

Dear Parishioners of Saint James,

May God's grace and peace be with you and your families. Our parish staff met earlier this week to discuss the Covid 19 - Caronavirus, including options for Live-streaming Masses.

Beginning tomorrow, March 22, Bishop Kopacz will Live-stream the Sunday Mass from Saint Peter Cathedral in Jackson. The Masses will be available in English and Spanish. The staff agreed to invite our parish to join this Mass for the next two Sundays: March 22 and March 29. We believe that it is an opportunity to listen to our Bishop and to join many other diocesan parishes in spiritual unity.

The Cathedral Mass can be accessed by Roman Catholic Diocese of Jackson on Facebook Roman Catholic Diocese of Jackson.

Saint James is preparing to record the Week Day Masses, beginning Monday, March 23. They will be posted each day at 12:00 Noon, and they are available in English and Spanish.

To access the Saint James Masses go to the Saint James website www.saint-james.net, MyParishApp or our Facebook page "Saint James Catholic Church Tupelo".

It is critically important to prevent the spread of the virus. Please cooperate with the directives of the Mississippi State Department of Health and the Diocese of Jackson. It is difficult to see the closed Churches. Our Faith is not closed. Prayer is not closed. So many of the Scriptures attest that God is most near in the most difficult times.

Perhaps you will consider reading The Acts of the Apostles with your family. Start with a Chapter each day or evening. Some of our earliest roots are from the House-churches described in Acts and the Letters of Saint Paul.

Many good options are available online. Please check the Saint James Website www.saint-james.net.

Other resources include:

Catholic Diocese of Jackson: www.jacksondiocese.org

Give Us This Day: www.giveusthisday.org

EWTN channel 370 on Direct TV or channel 261 on Dish or www.ewtn.com

America Magazine, the Jesuit publication, has many good resources and articles at: americamagazine.org

I trust that these days, difficult as they are, will result in the realization described in the Book of Wisdom: Gold, tested in fire, becomes even more precious. If there is any emergency or serious need, please call me at 662.304.0087, or call the parish office at 662.842.4881.

With prayers and peace,
Fr. Tim