

Friends in Christ:

Things these days are moving fast, by the time decisions can be made, they are already obsolete. These are strange and unprecedented times in which we find ourselves.

Today the Bishop decided that **all “public” Masses would be suspended until March 31st** (Tuesday). Because Holy Redeemer has the option to “live stream” Masses over the internet, the weekday and weekend Masses will be said at the times they are normally scheduled, and live streamed over the internet. The Bishop has given a dispensation (removal of the obligation to assist at a weekend Mass) through that date. BUT – I would like to ask that those who have the capacity, would watch a live streamed weekend Mass either of a Mass at Holy Redeemer or another one that is available over the internet, with your family, during this time. (This “live streaming” will begin hopefully for the morning Mass on Friday, March 20th).

Stations of the Cross and Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration will be at times they were scheduled moving forward. For those who attend Stations of the Cross, please “socially distance” yourselves, or come on your own to pray them individually, outside of scheduled times.

St Mary’s and St Michael’s will be open for people to visit and pray, as usual.

Perpetual Adoration at Holy Redeemer – beginning next week on Sunday, March 22nd at 5 pm, Adoration will be in St. Mary’s Chapel of Holy Redeemer School instead of the St. Joseph Chapel. Please use the same door to enter and sign in for your hour on the iPad, as before. The larger school chapel will give people an opportunity to “socially distance” as well. (We need to be praying in these times more than ever!)

A few bulletins for this weekend will be printed for people to pick up if they are not able to download bulletins from the parish website. Next week, until public Masses resume, they will not be published. Updates, notification and posts will continue to be made on the AFC website.

Religious Education – weekly lessons will be sent out for parents to do with their children. I hope that people will take this opportunity to be with their children and share their Faith together. It is necessary, more now than ever. (formed.org is a super resource!)

Please **use these days and weeks to pray, and study more about your Faith.** There are and will be many helpful things posted to the parish website and Facebook page. Look often!

Let us pray for each other and our country, for healthcare workers and our leaders who have the great burden of decision making.

Lastly, if you need a priest in emergency, please do not hesitate to call on us!

-Fr. M. Steffl