Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2020

ALL PUBLIC MASSES CANCELLED
March 17, 2020 - March 29, 2020

As part of the current Covid – 19 containment efforts, we ask you to remember:

- All Catholics are dispensed from Sunday mass obligation through March 29th. If you are sick, elderly, or an older adult with health complications, please stay home.

- We want to be mindful that there are people who are alone and have no way to get out. If you know of someone who is homebound and who needs assistance, please don’t hesitate to contact Parish Office at 310-474-1527 for help.
ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED
March 17, 2020 - March 29, 2020

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has announced the suspension of all public masses effective March 17 through March 29, 2020.

“I deeply regret that we are forced to temporarily suspend public celebration of the Mass in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles,” said Archbishop Gomez in his statement. “What we do in the Church, we do out of love for God and love for our brothers and sisters. We are taking this extraordinary step today out of love and concern for those in our families and communities who are most vulnerable to the coronavirus.”

Please note:

♦ Regularly scheduled times for Reconciliation will continue (Thursdays and Saturdays, 4pm - 4:45pm).

♦ The Church will remain open for private prayer during its regular hours.

♦ If you know someone who needs assistance, please call our offices at 310-474-1527.

♦ Sunday mass will be livestreamed via a You Tube link on our Facebook site, "Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Community."

♦ All Funerals are postponed except for the Rite of Committal, commonly known as the graveside service.

♦ All Baptisms are postponed except for emergency baptisms.

♦ Anointing of the Sick will continue to be celebrated, if the available priest is not a high-risk individual.

♦ Decisions about First Communions, Confirmations, and Holy Week will be made before Friday, March 27, 2020.

♦ Parishioners and school families receive a timely email newsletter. Simply text SPA-PARISH to 22828 or go to sp-apostle.org.

Saint Paul the Apostle, pray for us.
Stay safe, healthy and holy and stay up to date at lacatholics.org/emergency/.

Peace, Father Gilbert Martinez, CSP - Pastor
March 22, 2020

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DID YOU KNOW?

Be aware of poison dangers in the home

More than 90% of all poisonings happen in homes. Parents should know the top risks for children (especially children who still put things in their mouths!) and work to eradicate them. Lead poisoning is high on the list, especially for older homes with lead paint or dust. Button batteries are small and shiny and lurk in many toys and electronics that litter our homes. Swallowing these can be deadly for children. The same is true of household cleaners like laundry or dishwasher detergent pods.

It's easy to join our mailing list!

Just send your email address by text message:

Text

SPAPARISH
to 22828 to get started.

The bulletin is published weekly.
Deadline for content is the Monday prior to the weekend of publication.

We appreciate your comments and feedback.
March 22, 2020

Sisters and brother in Christ,

In this most unusual time of social distancing to contain the Covid-19 virus, please support our faith community by participating in our online giving program, PUSH PAY and help keep in touch with you.

Even while we reduce operations, we want to continue support those who work at our parish and keep paying other fixed operational expenses that do not change with social distancing. I have found PUSH PAY so easy to use for my contribution, which as meager at it is, helps me engage with the sense of community that flows from our faith.

**Setting up a new recurring gift using PUSH PAY.**
Visit https://pushpay.com/pay/SPAPOSTLE/ to set up your automatic gift.
You can select a weekly, biweekly, monthly, bimonthly gift.
After you select your recurring gift, complete the setup of your new account.

*(If you are on our previous program, Authorize.net, please cancel it. You may call Lois Massey at 424-832-5152 to help. If you have any questions, please call Lois or contact her at lmassey@spapostle.org.)*

Speaking of participating in community life during this time of virus containment, communication is so important. PUSH PAY connects to our parish interactive app. **Just text spapostleapp to 77977 and you will have updated parish information in the palm of your hand.**

Don’t forget you can find us on Facebook at “Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Community” for parish information, special announcements, and links to articles and videos about our faith and larger church.

Also, nearly 2,000 parishioners and school families receive our Monday morning e-blast, full of information about events and special timely communication from me.
Simply **text SPAPARISH to 22828.**

Let’s keep in touch during this difficult time, in prayer and in all the other ways our technology affords us.

