

St. Mary Church

of the Immaculate Conception



Dear Members of St. Mary Parish:

The County Health Department along with six Bay Area counties has just announced that all residents are to "shelter in place" beginning at Midnight until April 7. People are to remain at home except for "most essential outings." This is a fluid situation and could be shortened or lengthened by the County as necessary.

For this reason we are discontinuing our public daily and weekend Masses. We are trying to create a means to "live stream" a Mass each day, but this may take some time to accomplish.

These are difficult times for all of us, but also a time for us to grow in prayer and in faith, praying to Jesus, the Great Healer, for His protection and for a healing of the world from this virus. Let us pray also to our Patroness, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, to intercede for us and for all people of the world.

Let us not live in fear, but live in hope. As Bishop Bob McElroy from San Diego recently wrote: "In these days of challenge for our society and our world, we have the chance and the opportunity to ennoble both our nation and our world by testifying constantly to generosity over selfishness, compassion over callousness, idealism over cynicism, and hope over fear."

God bless you.

Father Fred

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