

Greetings Mary, Queen of Heaven family.

I hope everyone is hunkered down and staying safe. 😊

I have some sad news. Today, pastors received word from our Bishop that all Masses will be canceled beginning this Friday, March 20. The suspension of Masses remains in effect until further notice.

Not being able to receive the Eucharist seems almost unimaginable, and I know our Bishop put a lot of thought and prayer into his decision. Every Catholic in our Diocese will be receiving a letter from Bishop Foys outlining our Diocesan protocols in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Until we are once again able to worship our Lord at Mass, I strongly encourage you to watch Mass on television. EWTN (Spectrum cable channel 26) has Masses every day at 8am, noon, 7pm and midnight (and I'll bet their homilies are better than mine! 😊). Also, Mass at our Cathedral in Covington is broadcast on Sundays at 5pm on Spectrum cable channel 188.

While receiving Holy Communion won't be possible, we can always make a Spiritual Communion. Here is St. Alphonsus Ligouri's beautiful Spiritual Communion prayer: My Jesus, I believe that You are Present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now 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.

Also, until further notice, our church will remain open from 8am - 4pm seven days a week for anyone who would like to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

May our Lord protect you and may His face shine upon you!! 😊

Peace & grace,

Fr. Kevin