

Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Hearts – Colossians 3:15

The new coronavirus has proven to be very contagious, bringing with it a confusing storm of fear, misinformation, and anxiety. What does the future hold? How worried should we be? How bad is it going to get?

However, although it is necessary to plan, we must not lose sight of the One who can deliver us from every evil and keep us safe from all distress. Thanks be to God; we have access to a confidence and peace that the world cannot give. That is what I want to emphasize at the outset for everyone in the parish – Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever, and in Him we have nothing to fear. Keep your eyes focused on Christ and be secure in the hope that He offers us through His resurrection. He has opened to us a world where there is no pain, suffering, fear, or anxiety, where for all eternity we will be able to enjoy the infinite bliss of knowing our Creator. He has reconciled us to the living God, He forgives us our sins, and He offers the gift of His own life, the Holy Spirit. I pray that in these confusing times God would bless us anew and pour out His healing grace on everyone.

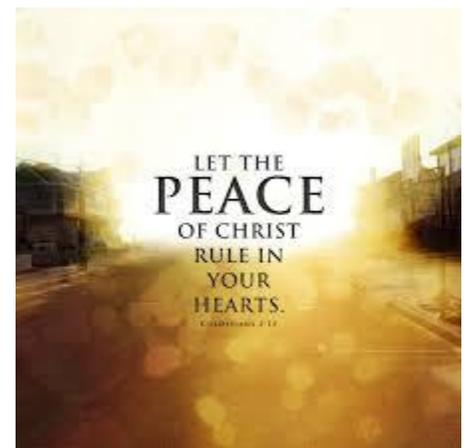
Moreover, while maintaining our connection to the Lord, we also need to be safe and do everything we can to combat the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, in following the guidelines of our government and the leading experts, the Diocese of Victoria is implementing strict policies of social

distancing through the end of March. As the bishop states in his decree, “[Not only Masses but a]ll scheduled events in our parishes are also cancelled, so as to protect the faithful from possible infection. This includes Penance Services, Stations of the Cross, RCIA, religious education classes, adult formation classes and any and all other liturgical gatherings, meetings and activities.” Even if you do not feel sick or you are young and healthy, you can still be a carrier. Help us fight against COVID-19 by washing your hands regularly, staying home, and keeping your distance.

Lastly, in order to support everyone spiritually, we will be developing a resource to help you pray along with the Mass at home and stay united to everyone in the parish and diocese. Even though regularly scheduled Masses will be canceled, and the Sunday obligation lifted for Catholics in the Victoria Diocese, our priests will be required to celebrate Mass without the congregation. This Mass I will offer every day for the parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows and Santísima Trinidad.

May God
Bless You and
Keep You,

Fr. Jacob
Koether



**WEEKLY SCHEDULE
OF ONLINE EVENTS**

Monday, April 6: Noon Mass

Tuesday, April 7: Noon Mass

Wednesday, April 8: Noon Mass and 5:30 pm Rosary

Thursday, April 9: 6:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, April 10: 12:15 pm Servicio de Viernes Santo and start of Divine Mercy Novena at 3:00 pm

Saturday, April 11: 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena and 6:00 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 12: 10:00 am Mass and 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Our Lady of Sorrows Sanctuary
Lamp In Memory
of Lee Montoya
By- Parents



Although the Masses that were scheduled will be closed to the public, the Mass Intentions will still be celebrated by Frs Jacob, Patiño, and Parmenio every day

**MASSES INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Sábado	5:00 p.m	Consulo Trevino
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Lalo Cisneros
	10:30 a.m.	Dolores/Henry/Joe/Little Joe Esrtada and Carmen Cano
	1:00 p.m	Manuel/Monica/ David Gujardo
Domingo	9:30 a.m.	Olivia Rochoa Rosario Torres
	11:30 a.m	All the Parisheriones
Monday	12:00 p.m.	Reyitos Cabera/ Belinda Moya Lerma
Tuesday	12:00 p.m	Julia Ramirez
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	MM Ernest Amador
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving for Priesthood
Friday	12:15 p.m.	Pasion del Senor Celebrations of the Passion of the Lord
	3:00 p.m.	
Sábado	6:00 p.m	All Parishioners
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners



The Office will close Thursday April 9th and reopen on Tuesday April 14rd.

La oficina va cerrar el Jueves 9 Abril y abrir el Lunes 14 Abril

PLEASE GIVE ONLINE!

