March 29, 2020—5th Sunday of Lent

3rd Sunday of St. Anthony’s Closure due to Coronavirus

Holy Week Amidst the COVID-19 Quarantine

As we continue to shelter in place to try to contain the spread of the coronavirus, we now face the prospect of celebrating Holy Week without our people present in our church. This scenario presents a number of considerations for steps to be taken to protect our people while allowing them to follow these most sacred ceremonies to the extent possible. The ceremonies described below are to be carried out with the minimum number of ministers required for the service to be conducted, but without an assembly physically in attendance.

We will be livestreaming the following liturgies on www.stanthonynovato.net:

- **Palm Sunday**, April 5th at 9:00am. (One Mass only.)
- **Holy Thursday**, April 9th at 7:00pm:
  - Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper. The rite of the Washing of the Feet and the procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose are omitted.
- **Good Friday**, April 10th at 3:00pm:
  - Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord. Since the national collection for the Holy Land taken every year on Good Friday is not possible this year, people may mail checks to the parish office for this cause.
- **Easter Vigil**, April 11th, 8:00pm:
  - No Baptisms, Confirmations or First Communions during the Baptismal Liturgy. Christian Initiation and Reception into Full Communion will instead be postponed to the Vigil of Pentecost, if and to the extent the circumstances at that time allow.
- **Easter Sunday**, April 12th, One Mass Only at 10:00am:
  - Since you cannot be physically present, please mail in your Easter offerings to the parish office.

We Say Goodbye to ... Molly Williams

“It well done, good and faithful servant!” - Matthew 25:23

It is with both joy and sadness that we share with all of you at St. Anthony’s our Coordinator of Parish Music, Molly Williams, will be leaving our community. Her last day will be Sunday, May 10th. Molly’s husband, Jeremy, has received his long-awaited military retirement and their family is moving to Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

Molly shares with all of you, “We are excited and hopeful for the plans God has in store for us in our new home, but also heartbroken to leave this church community who has loved us so well over the past two and a half years. We have never experienced this type of tightly knit, supportive and loving community in all our lives and we will miss you all terribly. Thank you for loving my whole family so well, but especially thank you for allowing me the great privilege and honor of directing this choir.”

Molly, Jeremy, Nico, Frankie and Mary Grace, you will always be close to us in prayer and may God bless you all as you embark on your new journey!

We Are Here For You!

During this very hectic and strange time, St. Anthony’s is here for you. Our staff is available to you at any time. Please call our direct line (415) 883-2177 and leave a message, or email any one of our staff. We check messages frequently and will get back to you as soon as we can.

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You don’t have to miss Mass! Log onto to:
- www.stanthonynovato.net at 9am for morning Mass with Fr. Felix.

God Bless You. Stay Well!