

## **Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,**

The onset of Covid-19 here in our community has affected our lives and the whole world. In this time of uncertainty, fear and chaos we continue to hold on to our faith and hope that God who is in control of everything will give us the divine intervention that we need to end this disease. The Diocese of Sacramento, through Bishop Jaime Soto, issued a Decree of Suspension of **ALL PUBLIC MASSES** in the whole diocese. Here at Sacred Heart, we will implement the following adaptations:

### **Masses:**

- **NO weekday or Sunday Masses until further notice**
- I will continue to offer Masses everyday in private praying for all the intentions of Sacred Heart parishioners
- I encourage you to watch and/or listen to the celebration of the Mass on TV, the radio and the internet and make a spiritual communion. E.g. EWTN, Relevant Radio, etc.
- Read the scripture of the day and reserve some time to reflect on it. You can find it at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- Communion to the Sick and the homebound is suspended to protect the health and wellbeing of the ministers and those they serve.
- **Every Sunday, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 10am to 6pm for private Eucharistic Adoration. Please come and adore Jesus in the Eucharist**

### **Confessions:**

- There will be NO Lenten Penance Service
- On **March 27, April 3 and April 10**, I will be available to hear Confessions from **5-7pm** in Church's confessional.

### **Funerals:**

- Funerals are permitted only with immediate family.
- No reception after the Mass will be allowed on parish permises.

### **Anointing of the Sick:**

- I am always available to come and offer the Sacrament of the Sick to those who need it. For hospital and care facility calls, I will come in extreme cases of near death only, since all facilities are currently on lock down.
- PLEASE exercise prudence before calling.

### **Others:**

- The Stations of the Cross and Lenten Soup Supper have been cancelled
- The Church will be open every day from 8:30am- 3pm
- The Parish Office will be open ***Tuesday to Thursday*** from ***8:30am-12 noon*** only
- Faith Formation for both English and Spanish has been Cancelled. Homework assignments were given to parents to continue the formation of their children
- No gatherings are allowed on the parish grounds by any particular ministry or group.
- **Let us be mindful of the needs of others, especially those most vulnerable by sharing what we have, especially nonperishable goods and essential items (NO CLOTHES). The Food Donation box will be set up in the foyer for your donations. The goods that are collected will be distributed to our parishioners who need assistance.**
- Please check on your neighbors, especially the elderly, and ask if they need any assistance.

- It is highly encouraged that we all remain healthy, sanitize ourselves and spaces often, and maintain the proper protocols suggested the California Health Department and the CDC.
- **Should you have any concern or emergency please call 530-365-8573 or our emergency number 530- 378-4681.**
- The parish staff is cutting back on expenses in every way possible, but the parish still has ongoing expenses that must be paid. Please, if you are able, mail your weekly or monthly donation to the parish. Our mailing address is 3141 St. Stephens Drive, Anderson, CA 96007.

Lastly, let us all put our trust to God who is the healer of our body and soul. May our Blessed Mary the Mother of All Nations, through her intercession bring us the healing and grace to her Son Jesus.

---Fr. Eric Flores,  
Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish.

