

Additional Information Regarding Bishop Kettler's Letter

Regarding Masses:

All public Masses and Holy Week liturgies (those with a congregation) are suspended through April 13, 2020. The scheduled Mass intentions will be honored by the priests at private Masses.

The televised Mass for the Diocese is available at <http://worship.stcdio.org/tv-mass>; you will also find the schedule of channels and times the Mass is aired.

Information on live-streaming of a cluster Sunday Mass, Holy Week services, and devotions will be posted soon.

All Catholics are dispensed from the Sunday obligation until further notice. Private and family prayer, reflection on the Sunday Scriptures, and the televised Mass are urged. Suggested prayer resources will be posted online soon.

At this time, Bishop Kettler has prohibited the public celebration of funerals in our parishes. A graveside service open to the public will be offered at this time, and then a Memorial Mass can be scheduled after the restrictions are eased.

Regarding Confessions:

Confessions will be available on Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's and Holy Spirit. There will be no communal Penance Services but confessions will be heard during the scheduled times for those services:

Monday, March 23, 6:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's in the Parish Center (former school – follow the signs)

Thursday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. at St. John Cantius

Sunday, March 29, 3:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit

We ask that you observe social distancing of at least six feet while waiting for confession.

Regarding Prayers and Devotions:

The churches will be open for individual prayer according to the customary hours they are normally open. No public groups should gather, and social distancing of at least six feet is to be observed. Prayers at home, too, are always heard by God: *"Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them"* (Matthew 18:20).

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Anthony's will remain in operation, though given the small space, only the scheduled Adorers are to use the Chapel at this time. Others are asked to use the main church.

The public Stations of the Cross, Vespers, and Holy Hours are cancelled.