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Dear St. Francis Parishioner:

Today, Governor Brown issued a stay at home order to which we must respond. So, I am making the following announcements:

1. Fr. Steve and I will continue to say private Masses as we have been doing and they will be streamed. No ministers will be present for these Masses including acolytes or musicians. Obviously, this is not our preference, but at least Mass will continue. However, it is better for the safety of all. We need to stay healthy so that when this crisis ends we are able celebrate together once again. The Mass times are:
 - a. 7 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. Monday-Friday, Divine Mercy chaplet after 7am Mass and Rosary after 12.15pm
 - b. 8 a.m. on Saturday
 - c. 5 p.m. (Saturday, Vigil), 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. on Sunday
2. We will continue to stream adoration Monday-Friday following the 7 a.m. Mass. We will do a simple repose prior to the 12:15 p.m. Mass.
3. Fr. Steve or I will lead the Stations of the Cross on the last two Fridays of Lent at 7 p.m. We will be reviewing our plans on how to celebrate Holy Week as the time draws nearer. Check the website to get further details.
4. If you need a priest for an anointing or last rites, call the parish emergency line: 541-420-0642.
5. Confessions will still be heard on Saturdays from 3-4:30 p.m. We think that the physical layout of the room adequately protects the penitent and confessor. Be sure to maintain social distancing guidelines while standing in line—at least 6'. If there are more than 10 persons in the waiting line at any given time, please wait in your car. There will be no Parish Lenten Confessions. Please make every effort to be in a state of grace always.
6. The Historic Church will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for private prayer. Again, follow social distance guidelines.
7. The offices are officially closed, but we are working from home. If you need to contact a staff member, you can do so by email. You can get the email address from the parish website: stfrancisbend.org.



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Click on the “Home” tab at the top and then click “Parish Bulletin.” Each staff member’s email is listed on the front page of the bulletin. Be sure to open the most recent bulletin to get the most correct information. We will be checking the voice mail system every day and will return messages.

Some people asked me how they could continue to tithe. Please give online by going to our website or mail in your offertory or drop them off in the mail box in the driveway at the 27th Street Church.

Clearly this is a difficult time for all of us in many ways. As I mentioned in my Sunday homily, this is the desert and a time for us to grow in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world who have not had Eucharist or any sacraments in a long time due to persecution. This is the time to carry our cross without complaints and follow our Savior as his faithful disciples. Thankfully, we can look forward to a time—soon, we pray—when once again, we will gather as the body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist, giving thanks and praise to our Father through his Son in union with the Holy Spirit.

In Christ,

Fr. Jose Mudakodiyil, Pastor