

Friday, March 13th, 2020

Dear friends,

An update about opportunities for prayer, confession, and adoration at Saint Mark parish church this weekend. Foremost, **please stay home if you are at-risk or have contact with those who are at-risk**. This includes the elderly, those with underlying medical conditions that put you at risk for more serious COVID-19 – or **if you have contact with those who fall into this category**. We must take seriously our obligation to care for our brothers & sisters, even if we ourselves feel well or are not at risk.

Again, I want to thank you all for your patience as we put together a plan in response to the new limits established by local law and Archbishop Etienne.¹ I am especially grateful to our staff and those who have assisted them. Folks have been most generous, whether in volunteering to assist or offering their encouragement.

For this weekend, we will adopt a modified schedule of Stations of the Cross, confessions, and adoration. See the schedule below for more information. I especially invite you to join me on Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/SaintMarkShoreline>) as I offer Sunday Mass for our community at 10am.

We will be opening the church building tonight for Stations of the Cross and over the weekend (see schedule below) for confessions, adoration, and prayer. **A six-foot distance between those present must be observed and there may not be more than 250 present at any given time**. I ask for your assistance in diligently honoring these safety measures.

On a more personal note, I want to convey my solidarity for you all in these times. We never imagine that such things could come to pass in our time or that we would have to sacrifice in these ways. And yet, this is a time for the kind of trust and surrender to God that we see in the lives of the saints – that will make saints of us! We support each other too and I would like to extend the invitation for you to be connected a little more personally on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/fathermaurer>) and at my personal blog (<https://fathermaurer.com/>). These will primarily consist of my personal reflections and outreach, so **please continue to check the parish website** (<http://saintmarkshoreline.org/>) and our parish Facebook account.

Let us continue lifting each other up in prayer. May God bless you all.

Peace,
Father Maurer

¹ Update: New state and local Orders issued to protect residents' health from COVID-19 (March 11, 2020) <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/news/2020/March/11-covid-19-updates.aspx>

Weekend schedule for March 13th-15th

Friday, March 13th, 2020

5:00pm Confessions
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Church to be closed following Stations

Saturday, March 14th, 2020

8:30am Daily Mass (Facebook Live from the parish office chapel)
9:30am Confessions
10:00am-5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Confessions will be available most of the day
The Eucharist may be reposed if Father needs to leave and/ or no one is present
5:00pm Rosary and Solemn Benediction

Church to be closed following Benediction

Sunday, March 15th, 2020

10am Mass Sunday Mass (Facebook Live - **church closed**)
11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Confessions will be available until the rosary begins
3pm Rosary and Solemn Benediction

Church to be closed following Benediction

TENTATIVE weekly schedule (subject to change)

The parish office remains closed to all visitors. Please call or e-mail.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

9:00am – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
At regular intervals and upon request, Father will offer communion to those who desire it
Father will generally be available in the face-to-face confessional
12:00pm Daily Mass (Facebook Live from parish office chapel)
5:00pm **Wednesday-Friday only** – Confessions
6:30pm **Friday only** – Stations of the Cross
Church will be closed following confessions and/ or Stations of the Cross