

Dear Friends,

As you know St. John's has had a long history of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It has brought a tremendous amount of grace to our parish, parishioners, and priests. However, due to the current Covid situation and related restrictions, Bishop McElroy has directed us to suspend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament inside the church until either the lockdown is lifted, or we devise a way to worship The Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar outdoors. This will take effect immediately. Please bear with us as we try to devise a safe and worthy way for Adoration to continue.

In addition, all sacraments will now be administered outdoors. To that end:

1. Mass will continue outside until further notice.
2. Baptisms, weddings, funerals will also take place outdoors regardless of group size.
3. Confessions will be heard outside the West Doors of the church every Saturday from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm and again from 5:00 pm until finish. During Advent, additional confession times include Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm or by appointment.
4. Group Prayer of any sort may not be held in the church. Rosary, Chaplet, Marian Devotions, etc. will all take place outside until further notice.
5. The church, however, will remain open for private and personal prayer from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Please pray the Lord deliver us from all evil and that through the intercession of the Blessed Mother we receive protection from on high.

May God bless, you,

Fr. Jim