumes that Eliab is the chosen one. Yet, the Lord says to Samuel: “Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.” This a riveting pronouncement to Samuel, for how else are we to make a judgment except for what we can see, visually, in front of us? Indeed, as we have come to see throughout human history, God confounds us because His ways indeed are not our ways. The challenge for us is to dig a little deeper, to take the risk in not judging simply by appearance, and so to appreciate in others and in everyday experiences God’s presence and handiwork in them.

Samuel asked Jesse if all of his sons were present when they met. Jesse informed him that there was the youngest son out tending the sheep. “Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The Lord said, ‘There—anooint him, for this is the one!’” The moral of the story for us is to not always make assumptions about people and circumstances. God has and will continue to surprise us! This was certainly the case with David. David Wolpe writes, “*After God’s own heart*: David in character is like God in action. The inexplicable amalgam of good and evil is filtered through human hearts that embrace the totality of God’s world, not timid like Saul but daring, volatile, dangerous, and epic like David. Isaiah says that God ‘makes peace and creates evil.’ (Is. 45:7). In other words, all things have their source in God. David stands like Lear on the heath, an epitome of earthly experience, raging, beset, the one who feels more deeply, the one who has God’s heart. Perhaps David is the forerunner of the Messiah because this is the man who enacts what God wishes—in his sinfulness and sublimity, he is the most human of us all.”

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Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Durante mi retiro anual en abril pasado, tuve la oportunidad de leer el libro “David: The Divided Heart” de David Wolpe. La personalidad y la mística de David me han cautivado, gran parte de mi vida adulta y ciertamente, como sacerdote. Al igual que muchos, durante mi infancia y adolescencia mi único punto de referencia sobre David fue la historia bíblica de su enfrentamiento con Goliath. Entonces, instintivamente, David es un héroe popular. Siendo uno de siete hermanos, me sentía atraído por la fuerza y el poder que presentaba David; pues él podía derrotar a cualquiera, incluso a alguien tan gigante como Goliath. Lleno de esperanza y ya con cierta madurez, me he sentido atraído por las complejidades y contradicciones de David, porque él expresó tan vívida y dramáticamente nuestra naturaleza humana, tanto los “mejores ángulos de nuestra naturaleza” como nuestros defectos y debilidades.

La primera lectura de Samuel ilustra para nosotros la frecuencia con la que, como seres humanos, vemos y juzgamos las cosas de manera contra-intuitiva a cómo Dios las ve. El Señor le ordena a Samuel que vaya a Belén donde, cuando se encuentre con Jesé y sus hijos, se le revelará cuál de ellos ha sido elegido por Dios para ser rey. Con ojos muy humanos, Samuel asume que Eliab es el elegido. Sin embargo, el Señor le dice a Samuel: “No te dejes impresionar por su aspecto ni por su gran estatura, pues yo lo he descartado, porque yo no juzgo como juzga el hombre. El hombre se fija en las apariencias, pero el Señor se fija en los corazones”. Este es un pronunciamiento que es fascinante para Samuel, porque, ¿de qué otra manera vamos a emitir un juicio, excepto por lo que podemos ver, visualmente, frente a nosotros? De hecho, como hemos llegado a ver a lo largo de la historia humana, Dios nos confunde porque sus caminos no son los nuestros. El desafío para nosotros es profundizar un poco más, correr el riesgo de no juzgar simplemente por la apariencia, y así apreciar en los demás y en las experiencias cotidianas la presencia y el trabajo de Dios en ellos.

Samuel le preguntó a Jesé si todos sus hijos estaban presentes cuando se reunió con ellos. Jesé le informó que había un hijo menor cuidando las ovejas. “Jesé lo mandó llamar. El muchacho era rubio, de ojos vivos y buena presencia. Entonces el Señor dijo a Samuel: ‘Levántate y úngele, porque éste es’”. La moraleja de la historia para nosotros es no siempre hacer suposiciones sobre las personas y las circunstancias. ¡Dios nos ha sorprendido y seguirá sorprendiéndonos! Este fue ciertamente el caso con David. David Wolpe escribe: “*Según el corazón de Dios*: David en su carácter es como Dios en acción. La inexplicable amalgama del bien y el mal se filtra a través de corazones humanos que abarcan la totalidad del mundo de Dios, no tímidos como Saúl, sino atrevidos, volátiles, peligrosos y épicos como David. Isaías dice que Dios ‘hace la paz y crea el mal’ (Is. 45, 7). En otras palabras, todas las cosas tienen su fuente en Dios. David se erige como Lear en el brezo, un epítome de la experiencia terrenal, furioso, acosado, el que siente más profundamente, el que tiene el corazón de Dios. Quizás David es el precursor del Mesías porque este es el hombre que representa lo que Dios desea: en su pecaminosidad y sublimidad, es el más humano de todos nosotros”.

