



MATER MISERICORDIÆ CATHOLIC CHURCH

An Apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

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Dear Mater Misericordiae Parishioners,

I want to thank you for your patience during this difficult time.

Additionally, I have received several emails and phone calls regarding several persons' disappointments in not being able to receive the Eucharist. I want you to know that I reached out to the Diocese with several different proposals on how we could distribute Communion to the faithful of Mater Misericordiae. I was, however, directed that all the Priests of the Diocese are not allowed to have Communion services or take the Eucharist to the homes unless it is accompanied by the sacrament of Extreme Unction (Anointing of the Sick). Similarly, the Priests cannot offer Masses in parishioners' homes for any reason, nor can we make social visits to homes unless it is a grave necessity. I know that for some of you this is true sorrow to not be able to receive the Eucharist, but at the present moment we can only worship God by Spiritual Communion and our personal prayer. Although, it is definitely a hard pill to swallow, I ask that you harbor no ill will to our Bishop or the Church, but humbly resign yourself to God's will expressed through our Bishop.

I would also like to take a moment and address some questions that have been raised. My hope is that, if you have a similar question or concern, it will be addressed here:

- 1) Is the office open? The office is open. If you plan on dropping off items to be blessed, please call first to make sure someone is there.
- 2) What if I need to make an appointment? We are not currently taking appointments. Please email the office in a couple of weeks to set up an appointment.
- 3) Can I make an appointment for Confession? No, but avail yourself of the schedule currently in place during the week. (see previous Flocknote or check online calendar).
- 4) Do I have to make an appointment to come to the church during the week? No, you do not need to set up an appointment during the week. You do, however, have to schedule your time for Sunday.
- 5) How do I sign up for spending time in church on Sunday? Email the parish office with your request. Scheduling will be based on order in which they are received.
- 6) When will the public Masses resume? We are currently waiting to hear from the Diocese.
- 7) I had an appointment with Father, has that been cancelled? Yes. Please contact office in a couple of weeks to request another appointment.
- 8) What if I have a sacramental emergency? If you have a sacramental emergency please call 402-659-9966.
- 9) Will you live-stream Father's private Masses? We are planning on implementing that and are working on it. We will notify everyone as soon as it is available.

- 10) Where can I watch a live Mass? You may watch a live Mass at www.livemass.net. YouTube also has recorded Masses available.
- 11) How long will this last? We do not know but we are hopeful only a couple of weeks.
- 12) Are Spiritual Communion beneficial? Yes, and Father Rock is working on a longer and more in-depth explanation of this question. We will share that in the next few days.
- 13) How can I continue to support Mater financially? You may send your donation through snail mail or you may make an online donation at our parish website: www.phoenixlatinmass.org.

I hope this list of questions and answers have helped. If you still have a question please email me. Be aware, however, that it may take a little while to receive a reply. I would also like to thank the many of you that have reached out to me and Father Rock; asking about our needs or if we are in need of anything. Your care and concern are touching. I will continue to be in communication with you. Things are moving quickly and I appreciate all of your cooperation and flexibility.

May God bless you,
Father Michael Passo
Pastor