

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Coronavirus Weekly Update as of March 25, 2020 at 12:00 pm

I want to wish all of you a happy Solemnity for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. Here the Angel Gabriel tells Our Lady that she is to be the Mother of God. This is great news, for the Savior of the world is about to be born into the world. Now, death will be destroyed and lose its sting. This hope of grace to come is the hope that we all need today as we deal with the virus.

We have some updates from the Archdiocese. As the Archbishop recently said, “we must continue to anchor our hearts and minds in the abiding truth of God’s love for us.” He went on to say that we should be in “observance of the policies established by our civil authorities ensuring the good of all people.” Therefore, the Archbishop has decided to close the Churches of the Archdiocese to the public at least until April 19th. This means that as of now, people cannot come and pray in the church and we will not be able to hold Holy Week and Easter Masses for the public. We will livestream them. Also, individual Confessions except for emergencies, have been cancelled.

I pray you can join us on our livestream telecast of the Mass. Please know I am praying for all of you and if you need anything, please call the Parish Office. May Our Lady of Carmel pray for us and help us in this difficult time.

Fr. Lawrence Seyer
Pastor

Masses: Still suspended until at least until April 19th. (per directive of the Governor and Archbishop Gomez)

Livestreaming of 10:00 am Sunday Mass: Join us live on Facebook for our 10:00 Sunday Mass or watch the recording at a more convenient time. Go to our Facebook page @mountcarmelsb or our Parish website -- www.mtcarmelsb.com and follow the link from the flyer. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to watch it.

Confessions and Anointing of the sick: Confession is cancelled. However, in danger of death or an emergency, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Activities: All are canceled until further notice.

Parish Office: Closed, but we are still taking phone calls, answering emails and accepting regular mail.

Parish School: Closed until at least April 19th.

Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Services: Closed to the public but livestreamed on Facebook.

Flocknotes: To get up-to-date information from the Parish, please register for our communication program managed by Flocknotes. Please see below for directions to sign up.

Weekly Giving: In this special time of crisis for our country, it is important that the Parish continue to bring God’s word of love and hope to our community. Please help us by continuing your weekly sacrificial giving. Please mail you weekly check to the office, drop it off by sliding it under the front door, or sign up for our electronic giving by going to the DONATE tab on our website.