



## Yet Another COVID-19 Update

March 24, 2020

My Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of our priests, deacons, and parish staff, I want to thank you for your kind prayers. Please continue to pray for one another as members of the Body of Christ!

As you may know, on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, County Commissioner Clay Jenkins ordered most individuals in Dallas County to stay at home until April 3, 2020.

In compliance with this mandate, and until further notice, **the church temporarily is closed. This closure also includes a suspension of Eucharistic adoration and of our regularly scheduled confession times.**

Please read the following pages closely for specific information on these and other adjustments.

Brothers and sisters, the Church works even as we stay indoors! Our faith is “essential business.” No matter where we are, we can make spiritual communions, pray the rosary, and read the Bible. To assist our parishioners in their ongoing formation, our Faith Formation team has done fantastic work assembling resources for use at home. You can explore and enjoy the fruit of these efforts at <http://www.stmonicachurch.org/online-family-faith-formation/>.

As we await for our gathering in the Holy Eucharist, the words of the psalmist for this coming Sunday ring true in our hearts: “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits and I hope for his word. My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak” (Psalm 130:5-6).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Michael Guadagnoli  
*Pastor*  
*St. Monica Catholic Church*



## THE CHURCH TEMPORARILY IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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### SACRAMENTS

#### Mass

- The suspension of the public celebration of Masses in the Diocese of Dallas continues through at least Monday, March 30, 2020.
- Sunday Masses by the priests of St. Monica Catholic Church may be viewed online via links found on our parish website ([www.stmonicachurch.org](http://www.stmonicachurch.org)), our parish [Facebook page](#), and our parish [YouTube page](#).
- For those who watch the Mass online, we ask you to pray the [Act of Spiritual Communion](#) when the priest receives the Holy Eucharist.

#### Last Rites

- The parish priests continue to answer emergency calls regarding anointing of the sick, last rites, and death calls.

#### Confession

- Regularly scheduled confession times are suspended until further notice.

#### Eucharistic Adoration

- Eucharistic Adoration is suspended until further notice.

#### Weddings, Funerals, and Baptisms

- TBD – we are awaiting word from the Bishop.

### TITHING

- Even without the public celebration of the Mass, I ask that you continue to support the parish via online giving or by dropping off your weekly envelopes in the mail slot of the parish office.
- Information about online giving can be found at: <http://www.stmonicachurch.org/stewardship/>.

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### OFFICE CLOSED [UPDATES]

- Beginning Monday, March 23 (and until further notice), the parish office will be closed. Staff frequently will check their emails and voicemails from home, but they will not be in the office to answer phone calls.
- Emergency calls continue to be available outside regular office hours.



## **FAITH FORMATION**

- Until further notice, all religious education activities with children and their parents (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, First Holy Communion Preparation, and Confirmation Preparation) are either canceled or postponed.
  - Please look for communication from Maria Jones, our Director of Children's Faith Formation, and Gerardo Olivares, our Director of Youth Faith Formation, for further updates.
  - To assist our parishioners in their ongoing formation, our Faith Formation team has done fantastic work assembling resources for use at home. Please explore and take advantage of their work here: <http://www.stmonicachurch.org/online-family-faith-formation/>.
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## **ALL PARISH EVENTS CANCELLED**

- All parish events are cancelled or postponed until further notice.
  - The recent shelter-in-place order now means that the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry and the public celebration of the Stations of the Cross are now suspended.
  - Please speak to your ministry leaders if you have additional questions specific to your ministry.
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## **PARISH BULLETINS**

- Parish bulletins can be accessed online at <http://www.stmonicachurch.org/resources/bulletins/>
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## **FURTHER UPDATES**

This situation continues to evolve, and we will continue to keep you updated. We will provide updates as the situation changes via our [Facebook page](#) and parish website at [www.stmonicachurch.org/covid19](http://www.stmonicachurch.org/covid19).