

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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Rectory Offices Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Office closed Friday

Facebook page: [SJosephCoatesville](https://www.facebook.com/SJosephCoatesville)

Mass Schedule -Live stream Masses on Facebook

Monday through Friday 8:30am - 7:30pm (Spanish)

Saturday: 8:30 am

Sunday: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon (Spanish)

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 6:00pm

Lunes a viernes de 10:00am a 6:00pm

Confessions on Thursdays

From 10:00am to 11:00am and 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Parish Clergy

Rev. Eder Estrada Muñoz, FM. Pastor

Rev. Antonio Gutiérrez, FM. Vicar

Saint Anthony of Padua

The candle to Saint Anthony of Padua for this week is being offered for the intentions of:



Saint Anthony of Padua, pray for us!

Let us keep in our prayers this intention.

If you would like to commend to St. Anthony of Padua a special intention, come to the rectory during office hours.

Fifth Sunday of Lent Quinto domingo de Cuaresma (3/29/2020)



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PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Mass intentions of the week

Saturday, March 28th + Purple + Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. Intention of the Priest
4:15 p.m. + Butch Franciscus (Fabrizio Family)
7:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Sun., March 29th + Purple + Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. + George Lahm (Branson Family)
10:00 a.m. + Luigi & Grace Baldini (Family)
12:00 noon Mass in Spanish

Monday, March 30th + Purple + Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. + Mary Loretta DeLucca (Michelle Benkovi & David Hamm)
7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, March 31st + Purple + Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. + William & Eileen Simone (Imms Family)
7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Wed. April 1st + White + Purple + Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. Intention of the Priest
7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Thursday, April 2nd + Purple + Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. Intention of the Priest
7:30 p.m. + Margarita Decena

Friday, April 3rd + Purple + Lent + Abstinence

8:30 a.m. Intention of the Priest
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Bi-lingual)
7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Saturday, April 4th + Purple + Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. Intention of the Priest
4:15 p.m. + Dorothy Mihalak (John)
7:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Sun., April 5th + Red + Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:00 a.m. + Catherine Imms (Imms Family)
10:00 a.m. + Mary Ciarrochi (Maryann & Richard Mickinok)
12:00 noon Mass in Spanish

Remember our sick

To include the name of your Sick please contact the Rectory Office at (610)384-0360.

David Grasse, George Reynolds, Robert Anderson Jr., Melissa Malone, John Bracelin, William (Bill) Arasin, Margaret Weaver, Helen Popovich, Jerry Bugar, John Pawlowski, Barbara Pawlowski, Suzanne Towber, Rafael Soriano, Idalis Soriano, Ernesto Decena, Epifanio Jr. Arjona, Richard Smith, Violet Pacana, Dolores Leifholt, Teresa Kusnierczyk, Bob Levenite, Babes Horenci, Maya Hostutler, Patty Tyndall, Lauren Headley, Joseph Yankech III, David Yankech, Shirley Przychodzen, Florencio Salazar, Gerardo De Jesus.



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Catholic Quote:

"Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Who possesses God lacks nothing. God alone suffices." – **St. Teresa of Avila**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading 1

EZ 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R/. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication. **R/.**

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered. **R/.**

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD. **R/.**

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities. **R/.**

R/. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Reading 2

ROM 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA

Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

Primera Lectura

EZ 37, 12-14

Esto dice el Señor Dios: “Pueblo mío, yo mismo abriré sus sepulcros, los haré salir de ellos y los conduciré de nuevo a la tierra de Israel. Cuando abra sus sepulcros y los saque de ellos, pueblo mío, ustedes dirán que yo soy el Señor. Entonces les infundiré mi espíritu y vivirán, los estableceré en su tierra y ustedes sabrán que yo, el Señor, lo dije y lo cumplí”.

Salmo Resp. Salmo 129, 1-2. 3-4ab. 4c-6. 7-8

R/. Perdónanos, Señor, y viviremos.

Desde el abismo de mis pecados clamo a ti; Señor, escucha mi clamor; que estén atentos tus oídos a mi voz suplicante. **R/.**

Si conservaras el recuerdo de las culpas, ¿quién habría, Señor, que se salvara? Pero de ti procede el perdón, por eso con amor te veneramos. **R/.**

Confío en el Señor, mi alma espera y confía en su palabra; mi alma aguarda al Señor, mucho más que la aurora el centinela. **R/.**

Como aguarda a la aurora el centinela, aguarde Israel al Señor, porque del Señor viene la misericordia y la abundancia de la redención, y él redimirá a su pueblo de todos sus iniquidades. **R/.**

R/. Perdónanos, Señor, y viviremos.

