

## **Pastoral Decisions from Father Frank at St. Stanislaus Church and St Victor Chapel due to the Pandemic of the Coronavirus**

Following the political decisions and recommendations of medical experts as well as the decree issued by Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller concerning the Coronavirus dated March 13, 2020, I announce the following pastoral decisions in the Parish of St Stanislaus.

### **Dispensations**

Following the new guidelines and recommendations as well as executive order of the Governor of Texas (social distancing, no more than 10 people gathered together and respecting the decree of our Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller ) I inform you that ALL Masses on the weekend as well as weekdays will be cancelled starting Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> until further notice. For more information see our website.

### **Funerals**

Funerals will be scheduled as needed at St Stanislaus Parish.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The penance service scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. I will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Bandera and Lakehills at the time of the regularly scheduled Masses (Saturday, Sunday and week days) and by appointment.

### **The Receiving of the Sacrament of the Sick**

The Parishioners who are sick and seeking anointing should never be afraid to ask the pastor (Fr. Frank 210 831 3718) or other priest in the

Parish for the sacrament. If the priest hesitates or refuses to administer the Sacrament they should call the Dean (Rev. John Nolan 210 552 2964) or the Archbishop himself (Archdiocese of San Antonio 210 734 2620).

Holy Communion at hospitals, nursing homes or at home – only Priest or Deacons at the request of the patient or his or her family.

### Religious Education in the Parish

All classes to be postponed until further notice.

### Lenten Services Outside of Mass

All devotional activities such as Stations of the Cross and all other gatherings such as bible classes, prayer groups and retreats, will be cancelled during Lent.

### Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

The Fish Fry will be cancelled for the rest of Lent.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Activities: From now on until further notice, the office will be open only on Thursdays and during the time, food will be distributed only in prepared boxes. The financial assistance cases will be dealt only by telephone conversations (830 796 2017). The members will monitor the phone twice a day and will make special efforts to distribute food, if necessary on other days.

If you are not able to shop for yourself and need groceries, please call the number above.

## Recommendations

All the parishioners are invited for a deeper relationship with God who is our Lord and Savior. He is also our hope. The one who is hanging on the cross, taking care of all our sins and illnesses. Yes, He is infected too but spreads only hope and love :

- a) Practice a Stronger individual prayer life - Supplications (the action of asking for something earnestly and humbly) - Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosaries, Memorare prayer and Novenas be performed at home or by visiting the Adoration Chapel at St Stanislaus .
- b) Fasting – abstinence.
- c) Make yourself available to those who are in need or who are sick by calling them, offering help regarding shopping for necessities and any other need.
- d) Participate in the Mass over the internet, television or radio ([www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com); ewtn.com)
- e) Pray the Liturgy of the Hours. (Download the iBreviary TS Plus app on your smart phones which is free of charge).
- f) Repeat daily, “Jesus, I Trust in You” or “Jesus, in You I Live, Jesus, In You I Die, Jesus, I am Yours Now and Forever” or “I Surrender All, I Surrender All, I Surrender Blessed Savior, I Surrender All”.
- g) Follow latest news on the Vatican website ([vaticannews.va](http://vaticannews.va)).

## Reminders

1. Practice social distancing.
2. Cover your mouth if you cough or sneeze.