



Corpus Christi
Catholic Church
**The Body
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Becoming
Disciples**

March 17, 2020

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

First and foremost, thank you for your patience and your prayers. We're in the midst of uncharted territory and appreciate your understanding.

Spiritually, while these changes are difficult, we **should offer all the inconveniences and sacrifices to our Lord and pray for an end to the pandemic**. Not being able to have Mass will help us to **yearn for the Eucharist and the Sacrifice of the Mass and not take it for granted**. This will also allow us to learn to pray from home if we don't already. If you don't have a place to pray in your home, I encourage you to make one during this time.

Practically, we all have many questions and speculations, and are doing our best, in conjunction with the Diocese, to address these urgent concerns. The following covers operations as we know them until further notice. We will update you once we get additional directive from the Centers for Disease Control and the Diocese of Phoenix.

1. ***All weekday and Sunday Masses are suspended until further notice.*** The Sunday Mass obligation is dispensed by Bishop Olmsted for all Catholics residing in or visiting the Diocese of Phoenix. We encourage you to watch Mass at home: The televised Mass is broadcast at 9am on AZTV Channel 7 and can also be watched via the Diocese of Phoenix's YouTube channel and Facebook page.
 - a. ***The Adoration Chapel will be closed until further notice.*** It breaks our hearts to do this, but we understand that many, if not most, of our adorers are in the high-risk group and we must act prudently. We highly encourage you to pray at home for your safety and the safety of others, however, **the church will be open for private prayer time Monday through Saturday from 3 pm – 8 pm and Sunday mornings from 8 am – 12 pm**. Not only will the larger space allow everyone to maintain social distancing norms (please stay at least six feet away from others), but this will also allow us to maintain cleanliness and disinfect the prayer space every day. Alternatively, please click here to view a live feed of Adoration <https://www.ewtn.co.uk/live/adoration>.
2. ***Confessions*** will continue per the regular schedule on Tuesdays (5 pm), Thursdays (7 pm), and Saturdays (2:30 pm). However, ***the sacrament will be located outside in the courtyard***. Signs will be out for guidance. Our Lenten Penance service on March 26 has been canceled.
3. ***All ministry meetings are canceled until further notice.*** Some ministries may plan conference calls, webinars, email communications, etc. Each ministry (if they choose alternative methods of formation) will inform participants of temporary outlets as available. As the end of the month approaches, this will be reevaluated.

4. Beginning Wednesday, March 18, because of the recommendations to work remotely and staff shortage due to other reasons, our *Parish Office hours will be M-TH 1 pm – 6 pm and closed on Friday. The Gift Shop will be closed until further notice.*

5. The Church's mission continues! Because regular operating expenses remain (salaries, facility maintenance, etc.) *please continue your regular tithe.* This is extremely critical to avoid future financial hardship for the parish and its employees. If you (or someone you know) does not use electronic giving, please click the [ONLINE GIVING button](#) and follow the simple instructions for repeat electronic giving to the Sunday Collection. You may also mail your envelope each week, if you prefer. We rely heavily on weekly donations and without public masses these donations will be critical to the parish.

6. We strongly encourage you to use our [website](#) to find information and to join us on Facebook for updated communications.

7. **If** you, or someone you know, **needs assistance** (groceries, meal delivery, etc.), please encourage them to call the Parish Office at 480-893-8770 or email kathleen.foley@corpuschristiphx.org. Similarly, **if you can help** others in any capacity, please call and let us know.

Please be aware and flexible as change may happen at any moment. Please know that we will inform you as soon as possible of any changes, adjustments or needs. Thank you for your understanding and **continued prayers!**

Through Him, With Him, and In Him,

Fr. Chad King