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prayer and worship

MASS INTENTIONS

(☩ = deceased; INT = special intention)

<i>Saturday, March 21</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Pius
<i>Sunday, March 22</i>	8:00 am	Cortopassi Family
	9:30 am	Anthony Wong ☩
	11:30 am	Katelin Rowland (INT)
	5:00 pm	Tina Zanoni ☩
<i>Monday, March 23</i>	6:30 am	Louise Buonocore ☩
	8:00 am	Frances Xavier ☩
<i>Tuesday, March 24</i>	6:30 am	Louise Buonocore ☩
	8:00 am	Fr. Louis Dabovich ☩
<i>Wed., March 25</i>	6:30 am	Roselle Blanchard ☩
	8:00 am	Larry Cristani ☩
<i>Thursday, March 26</i>	6:30 am	Angelina Bonnici ☩
	8:00 am	Elaine Visconti ☩
<i>Friday, March 27</i>	6:30 am	Anna Marie Cappa ☩
	8:00 am	Charles & Louise Fraglia ☩ #

This Sunday's Readings

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a;

Ephesians 5:8-14;

John 9:1-41



The Second
Scrutiny



What are the "Scrutinies"?

The Scrutinies are very special rites of self-searching and repentance celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent, at liturgies where the Elect are present. The Elect are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism. Part of their journey to the baptismal font is that they have been received among us, the Rite of Acceptance, and they have been enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election.

The Second Scrutiny is held today, March 22nd, the 4th Sunday of Lent.



Please pray for our faithful departed

Joyce Pardini

Please pray for our sick, that Jesus be a source of strength and comfort for them.

Names are automatically removed after 30 days.

Please call the Parish Center to add a name to this list.

Fr. Brian Costello
Tom Cozzens
Juanita Douglass
Claudia Godlew
John Hernandez
Gerry Hilliard



Shelby Kirksey
Lupe Kolenda
Loretta Loeffler
Ted Longust
Dorothy Rottinghaus
Katelin Rowland

During this time of distancing, our priests will offer daily and weekend Masses live on our Facebook page (facebook.com/piusrwc/) and on our YouTube channel or go to pius.org/stream.

Daily evening prayer at 6:00 pm.

Starting Monday, March 23, 2020

Daily Masses are 11:00 am (Spanish) and 12:00 pm (English).

Sunday Masses are 9:30 am (English) and 11:30 am (in Spanish).

Please join our priests online and make an **Act of Spiritual Communion**.



My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

~Amen.

Creo, Jesús mío, que estás realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar. Te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo recibirte en mi alma.

Pero como ahora no puedo recibirte de manera sacramental, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón.

Como si ya te hubiese recibido, te abrazo y me uno todo a Ti. No permitáis, Señor, que jamás me separe de Ti.

~Amén.

Mary, Mother of the Church, we implore your intercession for the renewal of our Church through Christ. We entrust to you our priests, staff and laity. Inspire our leaders to imitate your humility and obedience to God and be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. May all hearts be converted and reignited with love so that we may be a people of communion in mission.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of mercy,
hail our life, our sweetness,
and our hope.

To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in
this valley of tears.

Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us; that
after this, our exile, show unto us
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus:

O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.
Amen.



Memorare

Remember, O most gracious
Virgin Mary, that
never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy
protection, implored thy help, or
sought thine intercession was left
unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,
I fly unto thee, O Virgin of
Virgins, my Mother.
Before thee I come,
sinful and sorrowful I stand,
Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy,
hear and answer them.
Amen.

from the pastor (continued from page 3)

The responsorial psalm this Sunday is fitting both as David himself was a shepherd called to be a king and the current medical and health crisis we are facing as a global community. People often refer to Psalm 23 in times of distress, loss, and uncertainty. The psalmist reassures us that the shepherd will take care of his flock. “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.”

