

Covid-19 Parish Response

Dear All Souls Parishioners,

The uncertain times we are all experiencing, due to the Coronavirus, has prompted some necessary changes to planned events and gatherings. Your Parish and Pastor have your physical and spiritual well-being foremost in mind and heart. Therefore, we will be focusing our efforts on conducting weekend services for as long as possible, because at Mass we support each other just by our simple presence in these uncertain times, even when we are all standing farther apart. It is in the presence of Christ that we are reminded to care for each other, and in so doing, tending to our own mental and spiritual needs.

Out of an abundance of caution, we are taking the following steps in order to follow through with our nation's preventative efforts, which are designed to help protect you.

Worship

- Weekend Masses will continue as scheduled, as long as possible. Updates will be promptly posted. Live stream broadcasts of the 9:30AM (Eng) and 12:30PM (Spn) Masses will be available on the Website, as a service for those who are homebound, ill, or cannot otherwise attend Mass. www.allsoulssanford.org
- The following are excused from the obligation to attend Mass:
 - ◊ Faithful at particular risk by reason of age or existing health conditions.
 - ◊ Faithful who are sick, or experiencing symptoms of sickness.
- We invite the faithful to reverently receive the Eucharist in their hands. Receiving the Precious Blood will be suspended indefinitely. These protocols are motivated by care and concern for the health of our people, especially those who are most vulnerable.
- Our Church is being constantly and thoroughly sanitized. Parishioners are asked to observe hygiene etiquette, and social distancing, as prescribed by health officials.
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be suspended effective March 18th. The Adoration Chapel will be closed during this time as well.

Events/Activities

To focus on what is most important, all Parish events and activities involving physical attendance, will be suspended as of Wednesday, 3/18/20 (except Masses) until the Coronavirus crisis has passed.

Parish Administration

The Parish office will remain open from 9am to 4pm (M-F), until further notice. The staff has been asked to suspend all non-essential, in-person appointments until further notice.

Communications

For ongoing updates and critical information from your Parish, we ask that you do just two things...

1. Stay in touch through email and/or text by signing up for our Parish Flocknote service
2. Check our Parish website and/or Facebook page regularly

No one can know the actual duration or extent of this trying period, except our heavenly Father. It is in His hands that we must place ourselves and trust in His care and love for us. Please join us in offering up a prayer, especially for all those who have already had their health or well-being impacted by the virus.

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen. Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis