

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I wanted to provide this update in light of today's Order from the City of Waco.

- Beginning tomorrow, March 24, 2020, the Parish Office will be staffed remotely until the Order is lifted. This means that calls made to the Parish Office will be automatically forwarded to the appropriate Staff member, so continue to call the Office number if you have a question or if there is an emergency requiring Father's attention. The Office itself will be closed.
- Daily and Sunday Mass will continue to be live-streamed at 10:00am
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue as scheduled:
  - Saturdays – 3:30pm – 4:30pm
  - Wednesdays – 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- The Ave Maria Chapel will continue to be open as follows :
  - Monday - Friday - 8:30am – 5:00pm
  - Saturday – Sunday - 9:00am – 6:00pm
  - Please follow rules for Social Distancing previously communicated

We want to remind you also that even though we are not able to physically attend Mass, during which time most parishioners fulfill their church giving, the need for the Parish is still there. Expenses such as Electricity, Water, Landscaping, etc. continue on, although we have taken measures to reduce those where we can. So we ask you to please sign up for Online Giving (at [Stjeromewaco.org](http://Stjeromewaco.org)) or mail your donations to the Church Office (9820 Chapel Road, Waco, 76712).

Just to give you some perspective on how collections went this past Sunday (March 22), the Parish received approximately 41% (less than half) of what we typically would have received. If this trend continues, it will significantly impact our ability to minister to our parishioners. As a non-profit organization, we rely 100% on your support. Still, we know in some cases the Order will affect people's ability to work, and incomes may be affected, so please give what you can.

May the Lord keep you safe in His loving care, and know that we continue to pray for your health and well-being. Peace be with you!

In Christ the Lord,

Fr. James Ekeocha