



The Shell

An e-letter for

Saint James the Greater Church, Cincinnati, Ohio

About the coronavirus.....

Please know that I and the entire parish staff are praying every day for all of you. There are so many different dimensions to the crisis and each of us is affected in different ways. As a community bound together by our faith in Jesus Christ, we express our concern for each other in our prayers. At least until after Easter, all public Masses are suspended in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and all dioceses of Ohio. This has happened in many dioceses across our country. That we cannot gather for Mass doesn't mean we cannot pray with each other.

I suggest that each of us pray the *Memorare* to our Blessed Lady each day at Noon. This will make it a common time of prayer and the common prayer being offered by all our people. To help, here is the prayer:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

We are attaching some information points to this Shell. We will keep sending the Shell with any new developments throughout this emergency.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Nolker

Notices

Confessions

Confessions will still be heard on Saturdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m. The regular confessional will NOT be used because it is a small confined space. A temporary area with a screen will be set up elsewhere in the church.

Church Open

The church will be open Monday through Friday for private prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. This is so individuals can pray; do not come in groups!

Mass on the web or TV

The archdiocesan website will be live-streaming a daily Mass and weekend Mass from the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. Daily Mass will be available online at 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday Mass will be live-streamed at 11 a.m. All live-streaming Masses will also be available on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicCincinnati/>.

Daily Mass is also available on catholiciv.org at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Sunday catholiciv.org televises Mass from the Sacred Heart Basilica at Notre Dame.

Daily Masses are also available on TV from EWTN at 8:00 a.m., Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Funerals

At this time funerals are still permitted but only with congregations of asymptomatic family members fewer than 50 attending. Many dioceses which has suspended public Masses have restricted funerals to committal services at the grave, but that has not been directed by our archdiocese yet.

Parish Contributions

Although Masses are discontinued for the time-being, we still need your financial support. Please send your contributions to the parish office, drop them off or donate electronically at WeShare. To use WeShare, go to the parish website, click Online Giving, and then follow directions.