



# ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL

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*“St. Paul Cathedral Parish is a diverse body of Catholic people whom God calls by name, given a mission by Jesus Christ to be a faithful sign, a realistic foretaste and an instrument of the Kingdom of God. As Cathedral Parishioners, we recognize our responsibility to show leadership by example and to provide service to God’s people.”*

My Dear Parishioners:

I had a newly completed letter all ready to go out to you before the drastic events & challenges of this past weekend, but now write to update you on plans to serve you the best way we can during this ongoing emergency in which we find ourselves.

1. First of all, know we are with you, deeply concerned for each one of you, your physical & spiritual well-being & especially your continuing relationship with our God.
2. Secondly, we are offering Mass each day privately (not allowed to offer public Masses) for you, especially those of you who are more vulnerable to this pernicious virus.
3. Thirdly, our office will remain open to you as usual. Please be aware of “social distancing” when you come in & respect the Parish Staff & their need to remain healthy for you.

It grieves me not to be able to serve you in the Public Celebration of the Eucharist, but all of us need to put aside personal preferences in favor of the common good I and pray with & for you that this emergency situation come to an end soon.

What can we do to help, comfort & strengthen you in the absence of Eucharistic nourishment? I encourage you to follow the age old practice of “Spiritual Communion” and offer you the following:

*In a nutshell, the idea is that the desire to receive the Eucharist is a grace in itself, and, if one offers up that desire in prayer to God, it can become an occasion for even greater grace and spiritual growth.*

*Italian Archbishop Agostino Marchetto, a former Vatican official and accomplished Church historian, has recommended the following prayer to people who aren’t able to receive the Eucharist:*

*“My Jesus, I believe that you’re present in the Holy Sacrament. I love You above all else, and I desire You in my soul. As long as I can’t receive You sacramentally, at least enter spiritually into my soul.”*

*(brief pause to unite oneself with Jesus)*

*“Since you’ve come, I embrace you and unite my entire self with You; don’t let me ever separate myself from You.”*

Apart from that practice of Spiritual Communion, we offer the following:

1. Our Chapel will be opened for prayer each weekday from 8:00AM until 6:00PM.
2. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered each Sunday from 8:00AM-6:00PM and also on weekdays from 4-6PM.
3. Confessions will be offered in the Reconciliation Room, adjacent to the Chapel, Saturdays 4:00PM-5:00PM and Mondays & Wednesdays 5:30PM-6:00PM.

Out of respect for each other & our priests, please observe a respective distance of about 6 feet between yourself & anyone else in the Chapel and, if you are sick, sneezing or coughing, please stay home! Let us know by a call to the office & we will remember you at our “private” Masses. Know that Fathers Alatorre, Siler, Mitchell & I will take it as a personal responsibility & privilege to include your needs and desires in our prayers & Masses.

As far as Holy Week & Easter celebrations are concerned, the whole future remains “up in the air”, but we will let you know in upcoming mailings. Please check on our website [www.stpaulyakima.org](http://www.stpaulyakima.org) for up to date liturgy & event schedules.

And now may God bless & protect all of us, keep us in good health, heal our sick & strengthen us to have a deep concern for one another. Pray for our parish family, for our individual families & our community & city that through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe & our Patron Saints we might draw closer to the Lord & one another.

Devotedly In Christ



Rev. Msgr. John A. Ecker-VG  
Pastor

*P.S.* Televised Masses are also available on cable for your devotion.

*P. P.S.* Just a reminder: Just because we cannot have Public Masses, our parish expenses; light, heat, phones & salaries still continue, so please continue your sacrificial offerings either by, **online giving** on our website, mail or drop off at the parish office, Thank you!



**MASS FROM OUR CHAPEL WILL BE STREAMED VIA FACEBOOK LIVE EACH SUNDAY 11:00AM ENGLISH & 12:00PM SPANISH.**