



SPCC Happenings



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Another Way To Provide Offerings To St. Patrick's During Coronavirus



From Bishop Calvo: Preparing For Resuming Public Masses

For several weeks now, I have been working with diocesan staff and parish priests in planning for the day when we can resume parish liturgies. We eagerly look forward to that day but also are exercising due diligence in making the necessary preparations. This is essential for safety. We want to make sure the worship environment is as safe as possible following federal, state and health guidelines and recommendations. There is much to consider for there are various aspects that include social distancing in seating, sufficient supplies for necessary cleaning of surface areas, to name a few. All pastors along with parish leaders have been asked to proceed in this planning so we will be ready when the day comes that we can resume gathering together.

The health and safety of all participants in our liturgies are paramount. This is nothing less than a moral obligation for us to follow. It is a matter not only of charity toward neighbor but also justice. Health and life are precious gifts from God which we are bound to safeguard. Parishes will be doing their part in following safety protocols; we will be asking parishioners to do their part in respecting these protocols. Please keep this in your mind and, more importantly, in your heart for this will be a circumstance for us to heed Jesus' command that we love one another.

More information will be forthcoming from the diocese and your parishes.

Bishop Calvo May 14, 2020 Something new! Now parishioners can donate directly to St. Patrick's through the Diocese of Reno website! It is called the "Virtual Parish Offering Plate" and is being made available to help diocesan parishioners continue tithing or financially supporting their parishes during church closures per Bishop Calvo's directive and due to the coronavirus situation. Here is what you do:

- 1. Access the Diocese of Reno website at renodiocese.org.
- 2. At the top of the home page photos will scroll. When the one which says "Please help keep the light shining" comes up, quickly click on "Parish Donations" in the box below right.
- 3. On the next page click above "USD" and a line will appear. On the line enter the amount you wish to donate (for example, 25.00) A minimum of \$10.00 is required as a security device against hackers.
- 4. Click on the box below which darkens when you enter the money amount and says "virtual parish offering plate."
- 5. On the next page enter your credit card information as requested.
- 6. Enter your billing address as requested. Include your email if you wish to receive a confirmation of your donation.
- 7. Under the Custom Section, enter your envelope number if you know it. Then, in the drop-down menu, scroll to find our parish and click on St. Patrick. Finally, in the next drop-down menu, scroll to choose a purpose for the donation. Perhaps most parishioners will select "general" or "envelope."
- 8. When all of step 7 is completed, the box below this info will darken and ask you to "submit payment." Click on the box to complete the transaction.

The money donated in this manner will be sent by the Dlocese of Reno directly to our parish. The donations will come through the diocesan account with a check prepared and sent to St. Patrick's. The diocese will not take any of these funds nor will it record any information. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide for the parish since St. Patrick's does not have its own online giving program. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

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Check St. Pat's Website For Updated Information

Parishioners are reminded that St. Patrick's website at www.stpatricksparish.org is regularly updated with the latest information concerning messages from Bishop Calvo and the Diocese of Reno, Father Tony, etc. concerning church closure/re-opening and other issues related to the coronavirus. The monthly newsletter is also published on the parish website.

Can You Sew? Can You Help Make Face Masks?

As stated in Bishop Calvo's message of May 14, 2020 (see first page of this newsletter), the Diocese of Reno and the parishes within its jurisdiction are preparing to resume public Masses at some point in the near future. Many steps need to be taken before the official announcement is made to do so.

One of the safety features will be the requirement of all parishioners to wear facial masks when attending Masses. As you may be aware, obtaining face masks has become very difficult as physicians, nurses, CNAs, and other health care workers as well as hospitals, clinics, etc. receive priority in purchasing and/or receiving the protective equipment. Therefore, many have resorted to buying or making face masks out of fabric for themselves. With the need for all parishioners to wear face masks when attending Masses, once the diocese has approved celebrating public Masses, we are asking for volunteers to



help meet the face mask requirement by sewing them for distribution to those who do not have any to use. The handmade face masks should be constructed of fabric that can be washed so they can be reused.

If you can assist in this effort, please let the St. Patrick's staff at the parish office know of your intent by calling 423-2846. Your service in this way to St. Patrick's and its parishioners will be deeply appreciated. God bless you and yours and protect you!

ACT OF SPIRITUAL 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 to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.



PRAYER FOR END OF CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Merciful and Heavenly Father, You show Your love to all of creation. Keep us under the shadow of Your mercy.

Lord, sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low.

We come before You asking for fast control of CoVid19 currently ravaging the world. We pray for an effective medicine to control the sickness spreading around the world. We pray that the health authorities and governments be guided by Your love and wisdom and take appropriate steps for the good of the people.

Lord, look upon us in Your mercy and forgive us our failings.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.