



PARISH OF
QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS

March 16, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Queen of All Saints,

In the Scriptures the Psalmist writes:

*To you, Lord, I call;
my Rock, do not be deaf to me.
Hear the sound of my pleading
when I cry to you,
lifting up my hands towards your holy place.
Lord, you are the strength of your people,
The saving refuge of your anointed king.
Save your people, bless your inheritance,
feed and sustain them forever!*
(Ps. 28:1, 2-8,9)

Where else can we turn now but to the Lord? The decision to close our churches for public Masses was a sad and unexpected move by Archbishop Carlson—one, I'm sure, he was sad to make. This coronavirus continues to rattle across our world as it devastates daily routines, including our ability to worship God as a community.

We at Queen of All Saints press on. Below you will find what we plan to do immediately. Some of these plans may change as new information is gathered and new directives are given. Through it all, though, we trust in the Lord, our Rock. He will be our refuge and our strength.



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Directives for Queen of All Saints:

In order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) in our community, Archbishop Robert Carlson, in collaboration with the leadership of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and local health officials, today issued the following mandates, effective immediately:

- 1. The public celebration of Holy Mass is suspended with preliminary plans to resume beginning Monday, April 6th.**
2. The dispensation given for all Catholics in our Archdiocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is now extended through April 5th.
3. All public celebrations of the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Hours, Stations of the Cross, and all other group services, Bible studies, and activities (retreats, meetings, etc.) are to cease.
4. Wedding, Funerals, and Baptisms will continue but in a simplified manner and scope at the discretion of the parish priests. The Archdiocese recommends limiting attendance at these sacred events to immediate family members only or rescheduling (particularly in regards to weddings and funerals).

The latest public statements and information from the Archdiocese regarding COVID-19 can be found at www.archstl.org/coronavirus.

In light of the new mandates from the Archbishop, the following will happen here at Queen of All Saints, effective immediately:

1. Fr. Philipp and I will continue to celebrate Holy Mass daily, lifting up you, your families, and our whole world at the altar. Though we can't be united under the roof of one building for Mass, we can certainly be united spiritually by faith, hope, and love. I encourage you to make a Spiritual Communion with the offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass each day and especially so on Sunday in order to keep the Lord's Day holy.
2. We will continue to livestream the daily celebration of Mass from our church. The 8:15 Mass on Monday through Saturday will be available as



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well as the 9:00am and 10:30am on Sunday. You can access those videos, there is a link at the top of the homepage of our website or follow this link (<https://qasstl.org/news/mass-streaming>).

3. At this time, Queen of All Saints Church will remain open for personal prayer, devotions and confessions. The church will be open on **weekdays** from 9:00am to 5:00pm and on **Sundays** from 12pm- 7pm. All are welcome. During this time of fear, anger, and confusion, there is no more important thing than to turn to our Lord in prayer.
4. Eucharistic Adoration will still be offered in the church on Tuesdays from 9:00am until 5:00pm. The adorers who normally take hours on Tuesdays will not be obliged to fulfill their hour. One of the priests will make sure that there is a person present throughout the duration of Exposition.
5. The Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession will be offered every day in the church from 9:00am-10:00am and at our normal time for Confessions on Saturday evenings (4:00pm-5:00pm). If you are sick, please do not come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation at these times. Instead, please call the Parish Office to schedule a time for Confession, and Fr. Philipp or myself will make arrangements with you.
6. The Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion will continue to be offered to the sick and dying. Please contact the Parish Office if you or a loved one desires these Sacraments. They are very important, especially for those who are dying.
7. Our Friday Fish Fries will no longer be dine-in, and it has not been decided how they will proceed. Further information about them will be sent out at a later time.
8. The weekly collection remains absolutely essential to our parish operations. Even though we will not gather physically for Mass, please continue to give via WeShare and FaithDirect or by bringing or mailing your contribution to the Parish Office. For more information or to join WeShare visit qasstl.org/giving.

These are uncharted waters for us, but we know to whose Voice those waters respond. In the coming days, Fr. Philipp and I will continue to keep you updated (via Flocknote, Facebook, and our website) and plan to make available for you



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further resources that will enable you to continue your life of prayer and faith in these coming weeks.

Mary, Our Mother, Help of Christians, Health of the Sick, Queen of All Saints, pray for us!

The blessing of the Father and the Son and the Spirit upon you and your family,
Fr. Patrick Hambrough