

Our Lady of Grace

Message #2 from our Pastor



The Church's mission continues while public Masses and gatherings are suspended!

I just finished praying the Rosary requested by Pope Francis with Fr. Jude and two guest priests, Fr. Martin and Fr. Callistus. We continue to pray and hope and help one another in the name of Jesus.

Here are some additional ways to pray (and there are thousands of other ways):

- Download the *iBreviary* app for iPhone, iPad, Android phones and tablets. The app contains the *Liturgy of the Hours* and the Mass readings for each day as well as other prayers.
- The *Liturgy of the Hours* is the official prayer of the church consisting of seven "hours" (prayer times that take much less than an hour but are spread throughout the day!). Priests are obligated to pray five of the hours daily (Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, one of the three Daytime Prayer hours, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer); deacons are obligated to pray Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and, I believe, Night Prayer.
- Daily Mass readings can be found at www.usccb.org/Bible/Readings. Read them together as a family.
- Turn on EWTN on the television or radio.
- Pray the Rosary.
- Check out the "Links" button on our parish website (www.maricopacatholic.org).
- Visit: stpaulcenter.com/hub

Remember to pray for those affected by the virus, including the sick, medical personnel caring for the sick, scientists working on vaccines and a cure, leaders making tough decisions to curb the spread of the virus and keep us safe, and all brother priests that are taking care of the spiritual needs of their people. Pray for all those who are feeling anxious and those who are feeling alone during this time. Pray for the health and wellbeing of our families at Our Lady of Grace.

In addition to sickness, this is also a time of financial hardship for many. If you can, either help directly or consider contributing to funds set up to help those laid off or unemployed due to the virus, and, of course, pray for them.

Please be patient with us as we navigate through the days ahead. These are uncharted waters. We need your prayers, patience, and support as we prayerfully and carefully consider all that is in front of us.

During this time, the well-being of our church is so crucial. Normally, we rely heavily on donations through the collection basket at Mass. Because operating expenses carry on, such as utilities, salaries and facility maintenance, please continue to tithe regularly. This will help us avoid future financial hardship for our church. We are reducing employee hours without pay and other costs during this time. We understand that some parishioners may not be in a position to tithe as much as before (such as our employees who are losing hours without pay!), and we will pray for you.

Several of our members already give their tithes and offerings online. We appreciate this and need it during this time. If you don't give online, consider giving through our website (www.maricopacatholic.org/) using the "Give Online" button located at the top of the page below the Our Lady of Grace logo, or by going directly to our WeShare Account at maricopacatholic.weshareonline.org/. It's easy and there are no fees. This will help us maintain our day to day operations, as well as our Church's missionary obligation. If you prefer, you may mail your check to the church office.

Please let our staff know if there is anything we can do to serve you during this time of uncertainty. And pray. Pray that this will soon pass. This separation that we are experiencing only fuels our heart's longing for Christ and our time together at our Mass. Until then, may we be faithful, pray for each other, and embrace what opportunities have been given to us to continue hearing the Word and living the Gospel.

Message From Bishop Weisenburger:

I encourage all of you to continue to pray for the end of this illness season, and, in place of visiting your parish right now, continue to participate in Mass either online or through television. I posted a video of Mass on our website homepage at www.diocesetucson.org

Just click on the link to follow. If you would like to follow daily Masses, you can do so at many online or cable TV sites (see list below).

- Catholic TV Mass in English and Spanish: <https://www.watchthemass.com/> .

-Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception: <https://www.nationalshrine.org/mass/> -Catholic Faith Network Masses. A listing of Masses with direct links to sites: <https://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/>

God bless you,

Fr. Jay Luczak