



The Shell

An e-letter for

Saint James the Greater Church, Cincinnati, Ohio

March 23, 2020 ... UPDATES...

I continue to pray for you at Mass and throughout each day. I reiterate my suggestion that we all pray the *Memorare* at Noon each day as a common time of prayer.

The parish office will be closed for the duration of this crisis. Our staff will work from home as much as possible, but it will be minimal because of the type of work that we do. If you need something very important and it is time-sensitive, leave a message on the parish phone line or email the office. We will be checking those periodically. Normal business has paused.

Attached are some notices. Some have been adjusted since the last Shell and others are new.

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. Confessions will be heard in the middle of the church. Directions will be posted at the church doors.

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 catholicTV.org at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Sunday catholicTV.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 with about 10 attending.

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.

During this challenging time, we would like to offer resources that major organizations and publishers have offered to assist you in prayer and encouragement. We are a community of the faithful in Christ Jesus. Even though our church buildings are closed and access to the sacraments have been curtailed for a time, we can and should, pray, increase our formation, and be a witness to our faith. These resources are just some that have recently come into the Parish Office and are offered here for your benefit.

From MAGNIFICAT

Please encourage others, especially those who are struggling at this moment, to pray with MAGNIFICAT using the **free access online or with the app.**

Additionally, we offer, **here at this link**, a celebration of the Word which you could use this **Sunday alone or with family**. If possible, place a simple cross or crucifix prominently in the room and light one or more candles. You can also place an image of the Virgin Mary there if possible. As a family, choose the one who leads the prayer, and someone to do the readings.

Finally, remember that, apart from the Mass, **the Holy Rosary is one of the most powerful and efficacious forms of prayer that we have**. It is a time-tested and saint-proven way of entering deeply and intimately into the mysteries of Christ's life, and to unite ourselves to the most powerful prayers of the Blessed Mother.

From FORMED

In an effort to assist Catholics everywhere, we are opening our doors to make the FORMED platform **free to everyone** for the next 40 days. Sign up today and get immediate access to the best Catholic movies, faith formation videos, audio talks, and great children's videos.

St. James Church provides free access to all the FORMED content to our parishioners. Three easy steps get you full access: 1) long on to FORMED.org, 2) scroll down at click on St. James the Greater, White Oak, Cincinnati, 3) enter your email address and create a simple password. That's it! You now have access to family movies, information programs, audio books, daily reflections, and much, much more—all FREE!

From LIVING FAITH

With children home from school, we want to help families spend some special time each day with Jesus. That's why we are making *Living Faith Kids Daily Catholic Devotions* free for all families to access online right now. This means you can read the colorful, kid-friendly devotions

found in our print magazine online—free—through the end of March. You can get free temporary access here:

Living Faith Kids [March 2020](#)

Please spread this bit of good news with families, teachers, parishes and everyone you know.

(In addition, the editors of our family of publications have compiled a list of resources to help parents provide social caring and interaction during periods of school closure. You can see the link below.)

<https://us8.campaign-archive.com/?e=&u=91e158c51bed6cb61bb053f36&id=2641da6c56>