Thank you everyone who has signed up for online giving. We understand that many people are struggling right now, and we are grateful for your contribution. If you have not signed up for online giving yet, there is always time. To give digitally, you can do so by clicking on the link at our website under Giving: <https://pushpay.com/g/olsvictoria>

or you can text the keyword “olsvictoria” to 77977 and get started right from your smartphone!



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Prudencio Espitia and Renee Herring. May they rest in peace and their families be comforted.

Favor de rezar por al almas de Prudencio Espitia y Renee Herring. Que sus almas descañe en paz y que su familias recibe Consuelo.

SHUT-IN MINISTRY

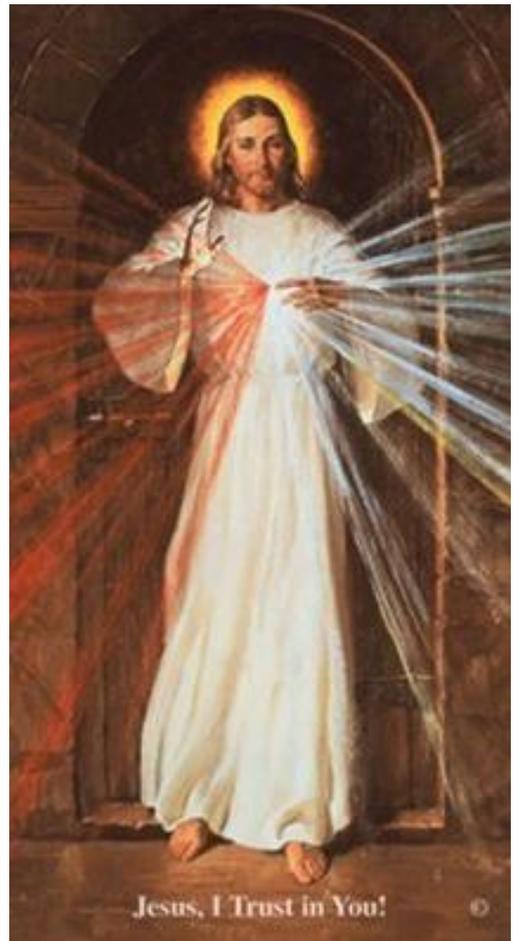
In this time of social distancing, the ministers of the diocese are being discouraged from doing regular visits to the home.

But if you have a loved one who is in need of prayer, confession, communion, or anointing of the sick, we still want them to feel connected to the parish and to know that there are people who will try to help them.

Contact: Minnie Castillo at 361-550-7217

**OUR WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT
For Week Ending March 29, 2020**

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1 st Collection	\$3,632.42	\$100.00
Debt Reduction	\$239.00	
Online Giving	\$2,170.00	
Sub-Total	\$6,041.42	\$100.00
Rice Boowls	\$14.00	
Catholic Relief	\$10.00	
Ester Flowers	\$15.00	
Grand Total	\$6,080.42	\$100.00



EXCERPTS FROM BISHOP CAHILL'S MESSAGE ON COVID-19

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In accordance with the guidelines of President Trump and our local authorities, I am requiring that priests begin celebrating Masses without a congregation. All people can join in spiritual communion from their homes, with the assurance that the sacrifice of praise is being offered for the health and salvation of the world. Indeed, the salvation of souls remains the mission of the Church, and we follow these guidelines specifically for that mission.

National, state and local government officials have stressed the need to limit the number of people who can gather in one place at the same time. The call is to act responsibly for the protection of all in our communities. Therefore, effective today, and until March 31, our priests in the Diocese of Victoria will continue to daily celebrate the Eucharist in their parishes, but will do so without a congregation.

This decision was made after much prayer and discernment, recognizing that large gatherings are a factor in the spread of this disease. Therefore, in order to discourage public gatherings, I decree that ALL Catholics of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligations, until March 31.

The Mass is televised live from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory in Victoria on Sundays at 9 a.m. on KAVU television and live-streamed at www.olvcathedral.org. In addition, the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass from Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hallettsville is broadcast on Texas Thunder Radio (99.9 FM) or by downloading the free TUNEIN app to hear the Mass. In addition, there are national broadcasts of the Sunday Mass on various cable networks. Though not able to attend Mass, the faithful are encouraged to pray in their homes. Spiritual Communion can also be made at any time. In doing so, we unite ourselves to God and the Church in prayer, when unable to physically receive the Holy Eucharist.