When I was growing up, Father Vital Vodusek, the longtime pastor of the Slovene-Croatian Church of the Nativity in San Francisco, had a great devotion to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. As many of you know, I have adopted this devotion myself. Jesus as the Good Shepherd watches over and protects always, even in times of danger and hardship. Yes, we recognize the reality of disappointment and hardship, but we remember even more that **GOD IS ALWAYS PRESENT TO US!** I pray that the tender image and reality of Jesus the Good Shepherd keeping us safe from harm brings us consolation and hope during this time especially. May we experience in spirit and in truth the words of St. Paul to the Ephesians: “You were once darkness, but now you are lights in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.”

In the Gospel of John, we hear proclaimed the story of Jesus curing the man born blind. This is a complicated story with many parts and themes. First, the disciples asked if the man himself or his parents were sinners, as it was believed at that time that anyone born with a physical or mental malady was condemned by God. Jesus assures them that the man’s blindness was a sign that would reveal God’s glory through the work of his Son. Jesus did this through healing. Then we have the Pharisees rebuking Jesus as a sinner for violating the Sabbath. An argument ensued and “there was division among them.” The Jews desperately wanted answers to their questions as to how this man born blind, and confirmed by his own parents, could be healed. In the midst of all of this commotion, the man born blind but now healed says (perhaps in a profession of faith): “This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him”

We have echoes of the encounter of the Samaritan Woman at Jacob’s Well and the man once blind with Jesus. Both the woman and the cured man ask, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus reveals to them that he is the Messiah, the one speaking with them. Jesus reveals himself as water and light. These images are especially powerful for us these days as we experience our spiritual journey and pilgrimage amidst challenges many of us have never faced. May we continue to recognize that Jesus is our constant companion who nourishes us and quenches our thirst with life-giving water and shows us the way by lighting our way!

May we continue to pray for one another, support and encourage one another, and remember we are united as one **TEAM** of the St. Pius family!

St. Pius Church daily & weekend
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El salmo responsorial de este domingo es apropiado, tanto porque el propio David era un pastor llamado a ser rey como por la actual crisis médica y de salud que enfrentamos como comunidad global. Las personas a menudo hacen referencia al Salmo 23 en tiempos de angustia, pérdida e incertidumbre. El salmista nos asegura que el pastor cuidará de su rebaño. “El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta: así, aunque camine por cañadas oscuras, nada temo, porque tú estás conmigo. Tu vara y tu cayado me dan seguridad. Tu bondad y tu misericordia me acompañarán todos los días de mi vida; y viviré en la casa del Señor por años sin término”.

Cuando era niño, el padre Vital Vodusek, que fue pastor por mucho tiempo de la Iglesia de la Natividad eslovaco-croata en San Francisco, tenía una gran devoción a Jesús, el Buen Pastor. Como muchos de ustedes saben, yo mismo he adoptado esta devoción. Jesús, el Buen Pastor nos vigila y protege siempre, incluso en tiempos de peligro y dificultades. Sí, reconocemos la realidad de la desilusión y las dificultades, ¡pero recordamos aún más que **DIOS SIEMPRE ESTÁ PRESENTE CON NOSOTROS!** Rezo para que la imagen tierna y la realidad de Jesús, el Buen Pastor que nos mantiene a salvo del peligro nos traigan consuelo y esperanza especialmente durante este tiempo. Que podamos experimentar en espíritu y en verdad las palabras de San Pablo a los efesios: “En otro tiempo ustedes fueron tinieblas, pero ahora, unidos al Señor, son luz. Vivan, por lo tanto, como hijos de la luz. Los frutos de la luz son la bondad, la santidad y la verdad”.

