



**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Dear parishioners of St. Francis,

Thanks so very much for your love and concern for me, Fr. Steve and the rest of the staff who are trying to keep up with everything, keep you informed and still be in touch with you live streaming all liturgies at St. Francis. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated. I cannot thank enough Clayton Beck and Alan Valenti who spent hours setting up the live stream. Join the parish live stream to pray with us in this difficult times. It was the worst day of my life as a priest when I was informed that all public celebration of Mass had been canceled until further notice. However, I am glad that you can join Fr. Steve and me over the live stream.

I want to keep you updated of several new changes:

1. The Chrism Mass in Baker City is canceled; so too the parish pilgrimage to Chrism Mass. Bishop will celebrate the Chrism Mass in Redmond with only the deans from five deaneries.
2. Since Holy Week and Easter fall within the time of the restrictions, there will be no public celebration of Holy Week or Easter Services. Therefore, there will be no baptisms including for those who are in RCIA. We will be making alternative arrangements as soon as the restrictions are lifted. Please join the live streaming of Parish Holy Week services on our parish website stfrancisbend.org
3. Religious education for this school year has ended. Janet Schwarz will be in touch with families of children who are preparing to receive the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

Diocesan live stream

Bishop will celebrate Sunday Mass each week in English at 9:00am and in Spanish at 10:30am. This will be streamed through the diocesan website dioceseofbaker.org. Also, beginning Monday the diocese will stream the daily Mass in English at 8:10am, Monday through Friday. In addition to this, the recitation of the Rosary will be live streamed Monday- Friday at 10:00am in English and 10:30am in Spanish and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.

St. Francis live stream

We have been live streaming all liturgies at St. Francis from last weekend. The detailed schedule of the parish live stream is given in my previous letter dated March 17th and posted on the parish website.

We are all together in this and together we can overcome it in the name of Christ who conquered all sin and evil. I am praying for all of you. Please be safe.

In prayer,

Fr. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil, Pastor