ALBUQUERQUE – IMMEDIATE RELEASE— The Archdiocese of Santa Fe continues to abide by New Mexico’s Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham’s March 11, 2020 Executive Order 2020-004 and amendments declaring a state of public health emergency as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As such, El Santuario de Chimayó and the Tomé Hill group pilgrimages were cancelled on March 16, 2020.

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe, along with Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and our Christian brothers and sisters, encourage all people of good faith to participate in the campaign, “This Holy Week, HOME Is the Holy Place.”

Archbishop John C. Wester said:

In unity with all Christians, we call on the faithful to make HOME the Holy Place for the sake of all families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As St. Joseph made decisions to keep the Holy Family safe, this Holy Week and Easter season, we invite you to make the decision to make your HOME the Holy Place.

We mourn the loss of life from COVID-19 and pray for those who are alone and hospitalized. Join us in keeping families safe and make HOME the Holy Place this Holy Week and Easter Season. Stay home, by practicing social distancing. Together, we can save lives.

Please know the cancelling of the pilgrimages to our most sacred sites was a very difficult decision made with a great sense of sadness. Archbishop Wester, in collaboration with Reverend Julio Gonzalez, SF, Holy Family Parish | El Santuario de Chimayó pastor and civil authorities made it out of an abundance of caution due to the gravity of our current situation. El Santuario de Chimayó will be closed Holy Thursday through Easter Monday (April 9-13, 2020). Please note El Santuario’s grounds, chapels and restrooms will be closed. Individual pilgrims are discouraged from visiting the sacred site for the safety of all our brothers and sisters.
Dear Clergy, Religious and Friends in Christ,

I am very grateful to all of the clergy, religious sisters and brothers, and deacons for the extraordinary service you are providing to our faithful during this time pandemic. I am especially grateful for your spirit of cooperation in following the medical, civic and ecclesiastical mandates that are in place for everyone’s benefit. I realize that these mandates are especially burdensome as we approach the holiest week of the year. Nonetheless, we must not waver in our vigilance to safeguard the health and well-being of all in our archdiocese and beyond.

With thanks to Father Glennon Jones and the entire Rapid Response Team I am making the following adjustments to our liturgical practices at this time. Please be assured of my prayers for you and all those whom you hold dear. May the Lord of all Healing sustain us and may Mary, Health of Christians, pray for us. God bless you all.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend John C. Wester
Archbishop of Santa Fe

FOR THE TRIDUUM:

- Triduum liturgies are to be conducted at the proper times.
- Livestream liturgies do not have to be celebrated in the main church if livestreaming is set up in another Mass location (rectory chapel, etc.).
- Persons allowed at the Mass:
  ° Strict limit of 4 persons at Mass: celebrant, videographer, cantor, lector. A fifth person is allowed only if it is a deacon.
  ° If more than one priest is present, the concelebrant(s) can replace the cantor and/or lector, musician or deacon. The bottom line is that there can be no more than four (4) persons in the church or chapel at one time — period. The ONLY exception is if there is a deacon or concelebrant, in which case there may be five (5) persons present. If there is no deacon or concelebrant, then the maximum number is four (4).
- All persons will maintain a social distance of 6 feet at ALL times—before, in preparation of in the sacristy, during and after the liturgy. It is important to be very attentive to this mandate. It is all too easy to disregard this mandate without realizing it.
- All persons will wash hands thoroughly prior to and after the liturgy, refraining from touching the face per CDC guidelines.
- Each priest is to have his own host, paten and chalice. The concelebrating priest may approach the altar from his position that is at least 6 feet away after the celebrant steps back from the altar at least 6 feet.
- The deacon, if any, will not receive the Holy Eucharist.

If your adoration chapel remains open, adhere to the following guidelines:

- ADORATION CHAPELS: CLOSURE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BUT NOT MANDATED.
- For consistency, no more than 4 persons in the chapel at one time, and only that many if they are able to maintain the 6-foot social distance.
- Persons queuing for adoration are to remain 6 feet apart unless they are family members living together, e.g., parents with children.
- Some ability to wash or disinfect hands prior to and after adoration must be provided (soap and water, sanitizer, etc.)
- Normally committed adorers are to be assured that they are not obligated.
- Recommended: That committed adorers over 60 years old be excluded from an adorer’s assignment list, because: 1) older persons often feel obligated regardless of health/age; and 2) susceptibility to COVID fatality increases significantly at 60.
- Proper security of the sacrament and adorers must be maintained.

