

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

The current time of epidemic danger with the COVID-19 virus, which we all experience is not easy. Each of us experience it in our own way. It just happened that at this time we are experiencing Lent and preparing for Easter to celebrate with our loved ones. Unfortunately, but this special time will be different than every year. We will not be able to participate in Palm Sunday, the Paschal Triduum and Easter Mass. There will also be no Confessions in our church. In an emergency, please contact me. Let us not grieve-the Lord God is and will be with us! Let us remember that the most important task in the holy time of Lent is our conversion. It is about conversion in all dimensions of our personal, family and social life. Much humility and strong faith in God's mercy is needed. At this time, we encourage you to pray for the sick and all services people that protect society from being distracted by the virus...

Following the introduction of an epidemic emergency in Canada and conforming to Bishop Gerard Bergie order of 17 March 2020, we inform you that for the sake of the health of the faithful we cancel Masses and all planned Church Services during Lent until April 18, 2020.

I do celebrate all Masses in the home chapel according to the dates of accepted intentions. During this time the Parish Office will be closed, you can call me, the pastor in an emergency. Tel: 905-937-4230.

All UpToDate information is in parish bulletin on our website. Please check the parish website: [www.ourladyofphchurch.ca](http://www.ourladyofphchurch.ca)

God bless You,

Fr. Antoni Degutis, omi

**FURTHER DIRECTIVES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FROM BISHOP G. BERGIE**

1. **Sunday Mass** at the Cathedral will be livestreamed beginning Sunday, March 29 on the Diocesan website [www.sainted.com](http://www.sainted.com)
2. **All Masses** are cancelled until April 18, 2020 including weekday Masses
3. **Funeral Masses** and Reception in parishes are not permitted until further notice.
4. **Baptisms** may be celebrated privately with immediate family members present
5. **Marriage Preparation Courses** have been cancelled until end of May.
6. **Priests and deacons** can continue to bring Communion to the homebound. For the sick in the hospital Fr. Andy Goodwin, the Catholic Chaplain at the hospital will visit patients on behalf of the clergy of the diocese.
7. **Spiritual Communion:**  
Catholics are reminded that during this extraordinary time, they are dispensed from their obligation to attend Sunday Mass. People are encouraged to make an Act of Spiritual Communion with the following prayer:

**My Jesus, I believe that You  
Are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
And I desire to receive You  
Into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this time moment  
Receive You sacramentally  
Come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if  
You were already there and  
unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be Separated from you  
Amen**