

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I pray that you are well and healthy! We are now in the midst of Holy Week and on the doorstep of the sacred celebrations of the Holy Triduum. While it is unfortunate that the spread of the Coronavirus has made it impossible for us to gather together at the church for these sacred celebrations, I am grateful for my excellent parish staff who has helped to make possible a live stream of each of the four celebrations for these holy days. Please note the dates and times of the live streams below, as well as the link that you can click on in order to be directed to the YouTube page on which our live streams will be broadcasted.

Please also note that there will **not** be a time of scheduled confessions on this Saturday, April 11, as it is Holy Saturday. However, there **will be** an opportunity for the celebration of the sacrament of confession on **Good Friday, April 10th, from 5:00pm - 6:00pm at both of our parishes.**

I would also like to thank you all for your continued financial support of our parish and its ministries during the last couple of weeks during which we have not been able to gather for the public celebration of the Mass. I have once again been so impressed by the kindness and generosity of the Catholics of the North Shore, and how you continue to provide for the Church's needs! I humbly ask that you please continue that financial generosity as the impossibility for us to gather for public Masses on the weekends makes receiving necessary revenue for the operation of the Church very difficult. Remember too that both parishes now have the option for online and electronic giving. You can visit your respective parish website for more information about this, or contact the parish office by phone during regular office hours. Again, thank you!

I would also like to take a moment to offer my sincere gratitude and thanks to our parish staff members in both parishes. They have worked extra hard over the last couple of weeks to help keep you connected to the parish, and have continued to come up with creative ideas for spreading the faith and the hope that our Lord brings during these challenging times. We are truly blessed as parishes to have the staff that we do! I wish to acknowledge in a special way Father Lyons, who has been so supportive and helpful to me by offering his priestly service and celebrating private Masses at St. Mary's during this time. Thank you Fr. Michael!

As stated before, please keep regularly checking your respective parish's website, as this is the primary place where new information, such as my daily podcasts, as well as announcements about Mass and confession times, etc. will be posted.

Please know, dear parishioners, of my continuous prayers for all of you during these trying times, and that I will be lifting up both parishes in my thoughts and prayers as we celebrate these holy days. I encourage all of us, despite the fact that we are physically apart, to remember that we are truly united through our Lord Jesus Christ, who for love of us has died and risen from the dead. May God continue to bless you and your families, keeping you healthy and strong, and may you have a holy and blessed Easter!

Fr. Steve Laflamme

Live streams will be held:

Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm

Good Friday at 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday at 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday at 10:00 am

Link for live stream: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrykgte0xQGZdOgr9vl4 bw/>