

From the pastor's desk:

I was really hoping (perhaps presuming) that we would be long finished dealing with Covid 19 and it's increasingly communicable variants by now. Alas, such is not the case.

However, there is hope out there. The latest variation appears to be less severe, albeit more communicable. So, we continue to mask up, wash and sanitize our hands frequently, and try to get on with our lives. The wisest authorities tell us that being vaccinated and "boosted" is the foundation of protecting ourselves and others. I strongly urge you do receive the vaccine, if you are medically permitted to do so.

People are asking about if and when the Blessed Sacrament Chapel may be opened again. At this moment, I cannot definitively say. The space is really too small to be of any use as a public prayer area under the present circumstances.

However, by way of compensation, you will note tha the Church is open during business hours and all day Saturday. The Blessed Sacrament is in the tabernacle, and so one may come to make one's devotions during those times.

With the help of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, I have decided that (most) Friday evenings the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from the late afternoon (5pm) until 9pm. It's not quite the same as having the intimate chapel, but it is safer from epidemiological standpoint.

As I wrote a couple of years ago at the beginning of the pandemic, our response will be somewhat patchwork, improvisatory, and unlikely to please everyone. Please be assured that we are doing our best.

Our Lady, care of the sick, pray for us.

In Christ,

Father Steve