

March 17, 2020

Dear parishioners,

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak, our parish will not be able to provide our usual services. We are not shutting down, but we are altering the way we will continue to serve you and your family. We are taking the following steps to stay available:

- **Mass** – we are working towards broadcasting Sunday Mass to you via YouTube. I will send you a notice when the system is ready with information on how to access the video. To livestream daily Mass, please visit our website for information.
- **Sacraments** – We will be in the office each weekday and available to answer any concerns that you may have. Baptism, Confessions, and funeral Masses will be available privately with immediate family only present.
- **Education** – Our Faith Formation Director, Leslie, will be in touch with you via FlockNote with suggested assignments for your child's religious education. I will be sending out class materials for my confirmation class. Alicia has already set up a program for our youth groups.
- **Church** – The Church will be open for private prayer on week days from 9:30am to 2:00pm. Please sanitize your hands before entering the sanctuary and maintain at least six feet from another person. There should not be more than 10 persons in the Church at one time.
- **Communication** – Our Wednesday morning Bible Study will have the class posted on our website weekly. Our website will have updated information including our bulletin. We have launched a new app. Information on how to access is enclosed. You can expect to hear from us frequently via FlockNote offering prayer suggestions, programs and other resources to help you cope with this situation. If this situation continues, we plan to send out a monthly parish newsletter.
- **Connection** – Additionally, I would like to establish a parish phone tree and have a member of our parish contact you each week to check on you and your family. If you would like to be a part of this service, please check the box on the second page of this letter. In order to update our contact information, we ask you to complete and return the second page information as well.
- **Giving** – We encourage you to utilize Online Giving to continue your support of the parish. We continue to carry out the work of the Gospel. If you need information on setting up online giving, please see the attached information. You can also mail in your envelopes.

St. Theresa parish has always been a strong community, and we will continue our strong community tradition. Together with the presence of Jesus, we will get through this health crisis!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rev. Msgr. Edward D. Lofton
Pastor

Please complete and return this page to the Parish Office or send to Office@StTheresaChurch.com.

Family Email address _____

Last Name: _____ Mr. & Mrs.; Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr. (Circle one)

Husband's Name _____ Wife's Name _____

Address: _____ Subdivision: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Husband's Cell # _____ Husband's Email _____

Wife's Cell # _____ Wife's Email _____

Do you want a member of the parish to call periodically to check on your family?

Yes

No

Communication Resources for St. Theresa the Little Flower

Online Giving: From our website, click on the Online Giving button at the bottom of the homepage, look under our Giving tab, or go to <https://www.sttheresachurch.com/67>.



FlockNote: We use FlockNote to communicate via email and/or text message to our community members. To register and join our network, follow one of these steps (pick one):

1. Visit and sign-up at <http://www.flocknote.com/thelittleflower>.

OR

2. Text **LITTLEFLOWER** to **84576** from your phone and follow the instructions.

If your phone doesn't allow a shortcode, call 202-738-5764.

*Text **STOP** to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. Text **HELP** for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View full terms & conditions at www.flocknote.com/txt.*



Parish App: Download our new parish app today! You can text **App** to **88202**. From there you will get to MyParishApp, and then find and choose St. Theresa the Little Flower.

The MyParishApp is available on both the Apple App Store and the Android Google Play Store.

