



MATER MISERICORDIÆ CATHOLIC CHURCH

An Apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

March 17, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Mater Misericordiae,

After receiving directives from the Diocese of Phoenix yesterday suspending public Masses and events, it is incumbent upon me to notify you of how we will be implementing these directives during this grave and difficult time.

Although, it is deeply sorrowful that we cannot celebrate Mass publicly, it is absolutely necessary that we do not tempt God by seeking our own will but that we prudently comply with the directives of the Bishop and the CDC to prevent the spread of this pandemic.

His Excellency would like churches to remain open, if possible, and Confessions to be available. Therefore, **starting Thursday, March 19th**, we are implementing a new daily schedule for our parishioners as follows:

*Sunday- The church will be open from 8:00am to 3:00pm. NO Confessions. In order to ensure that many have an opportunity to pray in the church on Sunday, I ask that you email the parish office with requested 1/2 hour time slots. Scheduling will be done according to the order they were received.

*Monday- The church will be open from 6:30am to 8:30am. Confessions from 6:30am to 7:00am and from 7:30 to 8:00am.

*Tuesday- The church will be open from 6:30am to 8:30am. Confessions from 6:30am to 7:00am and 7:30am to 8:00am. In the afternoon, the church will be open from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Confessions will be from 11:00am to 11:30am and from 12:00pm to 12:30pm.

*Wednesday- The church will be open from 6:30am to 8:30am. Confessions from 6:30am to 7:00am and 7:30am to 8:00am. In the evening, the church will be open from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Confessions from 6:00pm to 6:30pm and 7:00pm to 7:30pm.

*Thursday- same as Tuesday

*Friday- same as Wednesday

*Saturday- Confessions from 8:00am to 8:30am and 9:00am to 9:30am. The church will be open from 8:00am to 10:00am.

Confessions will be in courtyard. Know that there should not be more than 10 people in the church at any one time. Please self-limit your time to allow others to pray as well.

In addition to adjusting the daily schedule, all parish functions, appointments, and spiritual direction are suspended. However, Father Rock and I will continue to offer private Masses, as well as praying the prayer against the epidemic which we started last Sunday.

We realize that many of you have a great desire to receive Holy Communion.

However, we are waiting on Diocesan guidelines for distribution of communion either at church or at home. When we receive them, we will determine how best they will be applied according to the parish's liturgical norms.

The best mediums to stay informed are Flocknote and Facebook. If you have not yet signed up for Flocknote, please do so at our website: www.phoenixlatinmass.org.

I encourage you to visit the FSSP website www.livemass.net, where you can view the Mass being offered daily, at worldwide fraternity apostolates.

Lastly, as usual, if you have a sacramental emergency, please call 402-659-9966.

At this difficult moment, I ask you to see the Hand of God in everything that has happened or may happen. He never sends us a cross which is too difficult to carry. So, let us persevere in practicing Faith in God's promises, Hope He will fulfill them, and Charity that He loves us as His dearly beloved children.

May God Bless you,
Father Michael Passo
Pastor