



COVID-19

Updates from
our Parish

Dear Friends,

So much has transpired over the last few days, and it has all happened so quickly. For a time, life has changed quite drastically for all of us. But the Lord can and will do great things in our lives, our parish, and in our world if we allow him. I believe he's permitting this to happen so that we can draw closer to him. It's important to note that we do not believe that God has caused this to happen; there's a difference between his permissive will (what he allows to happen) and his perfect will (what he actually wills to happen in our lives and the world).

Just a reminder that all public Masses are suspended until further notice. However, please know that I and Fr. Ray will continue to offer Mass privately, which means that **we will fulfill the Mass intentions that any of you have requested**. Even though you can't be present at the Mass being offered for your loved one, we will indeed offer the Mass. One slight change, however: for the time being, on Saturdays, I will combine the intentions for the 8:00am and 5:00pm into one Mass at 5:00pm. I will also combine the Sunday morning Mass intentions into one Mass at 10:30. Again, these Masses will be private and will not be held in St. Pius X Church. Rest assured that even though these Mass intentions will be combined, the Mass will still be offered for your specific intention.

Currently, I plan to offer Mass each day at 3:00 on Facebook Live. I'm hoping that we will soon be able to live-stream Mass on YouTube. I will also offer Mass on Facebook or YouTube at 5:00pm on Saturday and 10:30 on Sunday. I will keep you posted on this.

I have no idea how long public Masses will be suspended. In the meantime, I would be most grateful if you are able to continue your weekly contributions. You can either mail your envelope to the rectory ([44 Elm St.](#)) or you can give online: <http://www.saintpiuswesterly.org/e-giving/> Even though life seems to have stopped, unfortunately our bills haven't!

I am deeply grateful to all of who have offered to shop and deliver items to those who are unable to do so right now. This is a time to be particularly attentive to the elderly and physically and mentally challenged. Please be sure to check on your neighbors, especially the vulnerable. We have over 20 people so far who are willing to help. Feel free to call us if we can be of assistance (596-2535 ext. 2) or email stpiusx@cox.net

I will continue to send updates. Thank you for your cooperation during this difficult time. Stay close to Our Lord and Our Lady. "This too shall pass."

God bless you,
Fr. Najim

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing, so that you may
abound in hope by the power of the holy
Spirit.*

Romans 15:13