

The Church of the Good Shepherd

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A message from our Pastor

Rev. Diosmar Natad

April 3, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

As we are about to culminate the Lenten season, and anticipating the joyous Easter celebration, the Archdiocese of Atlanta has given us an update and guidelines on how to offer the sacred liturgies during Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter including administration of the Sacraments at this time of health crisis.

Cancellation of public Masses is extended until April 19th (First Sunday after Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday). However, we will continue to offer online services.

Holy Week through Easter:

- A. Palm Sunday Mass will be offered at 10:00 a.m. in English and 11:00 a.m. in Spanish on April 5th. *Note: Palms are not blessed at this time but to be kept, and be distributed at an acceptable time in the future (Archdiocese of Atlanta).*
- B. Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper starts at 7 pm, on April 9th. *Note: the foot washing option is omitted (Archdiocese of Atlanta).*
- C. Good Friday, Passion of the Lord starts at 7pm on April 10th. *Note: The customary kissing or touching of the cross is to be omitted. A genuflection or profound bow would be an appropriate sign of reverence. (Archdiocese of Atlanta).*
- D. Easter Vigil will begin at 9 pm on April 11th. *Note: The solemn beginning of the Vigil or Lucernarium, the preparation and lighting of the fire and procession are omitted, (Archdiocese of Atlanta)*
- E. Easter Sunday Masses on April 12th, at 10 a.m. English and 11 am in Spanish

We will continue to have live streaming Masses on Sunday at 10 a.m. in English and 11 a.m. in Spanish. Weekday Masses from Monday to Saturday at 9 am in English or Spanish. Rosary will be said before Mass at 8:30 a.m. in English or Spanish.

- a. Hearing confession by appointments. *(Please be aware of the statewide shelter-in-place order from April 3rd to April 13th by Gov. Brian Kemp).*
- b. Live streaming **Adoration** from Monday to Saturday, 10 am—12 noon. *Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (Triduum)*

Please continue to check the parish website for the latest update. I pray that your faith is a comfort to you in this time of global health crisis. This darkness shall pass as we believe in the resurrection of Jesus that brings light, hope, and love. Happy Easter and let us continue to pray for one another and ask for the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary.

Thanks for your stewardship and continued support for our Good Shepherd Parish. May the Lord continue to give you His abundant blessings and love that never ceases.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Diosmar Natad

These Masses are offered LIVE Masses for April 4 –April 10

Saturday: April 4, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† Leony Natad

† Bong Natad

† Bill and Cele Fetner

† Ann Sander

Sunday, April 5, 2020

10:00 Live Stream

† Poor Souls in Purgatory

♥ **Intentions of our Priests**

† Bernard Kearney

♥ **Intentions of the Burnett and Davis Family**

† Victoria and Joseph Cerami

† Donna Jacobs

† Rosemary Hall

† Lan Mahan

† Gloria Hernandez

† Harvey Machinist

♥ **Parishioners of Good Shepherd**

Monday, April 6 9:00 a.m. Live Stream

† Pat Lyons

♥ **Intentions of James Willis, Jr.**

Tuesday, April 7 9:00 a.m. Live Stream

♥ **Intentions of James Duffey**

♥ **Intentions of Kathleen Russell**

Wednesday, April 8 9:00 a.m. Live Stream

♥ **Intentions of Paul Leschack**

Thursday, April 9 7:00 p.m. Live Stream

Holy Thursday

† Victims of the Corona Virus

Friday, April 10 Good Friday

No Masses on this day Fast and Abstinence

Although public Masses are not being celebrated, daily and weekend Masses are being celebrated in private by our Priests. If you have scheduled an intention during this time, please know that the intended Mass is being honored and celebrated for your intentions during the date you have selected. If you feel you would like to reschedule the Mass intention, please contact the Parish office.

As you view the Mass **live**, please remember that although it is strange to watch a Mass on your electronic device, keep in mind that the Mass is live, meaning that at that specific time, the bread and wine is miraculously changed into the body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Below is a prayer for Spiritual Communion that you may repeat to yourselves since the actual Body and Blood of Christ cannot be consumed by us. Know that Our Lord knows the pain, suffering and deprivation we feel.

Spiritual Communion is a practice for those times when you can't make Mass, or can't take Communion because of an unconfessed mortal sin (for which you can ask for and receive God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance), you can still reach out to Him by making a Spiritual Communion in prayer!

St. Thomas Aquinas once defined a Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament [in Communion at Mass] and in lovingly embracing Him as if we had actually received Him."

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Please pray for those who are ill - At this unprecedented time in our history as a Nation and world-wide, we ask that you continue to pray fervently for an end to the virus that has threatened our lives, changed the manner in which we live, put financial strain on our people and caused extreme anxiety as it relates to health, access to the sacraments and Mass.

We ask that you all keep in your prayers those who are on our list of the ill and for those suffering from the onslaught of the Corona Virus. *Adriana Contreas, Michael Mall, Anna Post, Dave Figlestahler, Francisca Velasco, Gene Womack, Dennis Bryzinski, Joseph Sanders, Frank Tolton, Stephanie Unger, Katherine Russell, Allen Poole, Mike Tinns, and Gabby Moseley*

Take Note

Our Parish Office is staffed either remotely or onsite. Please know that everyone of our Parish Family is important to us. If you have a sacramental emergency and cannot get through to someone, please call **678-294-0212** which is our emergency Sacramental line. A Priest will respond to you as soon as possible. Due to the restrictions imposed upon all of us and especially our Priests, please understand that we will do anything and everything possible to give you the assurance, prayers and answers you may need as well as direction with any particular circumstance you or your family find yourselves confronted with. Please know our prayers are with you always.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Your generosity which aids our Parish in the commitment we have in caring for the ill, assisting the poor, administering the sacraments along with a host of daily responsibilities, has enabled Good Shepherd Parish to be the hands and feet of God. During this unprecedented time in our Nation and in full understanding of each of our Parish Family members financial stress, if at all possible please continue to support our Parish in your donations and prayers. Together we can continue to assist those in need. You may mail your weekly donation to the Parish Office or give ONLINE through our website at www.gsrcc.net. Together we can overcome and persevere just as our ancestors did when forced to endure deprivation during the darkest of times. Thank you and May God have mercy upon all of the faithful.



Please remember in your

Prayers those who have passed from our life into the arms of our Savior and for

Doug Kulway,
Alida Briones Castro
and Rita Bode

who recently passed away