

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

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Feast of St. Patrick

Dear Parishioners,

We are in extraordinary times with not only Masses being cancelled but also planning for Holy Week and Easter being cancelled. We see shelves in our stores being emptied as people prepare for the long haul in dealing with the coronavirus. All of this can create stress and anxiety in our lives. I ask you keep yourself safe, follow the directives we are given and to pray, placing yourself into God's love and care.

I want to assure you of our prayers for you, Fr. David, Deacon Matthew, Francisco and myself during this time and ask you also to pray for the health and safety of all. Pray for those in the medical field who are studying this in order to find a remedy and pray for those who are the first responders in caring for the ill.

With public Masses being cancelled, public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel will also be cancelled. A private Mass will be offered each day by Fr. David and me to pray for the intentions you have requested for each day and the well-being of all of us. I have Russ, our Business Manager, and Vince, our Secretary, working on getting the private Masses streamed live through the internet. As soon as this is available, I will have that information out to you. Also, Mt. Carmel Church will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. each day for those of you who want to come pray. I ask that you please keep the 6 feet social distance from each other as has been recommended. The Sacrament of Penance will still be available on Saturdays at 11am.

The Parish Office on Lake Avenue will also be closed to the public until further notice. At least two office staff members will continue to work in the office from 9:30-2:30 to answer phones and take messages. If you need to come to the office, please call first to alert the office personnel or use the parish social media.

Finally, your financial offerings to support the mission of the parish can still be made electronically, dropped off at the office through the mail slot to the left of the door or simply mailed.

Please keep yourself safe, be prudent as you go out of the safety of your home and keep us all in prayer. May God bless all efforts to overcome this virus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rev. Raymond J. Thomas, VF
Pastor