

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

Bishop Michael Sis, Bishop of the San Angelo Diocese announced on March 17, 2020 at 4:48 p.m., that following the recommendation of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in order to slow the spread of the coronavirus disease, the following protocols are effective immediately in the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo.

For the 2-week period of March 17 to March 31:

- Public Masses in churches and chapels are temporarily suspended during this time period. Priests will continue to celebrate the Mass in private.
- Any Church activities involving gatherings of 10 or more people in the same room at the same time are to be cancelled or held virtually from March 17 to 31.
- Church members may still gather in small groups of fewer than 10 for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, etc., practicing social distancing.
- Upcoming Lenten Communal Penance Services are to be cancelled, but priests are to make times available for individual Confessions. (These times will be posted on the church doors.)

Please check the Big Country Homepage Abilene of Tuesday, March 17, 2020 or visit sanangelodiocese.org website for more information and the complete statement of Bishop Sis.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kristina Bartosh, Veronica Bartosh, Joyce Bayer, Phyllis Beyer, Raymond Buck, Orlando Garcia, Cynthia Hackney, Manuel Hernandez, John Higuera, Jim Lessin, Gerry McAuliffe, Terry Novak, Claudette Perry, Fran Scanlon, Chris Shadley, Joey Schaefer, Chloe Szymanski, Emil Szymanski,.

Names are removed from the prayer list after four weeks unless the office is notified.



MARCH 19, 2020: MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO

In keeping with local church efforts to combat the Spread of the coronavirus disease by following the advice of public health experts, all religious education instruction and youth ministry gatherings in the Diocese of San Angelo are to be postponed through April 3.

The diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is hard at work developing guidance for parish religious education directors and coordinators to help them best continue their important roles in the Church. These unprecedented times call for new solutions to new challenges as we continue our efforts to form disciples and accompany youth.

More information will be available soon.

PARISH PROGRAMS CANCELLED IN RESPONSE TO THE 'CORONAVIRUS DISEASE PROTOCOLS' ISSUED BY BISHOP SIS:

All adult education, scripture study, men's and Ladies groups, prayer groups, choir practices, RCIA meetings, Stations of the Cross and Lenten Suppers, and any other parish programs and activities are cancelled until further notice from Bishop Sis.

THE DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE scheduled to take place at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo on April 19 has been cancelled by Bishop Sis until further notice.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SOUL OF Jim Cantrell, husband of Nancy Cantrell. We pray that his family will be comforted by the promise of the resurrection, and that he and all the faithful departed may rest in peace through God's mercy.

4th Sunday of Lent

COMMENTS FROM BISHOP SIS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP:

According to their means, church members are encouraged to continue supporting their local parish financially, since the parish must continue to pay bills during this period of the coronavirus outbreak.

Donations can be brought to the parish or mailed to P. O. Box 5970, Abilene, Texas 79608. A mailing envelope is included in the monthly offering packet.

In addition to offerings given to support the operations of the parish, the following special collections envelopes are included for the month of March:

Operation Rice Bowl: Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of our parish's participation in Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten Program of prayer, fasting, education and almsgiving, which is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and our diocese.

Catholic Relief Services: Founded in 1943, CRS is the official overseas relief and development agency of the United States Catholic Community. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, efforts to assist in the coronavirus disease pandemic, and bringing Christ's love and respect to all people here and abroad. Learn more about their ministries at www.usccb.org/catholicrelief.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: March 14-15, 2020
with 1298 families:

Envelopes and Checks.....	23,761.00
Loose Plate	3,943.60
Other Contributions	331.44
Building Fund.....	691.00
Total Income.....	28,727.04

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DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME WHEN WE ARE SEPARATED FROM THE EUCHARIST,

Bishop Sis offers the following opportunities for spiritual growth and prayer:

Meditate on the Scripture readings of the day, experience the broadcast of the Mass through television, radio, or Internet. A list of stations and sites can be found on the diocesan website at www.sanangelodiocese.org. The Diocese of San Angelo will make Sunday Mass available online in English and Spanish.

Make a **Prayer of Spiritual Communion:**

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Dear Padre

Why does the Church honor St. Joseph?

Saint Joseph was chosen by the Lord to be the spouse of Mary and a guardian of the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ. The little we know about Joseph is taken from the Gospels. In the Book of Matthew, we learn that Mary is betrothed to Joseph, "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:19). When Joseph learns that Mary is already with child, he decides to dismiss her quietly so as not to disgrace her publicly. But an angel of the Lord appears to him in a dream and tells him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife and informs him that she will bear the child of the Holy Spirit, the one who will come to save people from their sins. Joseph obeys the angel without question.

Joseph heeds God's call once again when instructed by an angel of the Lord to flee Bethlehem to escape the murderous Herod. Matthew tells us: "Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt" (Matthew 2:14).

It is this faithfulness, this steadfast and complete trust in God, that makes Joseph such a wonderful example for us, and for this, the Church honors him.

—Fr. Paul Coury, CSsR