

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

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Dear Parish Family,

I thought I'd draft another letter for you! Being your pastor, it was painful for me to look at a sea of empty pews last Sunday. I celebrated and offered mass for you privately. I thought to myself, something has to be done! We cannot let this crisis put a stop to the growth of our faith and restrict the prayer life of our parish community. So, guided by the advice of our parish leaders, it was decided that we bring the church to your homes through social media. Our technical team right now is hard at work taping the private celebration of the mass, the praying of the rosary at 5:30 pm and the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament and bringing it all to you at home. We are working to be able to stream the Holy Eucharist live this coming Sunday at 10 am. And from then on, we will be able to bring the mass, rosary and benediction live to you every day. I was told to tell you to go to YouTube, search for St. Michael Lake Jackson TX and you can subscribe to our channel at no cost to quickly locate these recordings and ultimately the live steam. This present crisis may bring disruptions in many activities of our lives, but will never disrupt our relationship with God and one another!

Some FAQs:

- Are the Parish Offices open or closed?
 - Ø All offices are closed until further notice.
- What should I do if I have an emergency requiring a priest?
 - Ø As always, call the office at 979-297-3041 and follow the prompts.
- How can I watch Mass online?
 - Ø Go to YouTube and search St. Michael Lake Jackson Texas and subscribe. Father will be live-streaming Sunday Masses at 10 am.
- How do I continue to support St. Michael with my contributions?
 - Ø At present, please mail your contributions. An option for giving online is in the plans for roll-out soon.
- Am I still able to drop off non-perishables for SVDP?
 - Ø Yes. The donation chest is in the narthex of the church.
- Is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament still taking place?
 - Ø Yes. Adoration is in the Church at this time. The hours are M-F 9-6, Sat, 9-5 and Sun, noon-6. No more than 10 people at a time and please spread out as much as possible.
- Is Father still hearing confessions?
 - Ø Yes, at the normal times in the Church: Tuesdays at 5 pm and Saturdays at 4 pm in the cry room to allow for social distancing.

For more information, our bulletin may be found at <http://www.smlj.org> and <http://www.discovermass.com>.

You are in my prayers,

Fr Dwight

