

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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## 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.

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor (4/5/2020)



*“Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Mathew 27, 45-46)*

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## NEW SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK (Live stream on Facebook)

### HOLY THURSDAY / JUEVES SANTO

\* 6:00 pm- Solemn Mass of the Lord’s Supper.

\* 8:00 pm- Misa vespertina de la Cena del Señor.

### GOOD FRIDAY / VIERNES SANTO

\* 2:30 pm- Stations of the Cross (Bilingual) / Vía crucis

\* 4:00 pm- Liturgy of the Passion and Death of our Lord

\* 6:00 pm- La Pasión del Señor

### HOLY SATURDAY

\* No morning Mass.

\* 10:00 am- Los silencios de la Virgen María.

\* 6:30 pm- Great Easter Vigil.

\* 8:30 pm- Vigilia Pascual.

### EASTER SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. The Resurrection of the Lord

12:00 m. La Resurrección del Señor

## Mass intentions of the week

### Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> + Purple + Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. + Dorothy Mihalak (John)  
7:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

### Sun., April 5<sup>th</sup> + 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

### Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> + Purple + Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. + Mary Loretta DeLucca (Andrea Vergouldi)  
7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

### Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> + Purple + Lenten Weekday

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

### Wed. April 8<sup>th</sup> + White + Purple + Lenten Weekday

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

### Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> + White + Holy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8:00 p.m. Misa de la Cena del Señor

### Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> + Red + Fasting + Abstinence + Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Bi-lingual)  
4:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion and Death of our Lord  
6:00 p.m. La Pasión del Señor

### Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> + White + Easter Vigil

10:00 a.m. Los Silencios de la Virgen María  
6:30 p.m. Great Easter Vigil + Mary Loretta DeLucca (DeLucca Family)  
8:30 p.m. Gran Vigilia Pascual

### Sun., April 12<sup>th</sup> + White + Eastern Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

10:00 a.m. Intention of the Priest  
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 Grassey, 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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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

#### Reading 1

IS 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

#### Responsorial Psalm PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

**R/. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him." **R/.**

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. **R/.**

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me. **R/.**

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!" **R/.**

**R/. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

#### Reading 2

PHIL 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him

## LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA

### Domingo de Ramos "De la pasión del Señor"

#### Primera Lectura

Is 50, 4-7

En aquel entonces, dijo Isaías: "El Señor me ha dado una lengua experta, para que pueda confortar al abatido con palabras de aliento. Mañana tras mañana, el Señor despierta mi oído, para que escuche yo, como discípulo. El Señor Dios me ha hecho oír sus palabras y yo no he opuesto resistencia ni me he echado para atrás. Ofrecí la espalda a los que me golpeaban, la mejilla a los que me tiraban de la barba. No aparté mi rostro de los insultos y salivazos. Pero el Señor me ayuda, por eso no quedaré confundido, por eso endurecí mi rostro como roca y sé que no quedaré avergonzado".

#### Salmo Resp.

Salmo 21, 8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24

**R/. Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?**

Todos los que me ven, de mí se burlan; me hacen gestos y dicen: "Confiaba en el Señor, pues que él lo salve; si de veras lo ama, que lo libre". **R/.**

Los malvados me cercan por doquiera como rabiosos perros. Mis manos y mis pies han taladrado y se puedan contar todos mis huesos. **R/.**

Reparten entre sí mis vestiduras y se juegan mi túnica a los dados. Señor, auxilio mío, ven y ayudarme, no te quedes de mí tan alejado. **R/.**

Contaré tu fama a mis hermanos, en medio de la asamblea te alabaré. Fieles del Señor, alábenlo; glorificarlo, linaje de Jacob, témelo, estirpe de Israel. **R/.**

**R/. Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?**

#### Segunda Lectura

Flp 2,6-11

Cristo, siendo Dios, no consideró que debía aferrarse a las prerrogativas de su condición divina, sino que, por el contrario, se anonadó a sí mismo, tomando la condición de siervo, y se hizo semejante a los hombres. Así, hecho uno de ellos, se humilló a sí mismo y por obediencia aceptó incluso la muerte, y

and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **The Passion of the Lord** **MT 27:11-54**

Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who questioned him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?” But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, “Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?” For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him.” The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” They answered, Barabbas!” Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” But he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” They only shouted the louder, “Let him be crucified!” When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood. Look to it yourselves.” And the whole people said in reply, “His blood be upon us and upon our children.” Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took

una muerte de cruz. Por eso Dios lo exaltó sobre todas las cosas y le otorgó el nombre que está sobre todo nombre, para que, al nombre de Jesús, todos doblen la rodilla en el cielo, en la tierra y en los abismos, y todos reconozcan públicamente que Jesucristo es el Señor, para gloria de Dios Padre.

