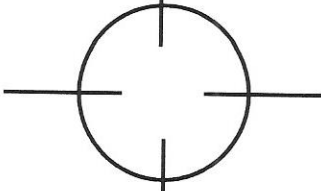


St. Timothy Church

6326 N. Washtenaw Ave.
Chicago, IL 60659



March 14, 2020

Dear St. Timothy Faith Family,

I hope by now you have heard that all church services as of today have been temporarily suspended in facilities throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago, as a precaution against the health threat posed by the coronavirus pandemic. Also cancelled for the time being are all religious education classes, and all social gatherings, prayer group meetings, the Friday night community Stations of the Cross, and the Wednesday evening Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help here at St. Timothy.

You are encouraged to watch weekend Mass on EWTN or one of the many other TV or online sources, until we can publicly celebrate it together again. Parishes have been asked to open their churches for private prayer and reflection. Here at St. Timothy, while no public Masses will be offered, the church will be open throughout the week, with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Hours are as follows:

- Monday through Saturday mornings from 7:30 p.m. to 9 a.m.;
- Monday through Friday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.;
- Saturdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available during that time; and
- Sundays from 8 a.m. until noon.

When you come to worship, please feel free to avail yourselves of Stations of the Cross prayer books and other prayer materials that will be available on the tables at the doorways.

Rest assured I will be privately praying Mass daily, keeping in mind the daily intentions offered by parishioners, as well as those who have fallen ill or died due to this outbreak. I will also pray for the continued health of those not infected, the continued spiritual health of our immediate and extended faith family, and for the intentions of our leader, Pope Francis.

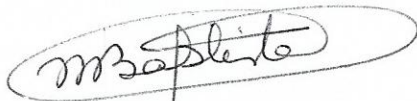
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While religious education classes also will be suspended, students are expected to study with the help of their parents until classes can meet again. Parents are asked to continue to pray with their children. Parents should contact Cynthia Shaw, the religious education coordinator, either through the office or via text to get study materials.

Should you have any immediate needs due to emergencies, or questions regarding upcoming baptisms or weddings, please feel free to call the rectory. Regular office hours will be maintained, but should no one answer when you call, please leave a message and we'll get back to you.

Let's remain confident that our faith will get us through this difficult period and do our best to help one another with the challenges each day may bring.

God bless!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, enclosed in an oval. The signature appears to read "Jose Baptista".

Father Jose Baptista, S.F.X.