Peace and blessings,
Father Gil
March 22, 2020

Please Pray for all those in our parish who are ill or in need of our prayers

Joe T., Fr. Ed Wrobleski, Kathleen Verratti, Mel Messinger, Peter Cruz, Melinda Juggar, Peter Lumsden

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

How can I add a name to the prayers of the faithful?
You can call the parish office at (310) 474-1527.
You can also e-mail: parishoffice@sp-aphostle.org

Holy Hour Thursday
Join us immediately following the 5:30pm mass as we pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and personal meditation with Our Lord.

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
One hour after the 6:30 am and the 5:30 pm masses

During Lent, all our food donations from our baskets in the church will be donated to the UCLA Community Programs Office (CPO) Food Closet. Many UCLA students, who are our neighbors, go hungry each day. During the Fall Quarter in 2019 alone, the CPO distributed 60,000 pounds of food to UCLA students who are trying to make better lives for themselves through education but just can’t make the ends meet. Please put donations in the food drive bins in the church.

Please consider donating some of these very initial items:
1. Mac & Cheese Microwavable Bowl
2. Campbell’s Soup Microwavable Bowl
3. Chef Boyardee Microwavable Bowl
4. BUMBLE BEE Snack on the Run! Tuna Salad with Crackers Kit, Canned Tuna Fish, High Protein Food
5. Quaker Instant Oatmeal Breakfast Cereal Cup
6. Protein Bars & Shakes
7. Special K Pastry Crisps
8. Kind Bars
9. Cliff Bars
10. Trail mix

Monetary Contributions
CPO accepts checks, gift cards, and other gifts-in-kind (GIK) donations. For gift cards or gift-in-kind donations that amount to $250 or more, please submit a brief donor letter addressed to the CPO Food Closet stating the following information: type of gift in kind (e.g., gift card or supplies), amount (if known, a list of each donor’s name and donation amount; otherwise the main donor’s name with the total amount) and purpose (i.e., CPO Food Closet). If desired, donors will receive a letter of appreciation and tax receipt shortly after receipt of the donation.

Any checks can be sent to:
UCLA Community Programs Office Re: Food Closet
Student Activities Center
220 Westwood Plaza, Suite 105 Los Angeles, CA 90095
March 22, 2020

STARS
(Formerly SPA Senior Ministry)
New Members Welcome
Sign up for our Newsletter
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STARS
(Seniors Together Always Rejoicing)

All STARS activities and gathering are cancelled until further notice.

Our mission: To provide adults over the age of 50 in our parish community with opportunities for spiritual growth, social connection and cultural enrichment. Our activities include monthly luncheons, interesting presentations and periodic bus trips to attractions in the greater metropolitan area.

Book Club - (No meeting scheduled until further notice).

Social Group - (No meeting scheduled until further notice).

Stay connected with us by downloading the Saint Paul Los Angeles App

Go to the Apple or Google Stores and select "Saint Paul Los Angeles" to download our app OR you can text spapostle to 77977.

Since many celebrations of Saint Patrick were cancelled, I offer his prayer. This version is a literal translation, but edited for length. It also a fitting prayer for our time. Reportedly Patrick sang this prayer when an ambush was laid against him. We may feel as though we’ve been ambushed by the situation today. Saint Patrick, pray for us.

Saint Patrick’s Breastplate Prayer

I bind to myself today
The strong virtue of the Invocation of the Trinity:
I believe the Trinity in the Unity,
the Creator of the Universe.

I bind to myself today
The power of Heaven,
The light of the sun,
The brightness of the moon,
The splendor of fire,
The flashing of lightning,
The swiftness of wind,
The depth of sea,
The stability of earth,
The compactness of rocks.

I bind to myself today
God’s Power to guide me,
God’s Might to uphold me,
God’s Wisdom to teach me,
God’s Eye to watch over me,
God’s Ear to hear me,
God’s Word to give me speech,
God’s Hand to guide me,
God’s Way to lie before me,
God’s Shield to shelter me,
God’s Host to secure me,

Against the snares of demons,
Against the seductions of vices,
Against the lusts of nature,
Against everyone who meditates injury to me,
Whether far or near,
Whether few or with many.

I invoke today all these virtues
Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ within me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ at my right, Christ at my left,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

I bind to myself today
The strong virtue of an invocation of the Trinity,
I believe the Trinity in the Unity
The Creator of the Universe.
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