



Coronavirus (COVID –19) Update

AN UPDATE FROM FR. JIM - March 30, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

AMENDED DISCONTINUANCE ORDER

As I said before, there are two things these days that are certain: 1) God always loves and cares for us and never abandons us, even when God "seems" to be most distant, and 2) the most effective way we, as a parish community, can help limit the spread or contracting of this coronavirus is to stay at home. To help us all stop the spread of the virus, on March 24, 2020, Bishop Thomas issued a Discontinuance Order which stated:

"The time has arrived for us in the Diocese of Las Vegas to close all of our worship spaces entirely, thus discontinuing access to parish churches, adoration chapels, and other parish spaces where parishioners have gathered during these difficult days."

Today, March 30, 2020, Bishop Thomas has issued an **"Amended Discontinuance Order which will remain in effect until April 30, 2020, and will be revisited at that time."**

In today's **Amended Discontinuance Order** Bishop Thomas states further:

"Because of the gravity of the present moment, I hereby dispense all Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Las Vegas and those Catholics visiting within the geographic boundaries of our Diocese, from the obligation of attending Sunday Masses through the weekend of April 25 and April 26, 2020."

As stated in my earlier communique, I continue to encourage pastors and parish leaders to dissuade various groups, both related and unrelated to the parish, from gathering in private homes, placing participants, children, and the elderly in danger.

I am aware of the burden that this decision places upon all of you, most especially during these Holy Seasons of Lent and Easter.

However, I believe that the painful decisions we make in the short term will have beneficial effects in all our communities in the long run."

Therefore, our entire parish campus will remain closed at least until April 30, and we will not be able to hold any kind of personal meetings which includes, but not limited to: confessions, counseling, or any other in-person appointments.

My sincere THANKS go to all of you who have and continue to understand and cooperate with this closure. You are making this situation so much more bearable.

BEWARE OF SCAMS

During these difficult times there are some who are trying to take advantage of others through different scams, especially through emails and texts. Please remember: **You will NEVER receive an email or text from me or any staff member at SEAS asking for gift cards, money, or any information like Social Security numbers or credit card details.** Just please beware of these scams!

PARISH CHEST OF PRAYERS

While we cannot allow anyone to come into our buildings, we are giving an easy opportunity for people to submit their intentions to be placed in our Parish Chest of Prayers. Simply go to our website, www.seaslv.org, and click on the "Parish Chest of Prayers" button on the left menu. You can then fill out the online form. Someone from our staff will print those requests and place them in our actual Parish Chest of Prayers. Remember, all the intentions placed in the Parish Chest of Prayers are remembered at every Mass celebrated at SEAS.

STAY CONNECTED!

Please visit our website frequently to stay connected! Get the latest updates and click on the "Live Streaming" banner to access most of our recently recorded Masses and Lenten devotions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

By clicking [here](#) you can see or download a beautiful setting of the Stations of the Cross composed for our present situation. We will pray and "live-stream" these stations this Friday morning, April 3, at approximately 8:30 a.m. (right after daily Mass), but I encourage you to pray them on your own as well.

That's it for now. Blessings to all of you, and, as you already know, we miss you so much!

Peace always,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Jankowski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the last name.

Fr. James M. Jankowski
Pastor