

Dear friends,

Happy Feast of St. Joseph! I hope and pray that you are all doing well tonight—staying safe and healthy during these difficult days of forced social-distancing.

This morning, at 7:30 AM, I celebrated Holy Mass in a seemingly empty Day-Chapel. I say seemingly empty because, while there was indeed only me and my mom physically present in our chapel, so many of you were spiritually present at the altar, joining your prayers with ours. Many of you were tuned-in through our streaming service on our parish website, and many more watched the recorded video of the Mass at some later time during the day. What a great gift we have been given to use during these difficult days.

I know that none of us want to be in the situation that we currently find ourselves subjected to. It is truly saddening, to say the least, to be required to be separated from you at the altar. However, through our being united in prayer during these days, and through the use of the streaming service that we have, we are still united in the ways that really matter most.

I encourage you, if you've not already done so, to visit our parish website, stisidores.org

Check out the streaming feature as well as the announcements tab there—this is where you will find announcements from the Archbishop (as often as I receive them), and updates from me regarding the current status of our parish buildings, liturgies, programs, , etc ... Be especially sure to read my letter from last weekend which outlines ways we can keep holy the Lord's Day even when it is not possible to attend Mass.

We will also continue to prepare and publish on the website a weekly Parish Bulletin, throughout this time when we cannot have public gatherings of groups. Be sure to check in to find it on our website each weekend. Please spread the word about

all the helpful resources we have there, and encourage your fellow parishioners to go the 'announcements' tab on the website and scroll to the bottom to update their email contact information, if they're not currently receiving these communications.

I would be most grateful if you would consider supporting the parish through Parish Giving—both during this unique and difficult time, but also as we look to the future. Parish Giving really is the easiest way to regularly support the parish. There is more information about this on the homepage of our website. That said, some have asked if there is any other way that they could make an offering, and the answer is of course, yes. I would be equally grateful if you would prefer to make use of your regular offertory envelopes to send your donation checks to the parish, at the Parish Office's address; 603 W. Broad Street - Quakertown, PA 18951.

Finally, I would like to share with you below a schedule of the Masses and Devotions which will be streaming from the Day Chapel for as long as we are required to suspend public gatherings at Church. Remember that we are seeking the heavenly intercession of St. Joseph during these difficult days, as I have placed our whole parish under his patronage during these days. To that end, we will be offering devotional prayers after the streamed Masses, and I invite you to join in those prayers—you can find the text of the prayers on our parish website under the 'announcements' tab. You will also find there the text that we will use for our praying of the stations of the Cross on Fridays at 3:00 PM.

May God bless us and protect us all, and may St. Joseph intercede for us!

**Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ken**

ST. ISIDORE STREAMING MASSES AND DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

(This is a special, temporary schedule in light of the suspension of public Masses and other gatherings in the Churches of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia,)

Visit our parish website to tune-in live or watch the recordings later on, after they have been streamed. Go to stisidores.org

Sunday

**7:00 AM Holy Mass, followed by Divine Mercy
Chaplet and Devotions to St. Joseph**
9:00 AM La Santa Misa en Español

Monday

**7:30 AM Holy Mass, followed by Divine Mercy
Chaplet and Devotions to St. Joseph**

Tuesday

**7:30 AM Holy Mass, followed by Divine Mercy
Chaplet and Devotions to St. Joseph**

Wednesday

**7:30 AM Holy Mass, followed by Divine Mercy
Chaplet and Devotions to St. Joseph**

Thursday

**7:30 AM Holy Mass, followed by Divine Mercy
Chaplet and Devotions to St. Joseph**

Friday

**7:30 AM Holy Mass, followed by Divine Mercy
Chaplet and Devotions to St. Joseph**
3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday

**7:30 AM Holy Mass, followed by Divine Mercy
Chaplet and Devotions to St. Joseph**