Segunda Lectura

Rm 8, 8-11

Hermanos: Los que viven en forma desordenada y egoísta no pueden agradar a Dios. Pero ustedes no llevan esa clase de vida, sino una vida conforme al Espíritu, puesto que el Espíritu de Dios habita verdaderamente en ustedes. Quien no tiene el Espíritu de Cristo, no es de Cristo. En cambio, si Cristo vive en ustedes, aunque su cuerpo siga sujeto a la muerte a causa del pecado, su espíritu vive a causa de la actividad salvadora de Dios. Si el Espíritu del Padre, que resucitó a Jesús de entre los muertos, habita en ustedes, entonces el Padre, que resucitó a Jesús de entre los muertos, también les dará vida a sus cuerpos mortales, por obra de su Espíritu, que habita en ustedes.

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, “Master, the one you love is ill.” When Jesus heard this he said, “This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, Let us go back to Judea.” When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, Your brother will rise.” Martha said, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?” So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.” Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

En aquel tiempo, Marta y María, las dos hermanas de Lázaro, le mandaron decir a Jesús: “Señor, el amigo a quien tanto quieres está enfermo”. Al oír esto, Jesús dijo: “Esta enfermedad no acabará en la muerte, sino que servirá para la gloria de Dios, para que el Hijo de Dios sea glorificado por ella”. Jesús amaba a Marta, a su hermana y a Lázaro. Sin embargo, cuando se enteró de que Lázaro estaba enfermo, se detuvo dos días más en el lugar en que se hallaba. Después dijo a sus discípulos: “Vayamos otra vez a Judea”. Cuando llegó Jesús, Lázaro llevaba ya cuatro días en el sepulcro. Apenas oyó Marta que Jesús llegaba, salió a su encuentro; pero María se quedó en casa. Le dijo Marta a Jesús: “Señor, si hubieras estado aquí, no habría muerto mi hermano. Pero aun ahora estoy segura de que Dios te concederá cuanto le pidas”. Jesús le dijo: “Tu hermano resucitará”. Marta respondió: “Ya sé que resucitará en la resurrección del último día”. Jesús le dijo: “Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque haya muerto, vivirá; y todo aquel que está vivo y cree en mí, no morirá para siempre. ¿Crees tú esto?” Ella le contestó: “Sí, Señor. Creo firmemente que tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, el que tenía que venir al mundo”. Jesús se conmovió hasta lo más hondo y preguntó: “¿Dónde lo han puesto?” Le contestaron: “Ven, Señor, y lo verás”. Jesús se puso a llorar y los judíos comentaban: “De veras ¡cuánto lo amaba!” Algunos decían: “¿No podía éste, que abrió los ojos al ciego de nacimiento, hacer que Lázaro no muriera?” Jesús, profundamente conmovido todavía, se detuvo ante el sepulcro, que era una cueva, sellada con una losa. Entonces dijo Jesús: “Quiten la losa”. Pero Marta, la hermana del que había muerto, le replicó: “Señor, ya huele mal, porque lleva cuatro días”. Le dijo Jesús: “¿No te he dicho que si crees, verás la gloria de Dios?” Entonces quitaron la piedra. Jesús levantó los ojos a lo alto y dijo: “Padre, te doy gracias porque me has escuchado. Yo ya sabía que tú siempre me escuchas; pero lo he dicho a causa de esta muchedumbre que me rodea, para que crean que tú me has enviado”. Luego gritó con voz potente: “¡Lázaro, sal de allí!” Y salió el muerto, atados con vendas las manos y los pies, y la cara envuelta en un sudario. Jesús les dijo: “Desátenlo, para que pueda andar”. Muchos de los judíos que habían ido a casa de Marta y María, al ver lo que había hecho Jesús, creyeron en él.

WORD OF LIFE

“Go out”

“And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.” (Jn 11: 43-44)

This Sunday, so close to Holy Week, the Gospel invites us to meditate about the resurrection of Lazarus. This passage of the Gospel shows us the great humanity of Jesus, his pain for the loss of a friend, and also the fact that he went to help him, putting himself in danger, because he knew that they were looking for him to kill him; he knew that by going to Lazarus’ house meant he would be too close to his enemies. As we notice that there is someone who cares about us and truly loves us, we should be filled with great joy. Moreover, we must become aware that the miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus only occurs because there is faith. This is what is going to happen to us: only if we have faith in Jesus, if we are by his side, if we believe in his grace, we will be saved. Thirdly, today’s Gospel teaches us that miracles may happen through a “borrowed faith” (our deeds cannot be transferred, but our faith can). Christ did not ask Lazarus to have faith, for he was dead, but to Martha, his sister. We may also ask the Lord to do miracles on others, although they do not have faith. Furthermore, this faith should be translated into gratitude, like without doubt Martha, Mary and Lazarus himself had. Otherwise, it would not be true faith. Lastly, Christ invites us to go out of our tomb, which is our sin, through a resurrection that is within our reach everyday: Confession. He also encourages us to give our testimony that it is Christ who has freed and saved us.

