

How Does This Affect Our Parish?

- 1) **Mass:** All public Masses will be canceled effective Saturday, March 21. Catholics in our Diocese are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass until Bishop Taylor determines otherwise. People's intentions will be remembered in Father's Masses. We remind everyone that Masses are available to view Live on TV and online at: EWTN; LiveMass.net (Latin Mass); CatholicTV.org; Mass streamed live from Blessed Sacrament Church in Jonesboro will be available on their Facebook page every Saturday at 5:30pm. Parishioners are encouraged to pray with their families at home and to make a Spiritual Communion. For those who would like to stop by the Church to pray privately, the Church will remain open Mon - Fri from 10am-Noon and on Sundays from 9am-Noon (subject to change according to demand).
- 2) **Communion to the Homebound and Sick/Anointing:** There will be no visits to the Homebound, Sick, or Nursing Homes with Holy Communion. If there is a need for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the Church Office and we will arrange a time with Fr. Amal; if the need is urgent and it is after Office Hours, please call the Rectory, 870-257-4456.
- 3) **Adoration:** Eucharistic Adoration will continue as regularly scheduled, Mon - Fri from 10am-9pm; however, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the main Sanctuary Altar to allow more room for "social distancing". If someone would like to stop in and pray after Noontime, please ring the doorbell by the main doors (on the far right door frame). If possible, come "on-the-hour" so the disturbance of those praying is minimized.
- 4) **Church Office:** The Church Office will be open for business from 10am-Noon. If you have a question or need an appointment with Father, please call the Office; if we are on another call, or it is after Open Hours, leave a message on the voice mail and we will return your call.
- 5) **Donations:** Please keep in mind that, despite the cancellation of Masses, the Church, like you, still has bills to pay. We depend on your donations to function as a parish. Staff wages, Utility bills, maintenance and repairs, yearly liability insurance, diocesan support, etc, are all going to need to be paid. **Donations may be mailed to: PO Box 970, Cherokee Vlg, AR 72525; or processed through your bank's Bill Pay; or, if you stop into the Church to pray or pick-up a bulletin, you may slip your donation under the Office door.**
- 6) **Bulletin:** The bulletin will still be prepared each week and made available both online (stmichaelscv.org) and in print (stop by during the "open hours" listed above for a copy). We will keep you updated if there are any changes through the bulletin.
- 7) **Confession:** Fr. Amal will hear Confessions on Sundays from 9-11am (or by appointment). We ask that those waiting for Confession keep their distance from one another, possibly by waiting in the main Sanctuary.
- 8) **Meetings and Events:** Until further notice, no meetings or gatherings are to take place in the Parish Hall or upstairs classrooms, this includes Bingo, SVDP, KCs, and Altar Society.
- 9) **Stations of the Cross:** The Stations of the Cross for Lent are also canceled effective immediately, including the planned Fish Fries and Soup Suppers.
- 10) **Funerals:** Funeral Masses will still be scheduled as needed, but will be a private Service for family members only. (The Funeral Mass scheduled for this coming Saturday, the 21st, for Theresa Bieg will likewise be private.)
- 11) **CCD:** Students will be sent home with their textbooks this weekend. Teachers have been asked to communicate assignments with the parents by email.
- 12) **RCIA:** Because there is no one entering the Church this Easter in our parish, all RCIA classes will be postponed after 3/21.
- 13) **Palms:** On Palm Sunday, Fr. Amal will bless Palms and leave them in the vestibule for parishioners to pick up that day or during Holy Week.
- 14) **Holy Week and Easter:** As of now, there will be no Triduum or Easter Services/Masses. If anything changes, we will let you know in the bulletin.