

Dear St. Pius X Parish and School Friends:

This morning, Bishop Konderla issued a letter and a decree stating that all public Masses within the Diocese of Tulsa are suspended until at least April 8, 2020 (Wednesday of Holy Week). Click [here](#) to read a copy of the bishop's communication. Accordingly, the last public Mass to be celebrated at St. Pius X before this suspension takes effect will be tomorrow, March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph, husband of Mary. There will be a Mass at 8:30 AM, in the church; and another Mass (in Spanish) at 7:00 PM, also in the church. If you are able to come to either Mass, please take advantage of the ample space in our nave and spread out, to observe health advisories concerning social distancing.

During this period of heightened caution, while there will be no public Masses celebrated at St. Pius X Church, the priests will still celebrate private Masses, in order to pray for a swift resolution to this emergency, for those most affected by this pandemic, and for the needs of the St. Pius X faithful. If you have any prayer requests, please send them to the parish office, or place them in the basket located at the Welcome Center in the vestibule. Your prayer requests will be included in these private masses; no stipend is expected.

While there will be no Masses celebrated at St. Pius X Church, Catholics can still participate in the prayers of daily and Sunday Mass at many online sites, including www.ewtn.com. St. Pius X Church will still be open for parishioners and others who wish to come and pray privately. Again, please take advantage of the ample space in the church to maintain social distancing. The church will be open each day, from 8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon, and again from 5:00 until 8:00 PM.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue to be offered, according to this schedule:

- Saturdays, 4:00 – 4:45 PM; regular Saturday afternoon Confessions.
- Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- Sunday, March 29, 9:00 – 10:30 AM
- Other times, as requested or as needed.

During Confession, which will take place in the confessional, the priest will maintain a safe social distance of at least 6 feet from the penitent, who may still choose "face to face" or behind the screen. Should you have a question or need something from the parish office during this time, please call 918-622-4488, or email; email addresses are printed on the front of the bulletin, or you may use the email template on the parish website, <https://church.spxtulsa.org/>. If you have a pastoral emergency (for instance, Last Rites, a need for Anointing of the Sick, a death in the family), please call the parish office. If no one is available to take your call, you will be given instructions on how to contact a priest.

To help with payment of parish salaries and other expenses, we are grateful for your continued contributions to St. Pius X Church. If you are not already using WESHARE to give online, you might find it convenient. Go to www.spxtulsa.org and click Online Giving.

Thank you for your prayers and your patience during this ordeal. At Mass tomorrow, we will entrust ourselves, our families, our parish, our nation and our world to the fatherly care of St. Joseph during this time of uncertainty and sacrifice. And we also ask St. Pius X to pray for us.

All Things in Christ, *Fr. Bradley*