### **La Pasión del Señor** **Mt 27, 11-54**

Jesús compareció ante el procurador, Poncio Pilato, quien le preguntó: “¿Eres tú el rey de los judíos?” Jesús respondió: “Tú lo has dicho”. Pero nada respondió a las acusaciones que le hacían los sumos sacerdotes y los ancianos. Entonces le dijo Pilato: “¿No oyes todo lo que dicen contra ti?” Pero él nada respondió, hasta el punto de que el procurador se quedó muy extrañado. Con ocasión de la fiesta de la Pascua, el procurador solía conceder a la multitud la libertad del preso que quisieran. Tenían entonces un preso famoso, llamado Barrabás. Dijo, pues, Pilato a los ahí reunidos: “¿A quién quieren que les deje en libertad: a Barrabás o a Jesús, que se dice el Mesías?” Pilato sabía que se lo habían entregado por envidia. Estando él sentado en el tribunal, su mujer mandó decirle: “No te metas con ese hombre justo, porque hoy he sufrido mucho en sueños por su causa”. Mientras tanto, los sumos sacerdotes y los ancianos convencieron a la muchedumbre de que pidieran la libertad de Barrabás y la muerte de Jesús. Así, cuando el procurador les preguntó: “¿A cuál de los dos quieren que les suelte?” Ellos respondieron: “A Barrabás”. Pilato les dijo: “¿Y qué voy a hacer con Jesús, que se dice el Mesías?” Respondieron todos: “Crucifícalo”. Pilato preguntó: “Pero, ¿qué mal ha hecho?” Mas ellos seguían gritando cada vez con más fuerza: “¡Crucifícalo!” Entonces Pilato, viendo que nada conseguía y que crecía el tumulto, pidió agua y se lavó las manos ante el pueblo, diciendo: “Yo no me hago responsable de la muerte de este hombre justo. Allá ustedes”. Todo el pueblo respondió: “¡Que su sangre caiga sobre nosotros y sobre nuestros hijos!” Entonces Pilato puso en libertad a Barrabás. En cambio a Jesús lo hizo azotar y lo

Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him. As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha— which means Place of the Skull —, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!” Likewise, the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. So, he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way. From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Some of the bystanders who heard it said, “This one is calling for Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, “Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him.” But Jesus cried out

again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was entregó para que lo crucificaran. Los soldados del procurador llevaron a Jesús al pretorio y reunieron alrededor de él a todo el batallón. Lo desnudaron, le echaron encima un manto de púrpura, trenzaron una corona de espinas y se la pusieron en la cabeza; le pusieron una caña en su mano derecha y, arrodillándose ante él, se burlaban diciendo: “¡Viva el rey de los judíos!”, y le escupían. Luego, quitándole la caña, lo golpeaban con ella en la cabeza. Después de que se burlaron de él, le quitaron el manto, le pusieron sus ropas y lo llevaron a crucificar. Al salir, encontraron a un hombre de Cirene, llamado Simón, y lo obligaron a llevar la cruz. Al llegar a un lugar llamado Gólgota, es decir, “Lugar de la Calavera”, le dieron a beber a Jesús vino mezclado con hiel; él lo probó, pero no lo quiso beber. Los que lo crucificaron se repartieron sus vestidos, echando suertes, y se quedaron sentados ahí para custodiarlo. Sobre su cabeza pusieron por escrito la causa de su condena: ‘Éste es Jesús, el rey de los judíos’. Juntamente con él, crucificaron a dos ladrones, uno a su derecha y el otro a su izquierda. Los que pasaban por ahí lo insultaban moviendo la cabeza y gritándole: “Tú, que destruyes el templo y en tres días lo reedificas, sálvate a ti mismo; si eres el Hijo de Dios, baja de la cruz”. También se burlaban de él los sumos sacerdotes, los escribas y los ancianos, diciendo: “Ha salvado a otros y no puede salvarse a sí mismo. Si es el rey de Israel, que baje de la cruz y creeremos en él. Ha puesto su confianza en Dios, que Dios lo salve ahora, si es que de verdad lo ama, pues él ha dicho: ‘Soy el Hijo de Dios’”. Hasta los ladrones que estaban crucificados a su lado lo injuriaban. Desde el mediodía hasta las tres de la tarde, se oscureció toda aquella tierra. Y alrededor de las tres, Jesús exclamó con fuerte voz: “Elí, Elí, ¿lemá sabactaní?”, que quiere decir: “Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?” Algunos de los presentes, al oírlo, decían: “Está llamando a Elías”. Enseguida uno de ellos fue corriendo a tomar una esponja, la empapó en vinagre y sujetándola a una caña, le ofreció de beber. Pero los otros le dijeron: “Déjalo. Vamos a ver si viene

Elías a salvarlo”. Entonces Jesús, dando de nuevo un fuerte grito, expiró. **Aquí todos se arrodillan y** torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, “Truly, this was the Son of God!”.