Remember that the deposit of microbes on pews, rosaries, etc., is additive with the number of persons handling them, with chance of infection increasing with each person. Also, it’s not only the person who risks infection, but all those whom he/she comes in contact, and then the people with whom those come in contact, and so on.
WHAT IS THE MINISTRY RESOURCE CENTER?
The Ministry Resource Center or MRC is a free library available to any parishioner. We have thousands of on-line resources available to you. The MRC is funded by the Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal. Our on-line resources utilize the OverDrive system which is used by many public libraries.

USING THE MRC
Click here to go to the MRC Website. You can view video tutorials to help you navigate our on-line system.

Q: Who can use the MRC?
A: Anyone with access to a device (computer, tablet, smartphone) and an internet connection.

Q: Do I need a library card to check out items?
A: No, but you have to register as a patron to obtain a username and PIN. Click Here to register as a patron.

Q: I don’t know how to use eBooks. Is it difficult?
A: It is very easy to use eBooks, audio books and streaming video. Click Here for a short tutorial on how to use the MRC.

Q: How can I contact you for more information?
A: You can reach us by email: MRC@archdiosf.org.

VIRTUAL FAITH FORMATION
The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), affiliated with the University of Dayton, offers on-line courses. They are easy to use, inexpensive and every class counts toward certification with the Formation for Christian Service Program of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Click Here for more information on how to register and take advantage of this wonderful resource.
The next session begins April 19th. Registration closes on April 15th.

For more updates on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) within the Archdiocese of Santa Fe please visit https://archdiosf.org/covid-2019.

For helpful resources visit https://archdiosf.org/covid-19-resources.

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http://asfworship.org/
He is Risen!
An Easter Preparation Checklist for Families

☑ Watch “New Life” Grow

Early spring is the perfect time for spotting spring blooms. Depending on the climate of the region in which you live, you can do an activity with your child to inspire conversations about new life.

Before Easter, plant a fast-growing seed with your child. You could do this in a planter in your home, outdoors, or in a greenhouse. A bean plant is an excellent choice to see almost immediate results, but pumpkins and wildflowers also germinate quickly and are a beautiful addition to a yard or garden. After planting, explain to your child that although it may look like nothing is happening, a planted seed is getting ready to germinate. If conditions are right, a plant will grow from it: a beautiful sign of new life. Observe your plant growing together.

In addition or as an alternative to planting a seed, you could also share an age-appropriate children’s book about seeds to spark a conversation, or go on a family nature walk in search of plants beginning to grow and flower.

Help your child connect the germinating seed with the liturgical movement of the Triduum. After Jesus died, his body was placed in the tomb. It wasn’t until Easter Sunday that he rose to new life.

☑ Bring “New Life” To Others

Part of celebrating the Easter season is recognizing the gift that God gave us in the Death and Resurrection of his Son. An important way to celebrate Easter as a family is to go out together to be a gift to others in the world. Your family members can make a plan to impact your community in a meaningful way as you share the Good News of Jesus Christ with neighbors in need.

As a family, brainstorm ways that you could go out and bring the hope of the Resurrection to someone or a group in need. Once you have considered some options, decide on one and make a plan. Perhaps you will volunteer together at in a community garden and donate the produce that you helped grow to a homeless shelter. Whatever you choose to do, continue your commitment to serving others weekly until Pentecost.

☑ Commit to Family Prayer

Throughout the Easter season, commit to gathering together for nightly prayer and devotions. Praying as a family is an essential part of celebrating the Easter season. Gathering around the table and sharing our prayers helps us grow closer to God and to one another. Choose a time that works best for your family, whether it is before you have dinner together, or before bedtime.
FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR AT HOME PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES!

Holy Week Pastoral Center - Resources for Holy Week

Holy Week is the most important time of year for us as Christians, but this year we are unable to gather to pray and reflect. But we CAN do that from home. We have gathered some activities that will help you and your children move through the week thoughtfully, prayerfully, and with some fun.

Visit https://holyweek.pastoral.center/palm_sunday to pick and choose from the options based on the ages of your children and what appeals to you. Ideas are listed on the most relevant day, but you can do them whenever you would like.

What is most important this week—especially during this unsettling time—is for you to be present to your children, say you love them, talk to them about faith, and pray with them.
We hope this site will help you do that well!

