



## St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

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Feast of the Annunciation

Dear Parishioners,

In a recent letter to all of us in the Archdiocese of Detroit, Archbishop Allen Vigneron said, "As citizens of Michigan, we join with our neighbors in observing measures to address the spread of COVID-19. As we continue to practice social distancing to limit the virus' spread, our response as the Body of Christ must always begin in faith. We believe Jesus is still Lord. We believe that God can bring good from this time. We believe that we are not abandoned but remain – however mysteriously – in the loving hands of the Father."

The Archbishop then said the following: "It is with great sadness that I have to announce to you that Holy Week celebrations will not be offered publicly this year in the Archdiocese of Detroit. To ensure we cooperate with and support the governor and local health officials during this time as well as assuring you of my continued commitment to the work of unleashing the Gospel, I am issuing these directives." In light of his directives, in keeping with government Executive Orders, and after consultation with our parish staff, I share with you the following:

No Wedding Masses or Funeral Masses/Services are allowed. Only direct burials will take place. A Funeral Memorial Mass may be scheduled for a later date once the pandemic is over.

Our church and parish office buildings will be closed and all parish activities, including Mass and Confessions, are suspended until further notice. Unfortunately, this means that we will not be celebrating the Holy Week and Easter liturgies at St. Martin's. To watch Sunday, Saturday, or Daily Mass from home, and to make a Spiritual Communion during that Mass, follow this guide:

### SUNDAY MASSES ONLINE/CABLE:

Saturday Evening at 7:00 pm on CTND;

Sunday Morning at 8:00 am, and 12 Noon on EWTN; 10:00 am, 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm on CTND;

12:00 Noon from the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament on the AOD Facebook and web sites.

SUNDAY MASS ON NETWORK TV: 6:00 am on WJBK Fox 2.

### WEEKDAY MASSES ONLINE/CABLE:

8:00 am, 12 Noon and 7:00 pm on EWTN; 9:30 am, 7:00 pm, and 11:30 pm on CTND.

To watch the Holy Week services from the Cathedral and for further information and spiritual help, go to [aod.org](http://aod.org) and [spiritualcloseness.org](http://spiritualcloseness.org) and to our parish website: [smdeporres.com](http://smdeporres.com) for further information. You can also find the most current parish bulletin in the plastic holders outside the church entrances and at the office entrance.

We ask that you please continue to support our parish financially. You can make direct deposits (see our website) or mail them to the parish office. Our bills continue to come and our resources are now low.

Our greatest gift as believers is the gift of HOPE. Our united prayers will sustain and empower us. Please know that your staff and I pray for you daily. In spite of "social distance" and "stay home/stay safe," we are connected in a new way, never seen before! We entrust ourselves to the Lord and to Our Lady who will see us through these difficult days. Stay home, stay safe, stay Catholic!

Blessings,

Fr. Nick Zukowski,  
Your Grateful Pastor