## **WORD OF LIFE**

### **“I will draw all to me”**

*“Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Mathew 27, 45-46)*

Palm Sunday opens the entrance to Holy Week. Therefore, we shall take into account all the events that are celebrated during these seven days to focus on what they teach us and how we shall behave in the light of these events. In fact, today’s account of the Lord’s Passion gives us the opportunity to see the drama of the Passion of the Lord entirely.

Particularly, the Lord’s death demands our attention. Christ is on the Cross dying amidst tortures and being innocent. He has voluntarily accepted to occupy that place, not because he likes to suffer, but because he has a mission to fulfill, and because he knows that in order to do so, he has to cross that door, that of suffering: the gate of the Cross. His mission is that of saving us, and he carries it out not only by shedding his redeeming blood for the forgiveness of our sins, but also by becoming one with us, sharing our fate with us, including the physical pain, abandonment and injustice.

Christ’s goal is achieved when we feel questioned by his love and his Cross. If his love moves us, if his love converts us, then his sacrifice will have been worth it. If we remain impassible, we will have made him of no use, at least not totally. Let us let be seduced by Christ, drawn and saved by Him. Let God be God and save you.

**Purpose:** *Meditate on the love of Christ manifested on the Cross. Become aware of what He has done for you. Give him thanks and get close to Him so that his sacrifice may not be of no use.*

**guardan silencio por unos instantes.** Entonces el velo del templo se rasgó en dos partes, de arriba a abajo, la tierra tembló y las rocas se partieron. Se abrieron los sepulcros y resucitaron muchos justos que habían muerto, y después de la resurrección de Jesús, entraron en la ciudad santa y se aparecieron a mucha gente. Por su parte, el oficial y los que estaban con él custodiando a Jesús, al ver el terremoto y las cosas que ocurrían, se llenaron de un gran temor y dijeron: “Verdaderamente éste era Hijo de Dios”.

## **PALABRA DE VIDA**

### **“Atraeré a todos hacia mí”**

*“Desde el mediodía hasta la media tarde vinieron tinieblas sobre toda aquella región. A media tarde, Jesús gritó: ‘Elí, Elí, lamá sabactani’ (Es decir: ‘Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?’) (Mt 27, 45-46)*

El domingo de Ramos abre la puerta a la Semana Santa. Por lo tanto, deberemos tener presente todos los acontecimientos que se celebran en esos siete días para fijarnos en lo que nos enseñan y en cómo hemos de comportarnos a su luz. De hecho, la lectura de la pasión que se hace en este día nos da la oportunidad de ver de una sola vez el drama íntegro de la Pasión. La muerte del Señor, especialmente, se convierte en un reclamo para nuestra atención. Cristo está en la Cruz, muriendo en medio de la tortura, siendo inocente. Ha aceptado voluntariamente ocupar ese lugar y lo ha hecho no porque le guste el dolor, sino porque tiene que cumplir una misión y sabe que, para ello, debe cruzar esa puerta, la puerta del sufrimiento, la puerta de la cruz. Su misión es la salvación, pero la lleva a cabo no sólo derramando su sangre redentora para perdonarnos los pecados, sino también haciéndose uno con nosotros, compartiendo con nosotros nuestra suerte, incluido el sufrimiento físico, el abandono, la injusticia. El objetivo de Cristo se logra plenamente cuando nosotros nos sentimos interpelados por él, por su amor, por su cruz. Si su amor nos conmueve, nos convierte, entonces su sacrificio ha servido para algo. Si permanecemos impassibles ante él, le habremos hecho inútil o al menos no plenamente útil. Dejémosnos seducir por Cristo, dejémosnos atraer por él, dejémosnos salvar. Déjale a Dios que haga de Dios y que te salve.

**Propósito:** *Medita sobre el amor de Cristo manifestado en la cruz. Date cuenta de lo que él ha hecho por ti. Agradéceselo y acércate a Él para que su sacrificio no sea en vano.*

## **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!**

**P. Eder Estrada, FM  
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