Purpose: *Go out of your tomb, out of your sin. If you have not gone to Confession yet, go this week. Become a witness of God’s triumph through good deeds.*

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Infant baptisms are usually celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

The pre-Jordan preparation will take place on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, ***after the 7:30 p.m. Mass.***

Confessions: Thursdays from 10:00am to 11:00am and 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

Marriage: Arrangements for the celebration are made with the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding.

PALABRA DE VIDA

“Salir afuera”

“Y dicho esto, gritó con voz potente: ‘Lázaro, ven afuera’. El muerto salió, los pies y las manos atados con vendas, y la cara envuelta en un sudario.” (Jn 11, 43-44)

Este domingo, tan próximo ya a la Semana Santa, el Evangelio nos invita a meditar acerca de la resurrección de Lázaro. Este pasaje del Evangelio nos muestra, como pocos, la gran humanidad de Jesús, su dolor ante la muerte de un amigo y también el hecho de que acudiera a ayudarlo poniéndose en peligro, pues sabía que le buscaban para matarle y que ir a casa de Lázaro era acercarse demasiado a sus enemigos. Esta constatación nos debe llenar de alegría, al sabernos objeto del interés de alguien que de verdad nos ama. Además, debemos darnos cuenta de que el milagro de la resurrección de Lázaro sólo ocurre porque hay fe y eso mismo será lo que ocurrirá con nosotros: sólo nos salvaremos, sólo nos convertiremos, si tenemos fe en Jesús, si estamos a su lado, si creemos en su fuerza. En tercer lugar, este Evangelio nos enseña que el milagro se puede producir con una “fe prestada”; las obras no se pueden traspasar, pero sí la fe. Lázaro estaba muerto y Cristo no le pidió a él que tuviera fe, sino a su hermana. También nosotros podemos pedirle al Señor que haga milagros en los demás, aunque ellos no tengan fe en esos milagros. Además, esa fe tiene que traducirse en gratitud, como sin duda tuvieron Marta, María y el propio Lázaro, pues de lo contrario no es verdadera fe. Por último, Cristo nos invita a salir fuera de nuestra tumba, del pecado, mediante una resurrección que está a nuestro alcance cada día: la confesión. Y a dar testimonio de que es Cristo quien nos ha liberado, quien nos ha salvado.

Propósito: *Sal fuera de tu tumba, del pecado. Si aún no te has confesado en la Cuaresma, hazlo esta semana. Y sé testigo del triunfo de Dios mediante las buenas obras.*

SACRAMENTOS

Bautismo: Los bautizos se realizarán los 2º y 4º sábados de cada mes a las 12:00 m. La preparación pre-bautismal se realizará los 2º y 4º viernes de cada mes, ***después de la misa de las 7:30 p.m.***

Confesiones: Jueves de 10:00am -11:00am y 5:00pm- 6:00pm.

Matrimonio: Por favor acercarse a la parroquia seis meses antes de la boda, para iniciar todos los trámites necesarios.

Update your information

Are you new to the area and need to register?

Are you recently married?

Have you moved, changed your address, phone number or email address or made any other changes in your household?

Have you stopped receiving envelopes?

Please call the rectory at **610-384-0360** to have your records updated.

Thank you!

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**

Prayer to St. Anthony to find an item that was lost

St. Anthony, perfect imitator of Jesus, who received from God the special power of restoring lost things, grant that I may find [name the item] which has been lost. At least restore to me peace and tranquility of mind, the loss of which has afflicted me even more than my material loss. To this favor, I ask another of you: that I may always remain in possession of the true good that is God. Let me rather lose all things than lose God, my supreme good. Let me never suffer the loss of my greatest treasure, eternal life with God. Amen

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Actualiza tu información

¿Eres nuevo en esta área y necesitas registrarte?

¿Te has casado recientemente?

¿Te has cambiado de casa, has cambiado tu dirección, número de teléfono, correo electrónico o algún otro cambio?

¿Has dejado de recibir los sobres?

Por favor llama a la oficina parroquial al **610-384-0360** y actualiza tu información.

¡Muchas gracias!

Oración a San Miguel Arcángel

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la lucha. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y acechanzas del demonio. Que Dios manifieste sobre él su poder, es nuestra humilde súplica. Y tú, oh Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial, con el poder que Dios te ha conferido, arroja al infierno a Satanás, y a los demás espíritus malignos que vagan por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. **Amén**

SALVE, REGINA

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;

vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve.

Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae.

Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes

in hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia ergo, advocata nostra,

illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.

Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,

nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.

O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.

El Angelus

El Ángel del Señor anunció a María: Y concibió del Espíritu Santo.

Dios te salve María; llena eres de gracia; el Señor es contigo; bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús. Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros, pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén

He aquí la esclava del Señor: Hágase en mi según tu palabra. Dios te salve María...