The V Encuentro - Resources for Ministry during Covid-19 Crisis

The V Encuentro has compiled a list of resources provided by partners and Catholic organizations that are meant to assist Hispanic/Latino pastoral ministers, parents, and all Catholics.

Included are resources, prayers, webinars, lists of online masses and live streams available at the like below: https://vencuentro.org/resources-for-ministry-during-covid-19-outbreak/

Prayer for a Celebration of Holy Week

Jesus, Our Redeemer and Lord,
Enter into my mind and heart as Holy Week unfolds
and open me to the grace of this sacred time.
Through its symbols and stories, awaken in me an awareness of your great sacrifice,
made so generously on our behalf.
As I gather with other members of my parish family,
fill me with humility, gratitude, and reverence.
From the solemn celebration of Palm Sunday
to the opening of the Triuum on Holy Thursday,
may my focus remain on you.
As I listen once again to the agonizing story of your Passion, death, and burial,
may I learn what it means to say, “your will be done.”
And, throughout the quiet space of Holy Saturday,
may I await, dormant and expectant,
for your rising to new life as Easter dawns.
I ask this in your holy and blessed name.
Amen.
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**HOW CAN YOU PROMOTE THE CENSUS DURING TIME OF “STAY AT HOME?”**

Census Day was April 1, and the 2020 Census count continues through the Summer. Response is easy: on line, by phone or by mail is the best. It is still very important for all ministers to participate to promote participation in the Census. In these days of “Stay at Home” due to COVID-19, here are some suggestions as to how and when you can promote participation in the Census.

1. **Distribute Census materials at Meal/Supply Distribution sites (if your church has them).** Census 101 (bilingual) flyer can be found here: [https://archdiosf.org/census-2020-1](https://archdiosf.org/census-2020-1)

2. **Phone calls** to encourage parishioners to respond online and over the phone using the following message: “It has never been easier to respond to the Census on your own, whether online, over the phone, or by mail—all without having to meet a census taker. Visit [2020Census.gov](http://2020Census.gov) to complete the Census online or call [844-330-2020](http://844-330-2020) to talk to a live Census employee who can help you fill out your form over the phone.” The number for Spanish-speakers is [844-468-2020](http://844-468-2020). There are a total of 13 phone numbers for different languages. To see the list of numbers, visit [https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-phone.html](https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-phone.html)

3. **Text messages** using the wording above.

4. **Social media posts** encouraging people to participate. Suggested social media posts for your use are on the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Census web page: [https://archdiosf.org/census-2020-1](https://archdiosf.org/census-2020-1). Archbishop Wester has filmed two great YouTube videos (in English and Spanish) you can use on your social media pages. Those can also be found on the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Census web page.

5. **FB LIVE Masses and Prayers.** Encourage people to complete the Census during your FB LIVE services Masses and prayers using the messaging above. Dr. Mercy Alarid, Senior Partnership Specialist with the Census Bureau, is available to speak during your services virtually if you need support. See her contact info below.

6. **E-learning at Home:** Teachers/Parents can use our Statistics in Schools materials with their students online. There are activities that do not need a classroom setting and you can access those lessons on Google Classroom by using the Google Classroom code: oqm32yo. To learn how to access Google Classroom, follow this link: [https://youtube.nN4pHCslgrE](https://youtube.nN4pHCslgrE)

7. **Census Bureau Local Help.** If you need to reach her, Dr. Mercy Alarid, Senior Partnership Specialist with the Census Bureau, is here to help if you need support. Office: (505) 715-3275, email: mercy.nalarid@2020census.gov. Let Dr. Alarid know if she can do anything to make some of this virtual outreach easier on you and your parishioners.

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**US BISHOPS WEIGH IN ON RATIONING PROTOCOLS BY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

“Every crisis produces fear, and the COVID-19 pandemic is no exception. However, this is not a time to sideline our ethical and moral principles. It is a time to uphold them ever more strongly, for they will critically assist us in steering through these trying times…” Foremost in our approach to limited resources is to always keep in mind the dignity of each person and our obligation to care for the sick and dying. Such care, however, will require patients, their families, and medical professionals to work together in weighing the benefits and burdens of care, the needs and safety of everyone, and how to distribute resources in a prudent, just, and unbiased way. With our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the entire Church continues to pray for, and offer support to, all those affected by this pandemic.” (Statement by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Doctrine, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.)


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VIRTUAL CRS RICE BOWL CONTRIBUTIONS: EMPTY YOUR CRS RICE BOWL, AND GIVE ONLINE!

