

Dear Saint Michael Parishioners,

I hope you are well. Today is just fantastic. I hope you can get outside and enjoy the warmth.

These are the most recent developments from Saint Michael parish.

1. Confessions will be tonight, Wednesday evening, from 6:00-7:00 P.M. at the bell tower entrance.
2. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered this Friday, April 3, First Friday—outside the main entrance at the curbside from 6:30 – 7:30 P.M. Please be mindful of the ten-person limit. Confessions be also be available at the bell tower during that time.
3. Though we have explored possibilities for Palm Sunday and Holy Week Masses, we have received word from officials at the Chancery that we are not permitted to have outdoor Masses or distribute Holy Communion in public. While disappointing, please join with me in doing our part in our efforts to control this pandemic.
4. Here is the schedule for Holy Week beginning this Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday. All services will be recorded and/or livestreamed.
 - A.) On Palm Sunday, April 5, confessions will be heard from 8:00-9:15 A.M. Mass will be live streamed beginning at 9:30 a.m. Palms will be available at the curbside from 8:00-9:30 A.M. and 5:00-6:00 P.M. Confessions will again be heard from 5:00-6:00 P.M. with five total priests, including two visiting priests. If someone is elderly or infirm and would like to have palms, please let me know, and we will get them to you. All of the palms will be blessed ahead of time.
 - B.) Please note, we will not be live streaming the Saturday evening Mass this Saturday, April 4. Join us for the Palm Sunday liturgy at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday.
 - C.) Holy Week daily Masses on April 6 to April 8 will be livestreamed at 8:15 A.M.
 - D.) Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper will be live streamed at 7:00 P.M. Confessions will follow from 8:00-9:00 P.M.
 - E.) Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be live streamed at 3:00 P.M. Confessions will follow from 4:00-5:00 P.M. The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will be live streamed at 7:00 P.M.
 - F.) Holy Saturday confessions will be heard from 11:00 A.M. until noon. The Easter Vigil will be live streamed beginning at 8:30 P.M. One adult from our RCIA class will be baptized during that Mass.
 - G.) On Easter Sunday, confessions will be heard from 8:00-9:15 A.M. Easter Sunday Mass will be live streamed at 9:30 A.M.
 - H.) Stay tuned for details on our live streaming of Tenebrae. The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial. More details on this to follow.
5. Please let us know whatever Fr. Schwenka, Fr. Kipper, Deacon Sasse, and I can do for you.

Our prayers for all of you,



Fr. Borowiak