

Collaborative Parishes of Our Lady of the Lake and Saint Joseph the Worker

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Dear Parishioners,

I am writing to you in the midst of a difficult time in the life of the Church. Please be assured of the prayers of our entire collaborative staff, especially those of Fr. Kwang and myself whenever we celebrate private Masses to which we are temporarily restricted in light of the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. It is our sincerest hope that you are all well at this time, and want to assure you of our continued commitment to your spiritual and physical well-being. If there are any questions that you may have, or need for guidance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I want to keep you all as well informed as possible to our present situation, and how we can continue to minister to one another within our collaborative of Saint Joseph the Worker and Our Lady of the Lake parishes. I would like to highlight ways in which our staff are working to continue to support you and your families, and in ways that you can help support our parishes.

1. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will continue to be celebrated by our priests, although we are limited to private Masses at this time. Streaming of the daily private Masses will soon be posted on the Collaborative YouTube Channel which can be accessed through our websites. Although Cardinal O'Malley has issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time to the Catholics of the Archdiocese of Boston, televised Masses are encouraged to be viewed and can be found at <https://www.CatholicTV.org> and at <https://www.WatchtheMass.com>
2. Our churches will remain open during usual hours for those who would like to pray before the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist in the Tabernacle. Saint Joseph the Worker will be open Sunday through Saturday 7:00am-7:00pm. Our Lady of the Lake will be open Sunday 7:00am-11:30am, Monday and Friday 8:00am-4:00pm, and Saturday 8:00am-5:00pm.
3. Confessions will still be available at the usual following times:
 - a. Saint Joseph the Worker on Wednesday 6:00pm-8:00pm (during Lent), Thursday 6:00pm-6:30pm, and Saturday 3:00pm-3:45pm.
 - b. Our Lady of the Lake at Saturday 3:00pm-3:45pm.
 - c. Confessions can also be arranged by appointment with either Fr. Kwang or myself.

4. Anointing of the Sick will be still be available. Please contact the main parish offices to arrange this with either Fr. Kwang or myself.
5. Bulletins will continue to be posted on the Collaborative web pages at www.stjosephtheworker.org and www.ourladyofthelakehalifax.org as well as announcements on the Collaborative Facebook page at: **SJTW & OLOL Collaborative**
6. To receive emails from our Collaborative, please be sure we can keep in touch with you by sending an email to us (with your full name and address in the body of the email) at j.worker@comcast.net and put in the Subject Line the following phrase:
Census Update
7. Offertory Collections – Many of you have called about how our churches can continue to be supported during this time. We are very much in need of your ongoing financial support. Please consider any of the following:
 - a. Direct mailing of an Offertory Envelope or a check to one of the parish offices. If at all possible, please consider a monthly check, as you might do for home utilities, instead of multiple weekly checks.
 - b. Online giving through **WeShare**. It's safe. It's simple. It's convenient.
 - i. Support your Parish by going to one of the links below:
 1. For Saint Joseph the Worker, go to
StJosephTheWorkerHanson.WeShareOnline.org
 2. For Our Lady of the Lake, go to
OurLadyOfTheLakeHalifax.WeShareOnline.org
 - ii. Click "Make a Donation" for the appropriate collection
 - iii. Select your donation amount and frequency
 - iv. Enter your account and payment information

Once again, if there is anything that we can do to help you and your loved ones, please don't hesitate to contact us. May the intercession of our patroness Our Lady of the Lake, our patron Saint Joseph the Worker, and the Archangel Saint Raphael, patron of Healing, be with us all as we entrust ourselves to the love and mercy of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ!

God Bless,

Fr. Mike Hobson