



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Saint Mark Family,

As I am sure you are well aware by now, the local government has issued a 'Shelter in Place' emergency order which was promulgated yesterday afternoon taking effect tomorrow, Thursday, March 26th at 8:00am through April 15th. Due to this new development, and for the health and wellbeing of our parishioners, we are faced with having to change our current response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Below is a list of our new accommodations:

- Mass will continue to be livestreamed at our scheduled hours.
- We will continue to hold scheduled confessions in the church. Please use available disinfectant wipes and gel before entering. In addition, we ask that you stand in front of the confessional instead of kneel.
- The Blessed Sacrament will no longer be exposed while the church is open, therefore regularly scheduled Adoration is canceled.
- The Church will remain open for non-liturgical hours for prayer.
- Funerals will be permitted, but we will follow the guidelines of the CDC limiting groups to 10 people.
- The Parish Offices along with the Family Center will be closed. Our phone lines are still open for regular business hours and sacramental emergencies.
- Baptisms prior to April 16th will be rescheduled.
- Weddings prior to April 16th must be rescheduled, and those prior to June are encouraged to consider rescheduling.
- The Easter Triduum will be Live-Streamed.

I commend all of our families and parishioners for their great generosity, charity and concern in this time. We have been profoundly encouraged by the initiative of so many individuals and families who have donated time and resources for those in need in this midst of this predicament. We encourage everyone to pray and fast for the individuals who will be greatly impacted by this pandemic. Please know that Fathers Gamez, Yumo, our deacons, staff and our resident seminarians will be fervently praying for our Saint Mark Parish Family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Putnam".

Father John Putnam,
Pastor