En el Evangelio de Juan, escuchamos la proclamación de la historia de Jesús que cura al ciego de nacimiento. Esta es una historia complicada con muchas partes y temas. Primero, los discípulos preguntan si el hombre mismo o sus padres eran pecadores, ya que en ese momento se creía que cualquier persona nacida con una enfermedad física o mental era condenada por Dios. Jesús les asegura que la ceguera del hombre era una señal que revelaría la gloria de Dios a través de la obra de su Hijo. Eso fue lo que Jesús hizo a través de la curación. Luego tenemos a los fariseos reprendiendo a Jesús como pecador por violar el sábado. Se produjo una discusión y “había división entre ellos”. Los judíos querían desesperadamente respuestas a sus preguntas sobre cómo este ciego de nacimiento y confirmado por sus propios padres como tal, podía ser sanado. En medio de toda esta conmoción, el ciego de nacimiento que ahora estaba curado dice (tal vez en una profesión de fe): “Es curioso que ustedes no sepan de dónde viene y, sin embargo, me ha abierto los ojos. Sabemos que Dios no escucha a los pecadores, pero al que lo teme y hace su voluntad, a ése sí lo escucha”.

Tenemos ecos en el encuentro de Jesús con la Samaritana en el pozo de Jacob y el del ciego de nacimiento. Tanto la mujer como el hombre curado preguntan: “¿Y quién es él, Señor, para que pueda creer en él?” Jesús les revela que él es el Mesías, el que habla con ellos. Jesús se revela como agua y luz. Estas imágenes son especialmente poderosas para nosotros en estos días a medida que experimentamos nuestro viaje espiritual y nuestra peregrinación en medio de desafíos que muchos de nosotros nunca hemos enfrentado. ¡Que podamos seguir reconociendo que Jesús es nuestro compañero constante que nos alimenta y apaga nuestra sed con agua que nos da vida y nos muestra el camino al iluminarnos!

¡Que podamos seguir orando los unos por los otros, apoyándonos y alentándonos mutuamente, y que recordemos que estamos unidos como un **EQUIPO** de la familia de San Pío!



Sunday Collections

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 (annual goal)	\$550,000.00		
July 1, 2019 - March 15, 2020 (goal to date)	\$409,804.16	2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Campaign	
July 1, 2019 - March 15, 2020 (actual received)*	\$337,365.38	2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (received)	\$129,000.00
Sunday Collection - March 15, 2020			\$ 5,375.00
Collection for our Parish	\$ 4,734.00		

*includes electronic contributions to January 31, 2020

The St. Pius Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank our fellow parishioners for their generous and continued support throughout the year. In doing so, we would like to share a story, told to us by a St. Pius parishioner, that is representative of the clients we serve:

"I was working in the trailer at the Redwood City Homeless Help Center when a man came and asked if we might have a blanket because it had been SO cold! I had just found a strange unmarked bag which happened to have a large Mickey mouse throw. I asked if he had to carry the blanket or not and he said he had an encampment so he didn't have to carry it. I pulled out the bag and took out the throw- he was so thrilled. Under the throw there was a hand crocheted throw. The man saw it and his eyes grew big- "Wow!" he said.

"You should take that too," I said, and he took a step back and started to refuse because it was too nice for him. "Go on, you deserve something nice too," I said. The other volunteer encouraged him too and he took it, hugged it and got tears in his eyes. It must have brought back precious memories of someone or sometime in his life that really touched him. He took it and wrapped it up carefully in the bag and went off speechless. I will never forget the look on his face. I felt for a flash that I was looking on the face of Jesus! It changed me forever!"

The struggles facing this man are symbolic of those currently being experienced by our SVdP clients. While these are difficult times for all, the problems faced by the marginalized and forgotten of our community are making their lives ever more difficult. Your generous donations enable our SVdP members to provide food, clothing and other basic necessities that can help support individuals and families in their time of need. As we approach the next fifth Sunday SVdP collection, please be assured that whatever you would be able to donate will be greatly appreciated and will be used to help those in our community in need of assistance. Again, please accept our sincere thanks for your generosity and your continued support.



Giftgiving to St. Pius

St. Pius Parish was built on the generosity of its parishioners and continuing donations ensure that our parish will continue to thrive.

There are several ways to donate to St. Pius Church:

- Cash or Check
- Online Donation - go to pius.org and click on "Donate Now".
- Stock Donation - by donating highly appreciated securities, donors pay no capital gains on the appreciated stock and receive an income tax deduction for the full market value at the time of the gift (up to the overall amount allowed by the IRS).
- IRA withdrawal - donate directly from your IRA at age 70 ½ years or older. While income tax is normally due on each traditional IRA distribution, the account owner does not need to pay taxes on the amount transferred to St. Pius Church.

