



ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear St. Mark Parishioners,

Strange times for the world and the Church. For most of us, it's merely frustrating and inconveniencing. But we pray for those who are being impacted in greater ways—with poor health and death, with economic hardship, with loneliness, fear, and despair. Please call your family, friends, and neighbors and check in on them.

Catholic Schools are closed until at least April 27. All activities and events at the parish are cancelled or postponed until at least April 23, in accord with the mandated stay-at-home order. Public Masses and Liturgies are suspended through Holy Week and beyond. You are dispensed from your Sunday obligation during this time. Each day, however, I do celebrate Mass without a congregation, and am working to broadcast these Masses via Instagram and Facebook. You can also watch daily Mass on television on EWTN, or online at cathedralstl.org/live, or ewtn.com/tv.

For Sunday Mass and for Holy Week Liturgies, check our website stmarkstl.com for livestreams and videos from our church. I strongly encourage you to watch Sunday Mass and make a spiritual Act of Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The church will be open Monday-Saturday from 6am-12pm for individual prayer. Funerals and Baptisms must be restricted to immediate family or should be postponed. Confessions are available. Call me to arrange to meet you in the confessional through the screen. Call me also for Anointing of the Sick if someone is seriously ill or in danger of dying.

The Sunday collection remains essential to the continued operation of our parish. Please give online or drop off or mail in your contribution to the Parish Office, 4200 Ripa Ave., St. Louis MO 63125.

Keep checking stmarkstl.com, archstl.org/coronavirus, or coronavirus.gov for updates and other information. Our Lord is with us! My prayers for you. God bless you.

Fr. Hecktor