El Verbo se hizo carne: Y habitó entre nosotros.

Dios te salve María...

Ruega por nosotros, Santa Madre de Dios: Para que seamos dignos de alcanzar las promesas de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Te suplicamos, Señor, que derrames tu gracia en nuestras almas para que los que, por el anuncio del Ángel hemos conocido la Encarnación de tu Hijo Jesucristo, por su Pasión y Cruz seamos llevados a la gloria de su Resurrección. Por el mismo Jesucristo Nuestro Señor. Amén.

NUEVA MEDIDAS PARROQUIALES ANTE LA CRISIS DEL COVID19

Marzo 17, 2020

Queridos feligreses de la comunidad parroquial de San José en Coatesville, a partir de mañana a las 12:00 del mediodía no podremos seguir celebrando misas abiertas al público, debido a que han sido canceladas hasta nuevo aviso. Es una de las medidas que se están tomando en muchas diócesis del mundo para evitar la propagación del coronavirus. Será doloroso no celebrar con ustedes el sacrificio eucarístico, pero tengan la certeza de que en nuestra iglesia se seguirá celebrando la Santa Misa todos los días. Tanto el P. Antonio como yo, estaremos ofreciendo el Santo Sacrificio por ustedes, por la Iglesia y por el mundo.

En estos momentos difíciles que estamos viviendo, les invito a estar unidos en oración, como nos los ha pedido el Santo Padre y nuestro arzobispo Nelson. Por eso, les animo a que nos acompañen en el rezo del Santo Rosario y la celebración de la Santa Misa de lunes a sábado en los horarios habituales, en familia y desde sus casas, siguiendo la transmisión en vivo a través de la página de Facebook. Los domingos transmitiremos la misa a las 10:00am en inglés y a las 12:00 del mediodía en español. La iglesia estará abierta con el Santísimo Sacramento expuesto de lunes a viernes desde las 10:00am hasta las 6:00pm, de tal manera que puedan acercarse a la Iglesia a rezar. El día jueves tendremos confesiones en la iglesia de 10:00am a 11:00am y de 5:00pm a 6:00pm.

Durante el tiempo que la Iglesia permanezca abierta estaremos atentos para que se cumplan las medidas preventivas recomendadas:

- No se permitirá un gran número de personas.
- Se deberá usar el gel anti bacterial al entrar y salir del templo.
- Las personas enfermas o vulnerables deben permanecer en sus casas.
- Sólo se permitirá que estén 4 personas por cada banco y a la distancia señalada.
- En la fila para las confesiones se deberá respetar la distancia señalada.

Elevemos nuestra súplica al Dios Todopoderoso para que tenga misericordia de nosotros y nos conceda la gracia de superar pronto esta crisis mundial. Y que ojalá esta sea una oportunidad para rezar en familia y crecer juntos en la fe y en la confianza debida a Dios.

También encomendemos nuestra súplica a la intercesión de nuestro santo patrono San José, cuya fiesta celebraremos ese jueves 19 de marzo.

¡Dios les bendiga! P. Eder Estrada, FM

NEW PARISH MEASURES IN THE COVID19 CRISIS -

March 17, 2020

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph church in Coatesville, starting tomorrow, March 18 at noon, until further notice, we will no longer be celebrating Masses open to the public, due to the directives issued by the Archbishop of Philadelphia. This is one of the measures being taken in many dioceses around the world to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. It is painful not to celebrate the Eucharistic sacrifice with you, but know that both Fr. Antonio and I will be offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for you, the Church and the world.

In these difficult times, I invite you to be united in prayer, as the Holy Father and Archbishop Nelson have requested us. Therefore, I encourage you to accompany us in the prayer of the Holy Rosary and the celebration of the Holy Mass on live stream on Facebook with family from your homes. On Sundays, we will broadcast the Mass at 10:00am in English and at noon in Spanish. Weekly masses and the Rosary will be broadcast at the usual times.

The church will be open with the Blessed Sacrament exposed Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 6:00pm, so that you may come to the church to spend some time in prayer. On Thursdays, we will have confessions in the church from 10:00am to 11:00am and from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

We will make sure, while you visit the Church, that the recommended preventive measures are being fulfilled:

- Large groups of people will not be allowed to be in church.
- People must sanitize their hands when entering and leaving the church.
- The sick or the most vulnerable should stay home.
- Only 4 people will be allowed in each pew and at the indicated distance.
- As people wait to say their confession, they must keep the indicated distance between each other.

Let us raise our plea to God Almighty asking him to have mercy on us and to give us the grace to overcome this world crisis soon. May this be an opportunity for us to pray as a family and to grow together in the faith and trust due to God.

We also entrust our prayer to the intercession of our patron Saint Joseph, whose feast day we will be celebrating this coming Thursday, March 19th.

God bless you!

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Peace and all good!**