Don’t worry if you cannot return your CRS Rice Bowl to your parish or school. We have another way you can give! Through CRS Rice Bowl, our Catholic community in the United States does something amazing each Lent. We come together to practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—and by doing so we help lift families and communities out of poverty. Rice Bowl helps us to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. “Empty” your Rice Bowl on line!

Remember, 100% of CRS Rice Bowl contributions support projects for the poor both overseas and here in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. 25% of the contributions fund local poverty and hunger alleviation programs in dioceses across the United States.

Give your 2020 Lenten Rice Bowl Contribution here: https://archdiocesesantafegiving.org/virtual-crs-rice-bowl

Watch Thank You Video: (Insert link to video...working on that) https://photos.crs.org/rb2020/videos/he192d44e#he192d44e

“Stay at Home” Holy Week Resources: https://www.crsricebowl.org/holy-week

Digital Stations of the Cross: https://www.crsricebowl.org/stations-of-the-cross

REVISED EARTHDAY AT 50/ Laudato Si’ AT 5: HOME ACTIVITIES!

As the world is forced to adjust to the “new normal” created by the Covid-19 pandemic, Covenant staff has adjusted plans for commemorating the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and the 5th anniversary of Laudato Si’. We now offer you a REVISED Earth Day 2020 program, “Earth Day at 50/ Laudato Si’ at 5: An Urgent Appeal for Action”! Originally created for use by groups in parishes, schools, and religious communities, the REVISED version is designed for use by individuals, families, and online groups.

We invite you to download the REVISED program. Even if you already downloaded the original Earth Day 2020 program, by filling out the form you will have access to the revised version. The new version offers prayers, readings, a short video, reflection questions, and suggested actions.

DOWNLOAD EARTH DAY 2020 PROGRAM

If you have questions, please contact Paz Artaza-Regan (paz@catholicclimatecovenant.org). We join in prayer for the healing of the world, both from the climate crisis and this pandemic. May you and yours stay healthy and safe.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH FROM POPE FRANCIS

“...[The] incidence of the virus, like any emergency situation, highlights the serious inequalities that characterize our socio-economic systems. ... Faced with this range of inequalities, the human family is required to feel and to live truly as an interconnected and interdependent family.”

- Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Message in the time of Coronavirus

Use this new Prayer of Solidarity (y en español) as we all work and pray together for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

CIVILIZE IT!

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has launched a year-long campaign calling for civility throughout this election year. Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate invites Catholics to pledge civility, clarity, and compassion in the public square and to call on others to do so as well. As Catholics, our strong tradition of social teaching compels us to be actively engaged in the building up of our communities. And yet, today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves. Civility is different than remaining silent in the face of disagreement. Listening to opposing views is a part of seeking clarity and can be a creative process. All are invited to bring and share their values, beliefs, and questions.

What is needed is good, honest, civil dialogue. This means that we must treat everyone as worthy of being at the table, worthy of our respect, and worthy of being heard. Civilize It challenges Catholics to model love for neighbor through respect, civility, and compassion in the public square and to make room in your heart for those with whom you disagree. As part of this campaign, the USCCB and our diocese will put forth opportunities for prayer, and resources for conscience formation. Pledge dignity beyond the debate and find these and other resources at Civilizeit.org.

JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS WEBSITE INFORMATION ON COVID-19 RESOURCES

In our continuing effort to provide clear and up to date information to immigrants and other vulnerable members of our communities, we are regularly updating our Covid-19 resource page on the JFI website. Recent additions include: Migration-Related Policies in the CARES Act and 30 Ways to Take Care of Yourself and Others During the Covid-19 Crisis. We have just published our Migration-Related Asks for COVID-19 Package #4 backgrounder for you to use with your lawmakers in your local in-district advocacy. You can also find prayer resources, other migration-related information, and pertinent international and U.S. government resources on our Covid-19 page. Please check back regularly and feel free to recommend to us other resources to post.
A Prayer for Joyful Heart

Bless me, O God, with a joyful heart.
Awaken me each day with eagerness to see the possibilities that lie ahead of me.
In doing so, enlarge my capacity for sharing your love with others.
During times of distress, remind me that joy does not always equate with happiness.
Through openness and hope, I will find gladness in the midst of my troubles.
As I retire for the night, let worry and anxiety fall away, replaced by a simple trust in your care.
Let the joys of the day wash over me in a spirit of gratitude and wonder.
In the name of your beloved Son, Jesus, I pray.
Amen.

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