



st.mark's CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MISSION STATEMENT

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VISION

Be the face of Jesus in the world; where church matters and a relationship with Jesus Christ is central to every person

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past weekend was a very difficult weekend for me as your pastor. The decision to suspend Sunday Masses was not an easy decision to make. The decision was made in true charity for you the faithful. My responsibility as your pastor is for your wellbeing. It is with your wellbeing in mind that I am making the difficult decision to suspend all public Masses (weekend and weekday) and organized gatherings at St. Mark's until instructed otherwise. I understand that this decision may be difficult or challenging for some, I willingly admit that I am among you in trying to understand the situation we are currently in. This decision has come through prayer and turmoil within my own heart.

St. Mark's church will be opened daily for personal and private prayer, until instructed otherwise, by either health authorities or Bishop Riesbeck. As we make our own personal sacrifices during this time, may it be in the virtue of charity, the love of the other person, seeking their good.

In Christ,
Fr. Owen C. Burns

A prayer to St. Rocco

O great St. Rocco,
deliver us we beseech you,
from the scourges of God;
through your intercession, preserve our bodies from contagious diseases, and our souls from the contagions of sin.

Obtain for us healthy air, but above all purity of heart.

Assist us to make good use of health, to bear suffering with patience, and after your example, to live in the practice of penance and charity, that we may one day enjoy the happiness which you have merited by your virtues.

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