

UPDATE: THURSDAY MARCH 19, 2020



**Bishop Estevez has directed that  
Public Masses & Events  
in the Diocese of St. Augustine  
will be suspended until further notice.**

**Public Liturgies & Events at  
Basilica of the Immaculate Conception  
have been therefore canceled until further notice.**

**In the Basilica Parish, this will be implemented as follows –**

- **Beginning on Tuesday, March 17 all scheduled Masses were canceled.**
- **All events at the Parish involving groups larger than 10 people are canceled until further notice.**
- **Sacraments:**
  - Confessions, Anointing of the Sick, Weddings, Funeral, Baptisms, Confirmation.
  - **Confessions** will take place in the Parish between 11 am and Noon everyday of the week. They are also available by appointment. As you come into the Church please go to the left side to wait for confession and keep a safe distance between you and others. After Confession please go to the right side of the Church to pray, and keep a safe distance between you and others.
  - **Anointing and pastoral care of the sick and sacraments in danger of death:**
    - This remains available, with precautionary steps that will be taken.
  - **Funerals:** Graveside services are preferred at this time. A Mass for the repose of a soul or memorial Mass can be offered at a later date.
    - During this and any extended time, if possible and when pastorally applicable, **Marriages & Baptisms** may be approved and only with family present.
    - The reception of the Sacrament of **Confirmation** will be rescheduled.
  - While Masses at which the public attends will be canceled, the priests of the parish will still be offering the Sacrifice of the Mass privately for your pre requested Mass Intentions as well as the needs of the Church and the world.
  - **Sacramental Preparation:**
    - All Sacramental Preparation classes are canceled. Deacon Larry will be in touch about helping you to continue your child's education at home.
    - All RICA groups are canceled. Deacon Larry will be in touch about continuing preparation in a non group format.

- **Holy Week:**

- Palm Sunday - TBD
- Chrism Mass - This will not be a publicly celebrated Mass.
- Triduum - TBD

**Devotionals / Prayer**

- **Adoration / Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament... TBD**
  - We are working on a possible time for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- **Rosary:**
  - Prayed in the Parish every day at 11:30. Except on Fridays.
  - The Church remains open for individual / family prayer
  - Please remember to spread out to a safe distance between others.
- **Stations of the Cross:**
  - Prayed in the parish on Fridays at 11:25 in English
  - Prayed in the parish on Fridays at 1 pm in Spanish
  - Please remember to spread out to a safe distance between others.

**The Church and Courtyard will be open for private prayer by the faithful**

- From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday through Saturday.

**The Office (until further notice) remains open to you**

- Between 9am - 4pm, Mon-Fri.

**The Bookstore:**

- Closed to the public until further notice.
- Candles can be purchased in the Front Office

*These measures have been put in place in response to the public health pandemic of the COVID-19 virus (novel coronavirus). The situation is fluid and constantly changing. Our parish's website and social media posts will have up-to-date information as needed.*