I encourage us to catechize and evangelize using modern communication methods. Especially as we deal with issues of fear, suffering and death, our teaching from Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church offers hope in Jesus Christ.

Visits to the homebound, nursing care facilities and hospitals are also discouraged, except in cases of pastoral necessity and emergencies. When visiting such facilities, clergy and others are to follow protocols set by the Center for Disease Control, in regard to good hygiene practices, before, during and after such visits.

All scheduled events in our parishes are also cancelled, so as to protect the faithful from possible infection. This includes Penance Services, Stations of the Cross, RCIA, religious education classes, adult formation classes and any and all other liturgical gatherings, meetings and activities...

Weddings, funerals and baptisms will continue, but attendance will be limited to ten (10) immediate family members. Confirmations will be postponed and rescheduled...

Our parish churches and missions will remain open for private prayer and Adoration, as long as this does not pose a risk to the public. Protocols for social distancing are to be practiced...

I ask the faithful to continue to support their parish community through on-line giving or by mail. This will ensure parishes are able to meet payrolls and pay monthly bills...

Stringent measures must be taken in situations of national emergencies. May these efforts, difficult as they are, be our way, in the Diocese of Victoria, of helping to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Let us pray for those who have died from this disease, for the healing of those who have been affected by it throughout the world and for an abrupt end to it. We turn to our loving God and implore his protection. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Let's keep each other in prayer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Bishop Brendan J. Cahill

CORONAVIRUS
RELIGIOUS BUMP:
MORE AMERICANS PRAYING
By John Burger
Aleteia.org

Pew Research Center finds that large majorities have taken to prayer to end pandemic.

More than half of adults in the United States — 55% — say they have prayed for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a Pew Research Center survey.

Pew said that large majorities of Americans who pray daily (86%) and of U.S. Christians (73%) have taken to prayer during the outbreak. So have some who say they seldom or never pray and people who say they do not belong to any religion (15% and 24%, respectively).

Among U.S. adults who said in an earlier survey they attend religious services at least once or twice a month, most (59%) now say they have scaled back their attendance because of the pandemic. Most houses of worship have canceled services in the U.S., responding to public officials urging that social distancing measures be implemented.

“But this does not mean [religious people] have disengaged from collective worship entirely,” Pew pointed out. “A similar share (57%) reports having watched religious services online or on TV instead of attending in person. Together, four-in-ten regular worshippers appear to have replaced in-person attendance with virtual worship (saying that they have been attending less often but watching online instead).”

Pew surveyed 11,537 U.S. adults between March 19-24. It also found that nearly nine-in-ten U.S. adults say their life has changed at least a little as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, including 44% who say their life has changed in a major way. The center said:

About nine-in-ten U.S. adults (91%) say that, given the current situation, they would feel uncomfortable attending a crowded party. Roughly three-quarters

(77%) would not want to eat out at a restaurant. In the midst of a presidential election year, about two-thirds (66%) say they wouldn’t feel comfortable going to a polling place to vote. And smaller but still substantial shares express discomfort even with going to the grocery store (42%) or visiting with a close friend or family member in their home (38%).

Pew found that four-in-ten working-age adults ages 18 to 64 report having worked from home because of coronavirus concerns. That figure rises to a majority among working-age adults with college degrees and upper-income earners.

Regarding American religious attitudes in the time of pandemic, Pew found that evangelical Protestants are among the most likely to say they have prayed for an end to the virus (82% say they’ve done so). A similar share of adherents of the historically black Protestant tradition (79%) say they have done the same. Two-thirds of Catholics (68%) and mainline Protestants (65%) also say they have prayed for an end to the outbreak.

Even “nones” — the much talked-about cohort who say they follow “no religion in particular — have admitted to resorting to prayer, with 36% saying they have prayed about the virus. A Pew summary of the survey continued:

Fully 86% of people who pray every day say they have prayed specifically about the virus, as have two-thirds of those who say they pray on a weekly basis. Half of those who say they pray a few times a month report having prayed about the coronavirus, as have 15% of those who generally seldom or never pray.

“More women than men say they have prayed for an end to the spread of the disease, and more black respondents than white and Hispanic respondents say the same,” the center said. “Older people are more likely than younger adults to say they have prayed for an end to the virus, and more Republicans than Democrats have prayed about the outbreak. These patterns are consistent with overall differences in the religiousness of these groups.”