Tax laws have recently changed, we have parishioners who are members of the Finance Council who can answer questions on these topics and guide you towards an effective strategy to donate to St. Pius Church or other non-profit organizations.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kristin Bright at the Parish Center at kristin@pius.org or (650) 361-1411.

2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

This year, our AAA assessment is \$129,000 which reflects a percentage of our Sunday collections. Each parish of the archdiocese contributes to the Appeal which supports vital administrative and ministry needs of our local Church. We would ask that each of our Parish families contribute what they can in order to meet our goal; as a Parish family, we are most strong when all our members support our financial obligations, on the parish level and archdiocesan level. The monetary goal is important but just as important is everyone participating which truly reflects that we are mutually supportive of one another.

The gifts received through the Appeal are able to support ministries, programs and services at a level that an individual donor or individual parish would not be able to by itself. Among other ministries, the Annual Appeal:

- Supports our children's future by making Catholic education more accessible.
- Sponsors ethnic ministries that reach our diverse communities.
- Assists vocation discernment and education.
- Provides religious education to parish youth and strengthens the faith of our young adults.
- Educates the community about important social policy concerns.
- Provides essential services to our parishes.

Ways to Give:

- **One-time gift**
 - *Online at SFArch.org/AAA
 - *Via check mailed to the Chancery or St. Pius Parish office.
 - *Via transfer of stock or property
- **Pledged gift**
 - *Online gifts can be paid by VISA, MasterCard, American Express, or by an ACH direct debit transfer from a bank account
- **Stocks and Mutual Fund Shares**
- **Matching Gifts**
 - *Some companies offer matching gifts. Please check with your employer.

Campaña Anual Arquidiocesana 2020

Este año, se nos ha asignado la cantidad de \$129,000 que es un reflejo de un porcentaje de nuestras colectas dominicales. Cada parroquia de la Arquidiócesis contribuye a la Campaña que apoya las necesidades vitales administrativas y ministeriales de nuestra Iglesia local. Quiero pedir a cada una de nuestras familias parroquiales que contribuyan con lo que puedan para alcanzar nuestra meta; como familia parroquial, somos más fuertes cuando todos nuestros miembros apoyan nuestras obligaciones financieras, a nivel parroquial y arquidiocesano. El objetivo monetario es importante, pero igual de importante es la participación de todos, lo que realmente refleja que nos apoyamos mutuamente.

Las donaciones recibidas a través de la Campaña apoyan los ministerios, programas y servicios en un nivel que un donante individual o una parroquia individual no podrían hacerlo por sí solos. Entre otros ministerios, la Campaña Anual:

- Apoya el futuro de nuestros hijos al hacer que la educación católica sea más accesible.
- Patrocina ministerios étnicos que llegan a nuestras diversas comunidades.
- Ayuda al discernimiento y educación vocacional.
- Brinda educación religiosa a los jóvenes de la parroquia y fortalece la fe de nuestros jóvenes adultos.
- Educa a la comunidad sobre importantes preocupaciones de política social.
- Brinda servicios esenciales a nuestras parroquias.

Formas de donar:

- **Donación única**
 - * En línea en SFArch.org/AAA
 - * Mediante cheque enviado por correo a la cancillería o su parroquia.
 - * Por transferencia de acciones o propiedades
- **Donación prometida**
 - * Las donaciones en línea se pueden pagar con VISA, MasterCard, American Express o mediante una transferencia de débito directo ACH desde una cuenta bancaria.
- **Acciones y acciones de fondos mutuos**
- **Donaciones de contraparte**
 - * Algunas compañías ofrecen donaciones de contraparte. Por favor, consulte con su empleador.

A Message to the People of God about the Coronavirus Epidemic From Archbishop Cordileone

We are living in extraordinary times, unprecedented in the lives of most of us. Six Bay Area counties (San Francisco, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda and Contra Costa) are now under a “shelter in place” order for the purpose of containing the spread of the coronavirus. It is of the utmost importance that we all do our part to comply with this order, so that we might “flatten the curve,” that is, extend the period of time in which people will get sick, so that our health care institutions will not be overwhelmed. Otherwise, some people will inevitably not get the health care they need and, in all likelihood, some of these will end up dying. Even those who are willing to risk their own health in not complying with this order must realize that they may be endangering the health, and even lives, of others, since it is possible for one to have the virus for days, and perhaps even weeks, before the symptoms manifest themselves. Hence, one could be infecting others without even realizing it.

