



St. Anthony's Catholic Church

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Be assured that you and your families have been in my prayers these last weeks in which our day to day lives have changed so drastically. In the spirit of Lenten sacrifice, let us offer our sufferings to our Almighty God, that He may hear our prayers as we turn to Him during these difficult times.

As you already know, on March 13 Archbishop Gustavo released a decree which you may read in full at https://www.archsa.org/images/uploads/Archbishop_updates_March_20_English_and_Spanish.pdf.

In addition to the decree, we have received guidelines on the Celebration of Holy Week. In the coming days, I will communicate to you the plan specific to our community of St. Anthony. I ask for your prayers as we navigate the best way to celebrate this most sacred and holy week.

In addition to the plan for Holy Week, I will be sure to communicate any changes on our website at stanthonyharp.org and through our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/St-Anthony-Catholic-Church-1856874897945174/>

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THERE MAY BE CHANGES DAY-TO-DAY.

Currently, all Masses are suspended and the church will be closed until further notice. To respect State and County orders, we encourage you to call the office with any questions, concerns and/or emergencies during regular business hours Mon – Thurs. 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM and Friday's 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

In accordance with the decree of the Archbishop, I encourage you to celebrate the Holy Eucharist through means of on-line streaming options:

- CTSA – Catholic Television of San Antonio Facebook Page
- <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>
- <https://www.ewtn.com/>

These are only a few options that are available.

Along with Deacon Curtis and the staff of St. Anthony, we are praying through the intercession of our Holy Mother, Mary that we will soon be able to celebrate with one another and although physically we cannot be together, in spirit let us unite our prayers so that these difficult times may soon pass.

My blessings for you all,

Rev. Martin Garcia

Rev. Martin Garcia Avila, Pastor
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