

CHURCH OF THE
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An Ever-growing Eucharistic Community Boldly Serving Others Through God's Love

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Catholic Faithful of Resurrection:

With the outbreak of Covid-19, we have heard stories of courage and heartbreak. Stories continue to be shared. As Catholics, we have a powerful weapon at our disposal and that is prayer. I call all Catholics to prayer. That prayer will have a different look over the course of the next several weeks. Due to public health concerns, Bishop Quinn has instituted the following guidelines <https://www.dowr.org/alerts.html>:

What does this mean?

- The public celebration of Mass will be suspended until Friday, May 15.
- Communal Penance Services will be cancelled. The individual celebration of the Sacrament of Penance will continue.
- Funerals will still be allowed in churches however only with a small number of immediate family members present. No funeral luncheons will be offered. Upon the death of a loved one, the consideration of having an immediate Graveside Service with Mass at a later date is a possibility.
- Weddings will still be allowed in churches however only with a small number the immediate family members present. All rehearsals will be cancelled.
- Baptisms will continue to be held however only with a small number of immediate family members present.
- Anointing of the Sick is still available. Again, only with a small number of immediate family members present.

With the guidelines, some things to note:

- Perpetual Adoration will be suspended until further notice.
- 24 Hours of the Lord scheduled at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist has been cancelled.
- Remaining Lenten Stations of the Cross have been cancelled.
- Chrism Mass - Bishop Quinn will have a private Mass to bless the oils for the coming year.
- Services and Masses for the Holy Triduum will be suspended.
- Divine Mercy Sunday will be cancelled.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation scheduled for Wednesday, April 22 will be rescheduled for a later date.
- First Communion scheduled for Sunday, April 26 will be rescheduled for a later date.
- Taking Holy Communion to the homebound will be suspended until further notice.

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The individual celebration of the Sacrament of Penance will continue to held. If we sense more dates and times will be necessary, we will schedule accordingly. The current scheduled dates and times are:

- Every Saturday – 6:45 – 7:45 pm (except April 11 – Easter Vigil)
- Tuesday, April 7 – 5:00 – 6:15 pm
- Wednesday, April 8 – 7:30 – 8:15 am

While Mass has been suspended, we still have many ways to pray. Here are a few:

- With so many businesses closed and public contact kept to a minimum, pray together as family. Pray the rosary together. Read the Bible together. Make an added emphasis to pray before meals. Allow all family members to share their prayers during this difficult time.
- Watch the Mass together on Sundays. The diocesan Mass is held on KIMT Channel 3 every Sunday at 7:30 am. Here is a link to the weekly Mass:
<https://www.dowr.org/about/weekly-mass.html>
- Be faithful to your Lenten discipline. Make prayer, fasting and almsgiving a continued part of your life.
- Stop in and pray at the church. Resurrection Church will be open daily from 7:00 am till 7:00 pm.
- Meditate on the daily readings. Here is a link to help find the daily Mass readings:
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>

Some things to note:

- The parish office will be closed till Monday, May 18. All phone messages please leave at 507-288-5528 (ext. 100).
- For continued weekly church support, go to our parish website (rescathroch.org) to give via online giving or mail your contributions to the parish.

In closing, this is an unprecedented time for me as a Roman Catholic Priest. While other pandemics have arisen, sacraments have never been affected on such a large scale as with Covid-19. However, we need to remember that we should never lose hope. Jesus Christ promised to be with us until the end of the age (see Matthew 28:20). Keep the spirit of prayer alive and know of my prayers for you!

Sincerely,



Father Peter Schuster

Pastor of Resurrection Catholic Church