



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH



UT IN OMNIBUS GLORIFICETUR DEUS – THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED

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Dear SRP Parishioners and Friends:

As part of Saint Raphael's response to the disruptions and restrictions coming from the spread of Covid-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, we plan the following:

1. Daily live-streaming of Holy Mass on the parish page on Facebook, then uploading a video of the Mass on You Tube. We will send you the links once they are determined.
2. As a result of this practice, it will be possible for each of you to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist most days. Remote celebration via digital equipment is not the same experience, but it is at present the most comprehensive and effective alternative we have.
3. in view of the restrictions, only the limited number of SRP employees or volunteers needed for filming and celebration of the Mass will be allowed to participate.
4. There may be some days when this service is not available because the resource personnel we require to film the Mass may not be available.
5. Most days, the Mass will be live-streamed at 12 noon, with You Tube uploading to follow. Sunday Mass will be 10:30 am, no later than 11 am.
6. We also plan to provide those of you with e-mail accounts and/or on-line links a somewhat simplified SRP bulletin.

These filmed Masses do not feature one of the necessary elements of our weekly celebration of the Eucharist – the passing of the basket. Why? Because, of course, there is no one present to whom we can pass the basket, other than the videographer, the sacristan and the reader! Consequently, **we ask each of you to maintain your generosity to Saint Raphael and consider the level of your support for the parish. The parish web site has a link to on-line support, or you can mail in or drop off your weekly contribution. If you are worried about physical contact, the old mail slot in the rectory's front door opens quite easily!**

Our concerns at SRP right now are far deeper and more widespread than our bottom line! Yet the parish cannot long function without a bottom line in the black. Bills still must be paid. Staff are entitled to compensation. Supplies must be purchased. Utilities must be satisfied. As parishioners, we all have a responsibility to contribute to the upkeep of the parish because it is our parish! Those friends of SRP who contribute to us on a frequent basis are tremendously helpful. Please know that I am deeply grateful to all of you for your support – and I pray that it will continue in the long days to come.

We will talk soon, I hope. Meanwhile, let us be confident that God is with us in these challenging times, as we pray for those in need, seek protection for ourselves and ask God's guidance on all those caring for the sick and shaping public health policy.

In the Lord's love,

*Fr. Jerome, O.S.B.*

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