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**The Archdiocese of St. Louis Announces the Suspension  
of All Public Liturgies for Holy Week**

Due to the projected spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and following recommendations from health and government officials, Archbishop Robert J. Carlson has suspended all public liturgies for Holy Week and beyond. This announcement extends the previous mandate from Archbishop Carlson which suspended all public liturgies up until Holy Week.

Live-streamed and televised options for Holy Mass and other services will continue to be available during Holy Week. The faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis are encouraged to check with their parish offices and to stay tuned to [archstl.org](http://archstl.org) as well as the archdiocesan social media channels for updates.

All decisions regarding parish, school and archdiocesan workplace operations will continue to be determined by developments in the COVID-19 situation in the St. Louis area, as well as by the effects on each individual community. We remain in contact with health officials for guidance in all decisions. We also reiterate to our parishes, schools, and staff the importance of reviewing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines regularly, complying with all directives and recommendations from government agencies and offices, and reporting any pertinent information to the local health department.

All updates and resources from the Archdiocese of St. Louis regarding COVID-19, including stories from the *St. Louis Review*, can be found at [archstl.org/coronavirus](http://archstl.org/coronavirus). Please direct questions to [communications@archstl.org](mailto:communications@archstl.org).

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