Extraordinary times require extraordinary measures. I have recently sent a memo to our priests, outlining the measures we will take to comply with what the counties are asking us to do, while at the same time continuing to provide for the spiritual care of our people. These decisions were arrived at only after I engaged in extensive conversation with pastors, experts in the field, and some of our lay faithful, and then held an emergency conference call consultation with the deans of the ten deaneries of our Archdiocese as well as Archdiocesan leadership.

The Celebration of Mass

1. Pastors (or a priest they designate) will celebrate Mass every day in their parish churches with only one altar server in attendance. Due to the “stay at home” order, no one else can be present in the church during the celebration of Mass, only the priest and one altar server. This means that for the time being, and until further notice, there will be no public celebration of Mass.
2. That does not mean, though, that our people cannot attend Mass *remotely*, and so parishes that have the technology to do so will livestream these Masses celebrated in private. This will allow our pastors to continue to communicate with their parishioners from the pulpit in real time. Information on livestreamed parish Masses can be found here: <https://sfarch.org/livestreams>.
3. Continuing the celebration of Mass in our parish churches in this way (i.e., in private, with no one present other than the priest and one altar server) will also enable our parishes to fulfill Mass intentions that have been requested by the faithful. Where there is no requested intention for the Mass, our priests have been asked to celebrate Masses for the intention of those suffering from the coronavirus, for the health care workers attending to them, and for researchers seeking a cure and vaccine for the virus.
4. Since the celebration of Mass in public is not available, the faithful are not bound by the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance. To be more precise: to “keep the Lord’s Day holy” is the precept of the third Commandment of the Decalogue, direct from God, to which we are always bound and can never be dispensed; however, at this time, ***our people are excused from keeping the Lord’s Day holy by attending Sunday Mass.*** This means that our people must keep the Lord’s Day holy in other ways, at home.

Other Considerations

5. To the extent possible, churches will remain open during the day so that our people may have the solace of prayer in a sacred space, especially before the Blessed Sacrament, during this distressing time.
6. Priests will continue to visit the sick and celebrate the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for them, in accordance with special sanitary measures I have indicated to them.
7. In parishes where posted hours for regularly hearing confessions in the parish church might possibly draw even a small crowd of people together, confessions will have to be scheduled by appointment. Parishes in this situation have been asked to communicate this announcement widely and thoroughly. To be in keeping with the safety practices being urged upon us, I have also asked our priests to hear confessions in an open space, or spacious room, where the six-foot distance rule can be observed and confidentiality respected.
8. Weddings and funerals should be postponed to the extent possible. Parents presenting their children for baptism should arrange with their pastor how best to accommodate the celebration of this life-giving sacrament.
9. Sadly, Palm Sunday falls within the timeframe covered by the “shelter in place” order. It will, moreover, severely impact our celebration of the Triduum liturgies. Communication to the pastors will be forthcoming to give them guidance on how to carry out these ceremonies.

The unavailability of public Mass at this time truly saddens all of us. I would encourage us, though, to take this as an opportunity to be creative in finding ways to keep holy the Sabbath at home. For ideas on how to do this, please see the resource, “Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy at Home”. (on the next page)

Keeping the Lord's Day Holy at Home Advice from Archbishop Cordileone

The current “stay home” order we are observing in the Bay Area presents challenges us to observe the third precept of the Decalogue, “Remember the Sabbath day – keep it holy,” in ways other than by attending Sunday Mass. Since the celebration of Mass in public is not possible at this time, ***our people are excused from keeping the Lord's Day holy by attending Sunday Mass.*** But since none of us are exempt from any of the Ten Commandments, I invite you to see this as an opportunity to be creative in finding ways to keep holy the Sabbath at home. Here are some ideas for how to do so.

1. Attend Mass remotely by watching a televised Sunday Mass

There are many possibilities for viewing the celebration of Mass, both via television and online, and both live and recorded. Below are some of those opportunities.

