

My dear parishioners of St. John Bosco,

Last Saturday evening I celebrated Mass for the first time for a congregation I could not see, but you certainly made sure to let me know that you were watching. Please forgive me for not advertising the Mass. I did not know until 15 minutes before we started that it was actually going to work. I am very grateful for the Pax Christi Sisters for letting me use their chapel to celebrate the parish of St. John Bosco's first "Live Stream" Holy Mass over Facebook. I am also grateful for Deacon Steve Clifford for getting the technology to work, and Seminarian Emmanuel Carreño for assisting at Mass. So long as the technology holds up, this coming Sunday, the 5th Sunday of Lent, I will celebrate Holy Mass in English at 10 a.m. and Holy Mass in Spanish at 12 p.m. (noon) via the Facebook Live on our Parish Facebook page. My hope is that by celebrating Mass for you and you viewing it on the parish Facebook page, we will remain spiritually close during this challenging time.

We will still have Adoration in the main Church like last Sunday, but I do ask that you observe the directive from the Governor and from our Bishop of keeping the number of parishioners in the Church to 10 people. Violation of this directive from the Governor is a class 1 misdemeanor and punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$2,500.00 fine. [Sign up roster for Sunday Adoration.](#)

Like last Sunday, the church will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration. Exposition will be at 7 a.m. and benediction will be shortly before 7 p.m. This is an opportunity for families and individuals to come and see the Eucharistic face of our Lord and spend time in prayer. For adoration, please enter the Church through either the left, side entrance, or the right, side entrance, not the back, "kitchen" entrance, or the entrance at the Main Street side. Those will be locked.

THIS IS THE CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR THE DURATION OF OUR CURRENT SITUATION.

Based upon the experience of last weekend, I would like to return to our previous confession schedule with a minor modification. Confession will be available on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and Saturday evenings from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Confession will also be available on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The way confession will work is this: enter the Church through either the left, side entrance, or the right, side entrance, not the back, "kitchen" entrance, or the entrance on the Main Street side. Those entrances will be locked because the vestibule will be off limits due to confession. When going to confession, the penitent can choose to stand or to sit in the chair at the entrance to the sacristy. The priest will be seated at the opposite end of the sacristy near the side entrance. This will permit compliance with "social distancing" or 6 feet of distance between persons in a small group setting.

United with you in prayer,
Fr. Michael Dobbins