



Dear Friends,

Well, we will certainly always remember the Lent of 2020! None of us could have imagined that these sacrifices would be thrust upon us, but Lent is certainly a fitting time to endure this experience.

I miss each and every one of you, and I am beyond eager for the day when we will be reunited to celebrate Mass. For the time being, we need to continue to spiritually unite ourselves to one another. For now, we are doing our best to utilize the internet to keep us united spiritually.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Our Facebook Live and YouTube schedule will remain the same. Daily Mass online Monday through Friday will continue to be at 3pm (the Hour of Mercy). We will pray the rosary at 7pm Monday through Friday. I will also continue to offer some occasional spiritual thoughts on Facebook Live. The weekend online schedule will be Saturday Mass at 8am, Vigil Mass Saturday at 5pm, and Sunday Mass at 10:30am.

You can access Facebook Live on my personal page (search "Michael Najim" and send me a friend request). The YouTube link is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3sT7Dy0bl5HZdQfY57qzLQ?sub_confirmation=1

We continue to have confessions available Wednesday 5:00-5:30 and Saturday 3:30-4:30 (always keeping social distancing directives in mind). Confessions are being heard in the sacristy and the All Saints room so that we are not in the confined space of the reconciliation rooms.

On Tuesday, we will have an abbreviated time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from noon until 6:00pm. We will also have nocturnal adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on first Friday, April 3-4 (8pm-8am).

The church continues to remain open during the day for private prayer from 6am until 4:30pm.

PARISH OUTREACH

We have over 30 volunteers who are willing to do errands for those who are unable to leave their homes. If you are elderly, physically challenged, or just uncomfortable leaving your home, please feel free to call the rectory (596-2535 ext. 2) and we will help you. Also, if you need to talk please call us or if you know someone who needs a phone call please let us know.

PARISH GIVING

I am very mindful that many people are experiencing financial hardship during this time. Do not worry if you're unable to financially support the parish during this time. For those who are able, I am so grateful that you continue to support our parish either by mailing your contribution, giving online through e-giving, or dropping it off during the weekend if you stop by to pray in church. This weekend, once again, our church will be open Saturday from 7am until 5pm and Sunday 6:30am-11:30am. Once again, one of the Knights of Columbus will be there Saturday from 3:00-5:00 or Sunday 6:30-11:30 if you wish to drop off your weekly contribution and to spend time in prayer. You can also continue to mail your contribution to the rectory.

You can also sign up for E-giving which is secure and convenient. You can give one time or set up recurring e-giving. Here is the secure link: <http://www.saintpiuswesterly.org/e-giving/>

Deacon Fran continues to do a great job keeping our parish website updated with all of this information. Visit our website: <http://www.saintpiuswesterly.org/>

My friends, I want you to know that I am here for you as well as our parish staff. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need anything. I do believe that the Lord is doing good things in the midst of all of this. Let's continue to pray for one another. "This too shall pass."

God bless you,

Fr. Najim

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13