
Letter from Monsignor Brovey in E- Newsletter 20 March 2020

Dear Parishioners:

In this time of uncertainty and growing anxiety about the spread of the Coronavirus, please know that you and your families are in my prayers. Although we are not permitted to gather in groups for Holy Mass, it is crucial in times of crisis like this to remain a Church at prayer... a parish community at prayer. At Mass, I have often mentioned the importance of your family home truly being a “domestic church” where Our Lord is praised and worshiped and adored! How very important this is when we are unable to gather as a community around the altar of Our Lord. At the end of the newsletter is a beautiful prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe for her intercession and protection.

A few things to keep in mind:

- Each day at **9 am** I am offering a Holy Mass in private in the lower Cathedral for you and your intentions ... that Our Lord will extend His healing hand and blessing on your family and our community.
- The lower Chapel will be open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament 9am - 4pm Sunday through Friday.
- If anyone needs to go to Confession please call the office and my staff will give you the time when that may take place. In case of emergency, the Anointing of the Sick is still permitted as long as hospitals allow clergy access to hospitals during this health crisis.
- On Sunday at 11am Bishop Guglielmone will be streaming Sunday Mass from the Chapel at the Pastoral Center on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](#). The Diocesan website is <https://charlestdiocese.org/>.
- EWTN broadcasts Holy Mass several times each day. The link can be found here: <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>
- In a separate post are links to websites to help you make your family home a domestic church: pray another Rosary together each day as a family, add a litany

to the Blessed Mother or the Divine Mercy Chaplet, incorporate spiritual reading into your daily routine.

- If you have not already done so, many families have a “family altar” in the family room where they have placed a crucifix, the Bible, various statues, holy pictures and votive candles to be a focal point for family prayer time.

If you know of older parishioners or others who have health problems, who may not be able to get out or may feel very anxious about going out for groceries, please be sure to make contact with them by phone and email. If you know someone who is in need of this kind of assistance and are unable to help, please let me know and we will get someone to make contact to assist them.

The parish office hours will be open on Tuesday and Thursday 9 – 4pm until further notice. I ask that you please call or email before dropping by until the state of emergency has been lifted. Otherwise, the parish staff will be working remotely as best as they can from home.

A final note regarding the project on the Cathedral: the project work continues to proceed with a completion date for late June. Many of the artisans working on the plaster repair and repainting are far from home and have made the personal choice to remain at Cathedral to keep the project moving forward. In your charity I ask that you keep their health and well being and their families back home in your prayers. We are making significant progress: the plaster repair work will be completed by Easter. The blue paint has begun to be applied to the nave ceiling and next week the nave walls will begin to be painted.

May our Risen Lord extend His healing hand and blessing on our community!

Msgr. Steven Brovey

Holy Virgin of Gaudalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas,
We fly to you today as your beloved children,

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding of Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
Teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our
hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.