- As we have announced to the public, parishes that have the technology to do so will livestream the Masses celebrated in their parish churches *in private* (i.e., only the priest and one altar server present, no one else). Most appropriately, then, people in parishes with livestreamed Masses can remotely attend their parish Mass with their pastor in this way.
- St. Mary's Cathedral will celebrate these Masses in private according to its established Mass schedule: Sunday Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm (Spanish) and 5:30pm Saturday; weekday Masses at 7:30am and 12:10pm. Although these Masses will be celebrated with only the priest and one altar server present, as all of the other parish Masses in the Archdiocese, all of these Masses will be livestreamed so that our people may attend remotely at home. I myself will celebrate every Sunday at either the 11:00am or 1:00pm Mass (beginning this Sunday at 11:00am), as well as regularly during the week.
- There is a locally recorded Sunday Mass celebrated by Msgr. Harry Schlitt which can be viewed on television and on YouTube.
- The Catholic broadcasting network EWTN also has many possibilities for viewing Masses, both live and recorded, both in English and in Spanish.

Information on how to access all of these Masses is found here: <https://sfarch.org/livestreams>.

2. Make a spiritual Communion

According to an ancient practice, faithful who are properly disposed to receive sacramental Communion but are not able to do so may make an act of “spiritual Communion.” Examples may be a mother who must stay at home to attend to a sick child, a Mass at which the Eucharistic species has run out before everyone has communicated, and travelling where there is no Sunday Mass available. More information on spiritual Communion can be found here:

- www.opwest.org/Coronavirus (click on the video by Fr. Michael Hurley, OP, pastor of St. Dominic parish in San Francisco)
- <https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/spiritual-communion.html>
- <https://www.dolr.org/article/those-unable-receive-eucharist-can-have-spiritual-communion>

3. Meditate on the Sunday readings

Many resources are now available which have the Sunday readings and meditations or commentaries to go along with them. An excellent resource in print is the popular Magnificat booklet. Magnificat is, in fact, providing free subscriptions at this time in both English and Spanish (cf. us.magnificat.net/free or latina.magnificat.net/gratis). The readings for each day of the year are also available online in both English and Spanish on the homepage of the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (<http://www.usccb.org>).

4. Pray the rosary.

The rosary is, essentially, a biblical prayer, as it is a means of meditating on the mysteries of our salvation as revealed in the life of our Lord and our Blessed Mother in the Gospels, and most of the prayers come directly from the Gospel. Moreover, the traditional 150 Hail Mary's (five decades each for the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries) were seen as correlated to the 150 Psalms in the Book of Psalms: while monks chanted the entire Psalter at different hours of the day throughout the week, the faithful could keep the spirit of this monastic discipline in their busy lives in the world by praying the rosary. Of course, St. John Paul II has now enhanced this cherished Catholic prayer by adding the Luminous Mysteries: mysteries at key moments in our Lord's public ministry that reveal his truth and glory. Many resources are also available to enrich the praying of the rosary, such as the Scriptural rosary. It is good to pray the rosary in a group as well as individually, especially on the Lord's Day which focuses on our communion as many members in the one Body of Christ.

The great hardship the unavailability of Mass in person and other Church services and events will cause to our devout people is abundantly clear to me. It is a sign of your deep and abiding faith, and I cannot help but smile when I think how pleasing this must be to our Lord. But it is also clear to me how pleased he will be by our making these sacrifices in order to protect our own health and that of the others.

Let us remember that it is precisely at times such as this that the Church throughout her history has most brilliantly shone the light of Christ. Our Lord is now giving us this opportunity to exhibit spiritual excellence through heroic virtue. At a time when we are all feeling the pull of a “me first,” “self-survival” mode to the exclusion of others, our Christian faith calls us precisely to put others first by acts of neighborliness, especially toward those who are most vulnerable.

With profound gratitude to health care workers and researchers, let us keep them in our daily prayers along with those suffering from this virus, all the sick, and our government leaders who are making such critical decisions for the public good at this time. Let us also remember to pray for those who are suffering materially as a result of the impact the current pandemic is having on the economy. Let us turn to our beautiful Blessed Mother, who unceasingly comes to the aid of her children in times of distress such as this. I invite you to join me in praying daily this prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe, composed by the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop José Gómez of Los Angeles:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.