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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus said to us “Do not be afraid...I am with you”! Please remember that God is with us at all times. In the words of Bishop Olson, “During this time of uncertainty it is important that we all remain calm, reject panic, and exhibit charitable behaviors consistent with Church teachings and praiseworthy of Our Lord, Jesus Christ”. I ask that we do not choose fear but to embrace our FAITH. Please stay in peace, trust our Savior, and pray through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. We are monitoring the situation closely, paying attention to federal agencies, health organizations, and the Diocesan office. Your safety is our utmost concern. In response to the COVID-19 safety precautions, I have detailed below what we will do here at Our Mother of Mercy. These safety measures are in accordance with procedures noted in Bishop’s Olson’s letter dated March 18, 2020. You can find the full copy by visiting www.omomftworth.org or www.fwdioc.org.

Bishop Olson has requested for priest to continue to celebrate Mass at the scheduled times but without a congregation physically present in the church. Based on those safety recommendations, I will continue to celebrate mass with the assistance of a deacon and server from the Parish Life Center live stream (<https://faebook.com/ommftworth>) ; however no one will be allowed inside .

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass	Live Streaming Mass from Parish Life Center @ 5:00pm.
Sunday Mass	Live Streaming from Parish Life Center @ 10:00am.
Daily Mass	Live Streaming from Parish Life Center @ 7:00am.

Based on the new COVID-19 recommendations, I am no longer able to hear confessions. Please call the parish office at 817-335-1695 or email ommftworth1@gmail.com for more information. I must emphasize that your safety is of utmost importance and we must adhere to the covid-19 safety protocols

FRIDAY ADORATION HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

We will live-stream the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00pm on the OMMChurch's Facebook page.

<https://facebook.com/OMMFTWorth>.

These new procedures will take effect Wednesday, March 25, 2020 until further notice. The Pastoral Office will be closed through March 30, 2020; however, phone calls will be answered by a *real live person* during normal business hours 10:00am-3:00pm, M,W,F. as well as emails.

My dear parishioners, I have provided you with a lot of information to help us to stay safe during this unprecedented crisis. Even though We are not worshipping together as a group inside of the church; the utilities, maintenance, janitorial services, etc. must continue. I would like to encourage all parishioners to continue to support our beloved parish to the best of their ability. You may consider using the service [PayPal](#) for online giving or set up a direct draft as many of you are already doing. If you wish to drop off your offertory in person, you may place it in the mail drop in front of the Pastoral Life Center Office or mail to 1005 East Terrell Ave. 76104. **My last request and most important one of all is that you please check in on one another and stay safe. Let's continue to take care of each other and pray. Remember God is always present and will never abandon us.**

Your faithful Servant, Father Bart, SVD

PS: Listed below is information on some mass alternatives. In the words of Bishop Olson, "The current circumstances in our community are such that attendance at Mass borders on an impossibility and thus there is no obligation to attend."

- Sunday Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral at 11:00am : <https://fwdio.org/>
- The Daily Mass on EWTN: visit <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/channel-finder>
- Sunday Mass from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 1:00pm: <https://www.nationalshrine.org/mass/#mass#catholic>

Below you will find two Acts of Spiritual Communion for those who are watching the live-stream at home.

An Act of Spiritual Communion (Modern Translation)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

An Act of Spiritual Communion (Traditional Translation)

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love Thee above all things, and I desire Thee in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though Thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee.

USCCB Coronavirus Prayer

Prayer to Our Lady in Time of Crisis and Illness (Pray daily)

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen. Archbishop José Gomez Cardinal of Los Angeles and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Read Psalm 91 everyday: He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.