



SS. FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY  
CATHOLIC PARISH

**Friday March 13, 2020**

Dear Parishioner,

This morning the Archdiocese sent a communication to every parish. It stated that, in light of the coronavirus concerns, **all public Masses will be suspended beginning tomorrow, March 14. Starting with our morning Masses, our regularly scheduled weekday and weekend Masses will be suspended.** My hope is that this suspension will be short term. During this time our church will be open during the day for those who would like to pray. In the coming days the church will be open from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm. In addition, the Mass is available each Sunday at 9:30 am on WGN TV and is also broadcast on Relevant Radio (950 AM) beginning with Scripture reflections by Bishop Barron at 8:30 am followed by Mass at 9:00 am.

In addition to our parish school being closed starting on Monday, we will also suspend all gatherings in our parish center beginning this weekend. During this time we will be cleaning all of the surfaces in our school and parish center and will regularly sanitize the door handles and pews in church. Exceptions to these protocols will be already scheduled Baptisms that will happen in the bell tower and funerals as the need arises. (We have no weddings scheduled until the end of April.)

During this serious public health concern, let us continue to pray for those affected by this virus. Let's pray for the scientific community and the medical community as they try to control and treat this virus. Finally, let us pray that we can soon gather around the Lord's table to again be nourished by the Eucharist.

Fr. Marty O'Donovan