



Churches of St. Bede & St. Peter

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Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish,

“And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

In this time of anxiety, stress, and worry, please remember that our faith is in Jesus Christ, and Our Lord is always with us. We are never alone. I am sorry that our public worship together has been temporarily interrupted, but I want you to know that you are being prayed for each, and every day. I am offering a private Mass daily for all the intentions in our bulletin. I also know that Fr. Michael is offering Masses for the parish. Deacon Larry, Deacon Gregg, Deacon Dave, Deacon Mark, and the entire staff are praying for everyone as well. Our Open Arms workers, St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Knights of Columbus, and other ministry organizations are continuing to work and pray to help those in need.

This is a time to take care of each other, to be patient with each other, to pray for each other. We are in this together and we walk with the Lord who is always with us. I am sure that all of you are checking in on the sick and vulnerable relatives in your families. Your generosity and compassion toward others reflect your love for Jesus Christ. Please keep strong and don't forget to take care of yourselves. For those with children there is an extra dimension of responsibility. Little ones look to their parents and guardians in times of anxiety. Let your faith and trust in the Lord shine through to inspire those young hearts.

Unfortunately, we had to close the Church Doors from March 21 to April 7. I hope and pray that this date will not be extended. Regarding Confessions and Anointings: Individual Confessions are not possible currently. Penitents can be assured of forgiveness by saying an Act of Contrition with the intent of going to Confession when the ban is lifted. Anointings will only take place for those actively dying. To help strengthen you spiritually, our Church will be ringing the bells throughout the day from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Church bells will ring at 9:00 a.m. for those who are infected with the virus. At 12:00 p.m. for health care workers and those attending to the sick. At 3:00 p.m. for our first responders and essential workers. At 6:00 p.m. for people of every nation and their leaders. And at 9:00 p.m. for those who have died today.

Your family and your personal needs must come first during this time. However, for those who are stable financially and can send in their envelope (or give electronically), I want to thank you for any help you can give. God's House has always been supported by the faithful. I am thankful for all the generosity you have shown your parish. Also, you will find a message from Fr. Michael and Mr. Hogan on the back of this page. Please take a moment to read what they have to say. May the blessing, peace, strength, and love of Jesus be in your hearts during this time. Take care of yourselves and please remember that Our Lord is with us always.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. George Koeune, Pastor

Please see a note from Fr. Michael Grzesik and Mr. Mike Hogan on the page that follows...

A note from Fr. Michael Grzesik, Associate Pastor...

The Lord said, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in your midst.” He didn’t make an exclusion for groups of ten or more. During these difficult times we are all asked to sacrifice during this extraordinary Lenten Season. But, always remember, Christ is with us! He will not abandon us!

Every day, Fr. George and I will remember each of you at the altar as we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. If you have a special prayer request, please email them to us to print out and place them in a basket before the altar. In this small way, we can stay connected in prayer.

Since we are separated now and not able to come to the altar of the Lord together, I want to invite each of you to make a spiritual Holy Communion during the day. The Lord knows our desire to receive Him in the Holy Eucharist at this difficult time, please recite the following prayer with devotion.

“My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.”

God’s Blessings be upon each of you! And, may Our Lady wrap us in Her mantle and protect us!

A note from Mr. Mike Hogan, Operations Director...

We invite our parishioners to utilize our e-giving system which can be accessed at www.givecentral.org. Once at the site, on the upper right side is a button that reads, “Find your Charity,” please press and a search box will appear in the center of the page. Please type in St. Bede Ingleside or St. Peter Antioch, as either option will enable you to donate to Our Lady of the Lakes Parish. It will bring you to another page which lists a couple of areas of need, please click on your choice and it will step you through the process of donating. There are options to do a one-time payment or to set up a series of donations. We hope you can help with a one-time gift, but also hope you see the benefit of setting up a series of automatic donations. Many of Our Lady of the Lakes parishioners use Give Central, because the predictable nature of the donations helps in managing their household budgets. You may use a credit card or bank account. If you opt for an ongoing donation, you do have an option to modify it by accessing the Give Central site. I hope you can help, as we rely on the weekly collections to match the operating expenses the parish faces each week. Thank you.