



Saint John Paul II Catholic Parish

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1. How to go to Confession during the Pandemic?" In times of “grave” necessity like now, people have asked: “How do I go to confession?” Pope Francis reminded people that when ordinary confession is not possible, confess your sins directly to God; make a heart-felt (perfect) Act of Contrition, and at the first opportunity, go and confess to a priest. The Pope said, “Do what the Catechism (of the Catholic Church) says. It is very clear: If you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly with God, your Father, and tell Him the truth. Say, ‘Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,’ and ask for pardon with all your heart.” “As the catechism teaches,” he said, “you can draw near to God’s forgiveness without having a priest at hand. Think about it. This is the moment.” See Code of Canon Law, c 916.

2. Online Giving Question: When you sign up for Online Giving you will be asked the amount of the gift you would like to give. Next you must choose from a drop-down menu what parish fund you wish to support: for example, Parish Sunday Collection, Special Gift for the Parish, Holy Rosary School, Parish Building Fund, etc. After clicking on the fund you wish to support, it will ask you how often you would like to give this gift: a one-time donation, weekly, bi-monthly or once a month, etc. Click on the frequency of your donation and then you are done!

You will continue to receive weekly envelopes through the periodic mailer. If you’d like, use these envelopes when you come to church and drop them in the collection basket. The periodic mail envelopes also include many of the special collections that we have throughout the year. Thank you!

3. Holy Week Services: Please see the online bulletin for a list of Services. Holy Thursday and Good Friday will be celebrated at 7pm. Stations of the Cross on Good Friday in English will be at 5pm and in Spanish at 6pm. The Easter Vigil will begin at 8pm. Easter Sunday Mass will be at 10am in English and Spanish. Join us through video link, ifcatholics.net or Facebook: Saint John Paul II Parish Idaho Falls.

For some excellent materials for Holy Week, please go to the website below and print off the material for the celebrations. All the readings and prayers are there: Go to: <https://offers.litpress.org/coronavirus-response-to-customers?>

4. Dates for First Communion and Confirmation: Dates for First Communion and Confirmation are suspended. We will choose new dates as soon as the stay-at-home order is lifted.

5. Phone calls to parishioners: I’ve asked some members of the parish and Welcome Committee to reach out to parishioners who may not have access to online services to check if they are okay. If you get a phone call, or know someone who needs or would appreciate a call, let us know. No one will ask you any personal information or solicit money!

6. Weekly Bulletin: Be sure to go to our website to see the online parish bulletin for more information.

7. Parish Group Email: If you want to receive parish emails directly, send your name and email address to: jpii@cableone.net.