

Greetings in Jesus Christ,

Very few of us could ever imagine the events of these past few days. The following is a summary of the directives from the Archdiocese of Boston and information from the Woburn Catholic Collaborative of St. Anthony and St. Barbara parishes.

Most Recent Directives from the Archdiocese of Boston

- All Masses and, except as provided below, religious services in all Archdiocesan parishes, missions, and campus ministries are suspended until further notice.
- The Cardinal has issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time to the Catholics of the Archdiocese of Boston.
- Baptism, weddings and funerals may proceed but attendance should be limited to only immediate family.
- All religious education, faith formation and related activities (e.g. adult faith formation, youth ministry, etc.) are suspended until further notice.
- All other social events, fundraising activities, or other functions should be canceled or postponed until further notice.

Important Information from the Woburn Catholic Collaborative

- In an abundance of caution to mitigate risks, both parish churches are now closed.
- Given the requisites of social distancing, regularly scheduled Confessions are suspended.
- All Mass intentions will be rescheduled.
- The following is a schedule of televised Masses on Catholic TV – Comcast Channel 286 or 183; Verizon Channel 296; RCN Channel 85:

Sunday Mass: 7:00am	Daily Mass: 9:30am 7:00pm	Daily Rosary: 10:00am 6:30pm
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- Mass can be heard by radio on 1060 AM:

Sunday – Saturday: 8:00am

Monday – Friday: 9:00pm

- Keep your parish financially stable. Mail your offertory Gift to the Lord to Woburn Catholic Collaborative, 138 Cambridge Road, Woburn, MA 01801.
- Consider online giving. This supports your parish when Mass attendance is disrupted. You can also make a one-time gift in this time of need.

Go to: <https://www.woburncatholic.org/> and select the church you wish to contribute.

- Keep in touch with seniors, neighbors or anyone else who might be anxious, vulnerable or in any other need.
- Don't hoard. Purchase only what you need.

Pope Francis' prayer to Our Lady during the COVID 19 pandemic

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

We'll all get through this with calm, caution and care. Please continue to keep all those affected by the coronavirus, their families, and our health care workers in your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Powers
Pastor