COVID-19, which has killed many thousands of people as the disease sweeps across the world, has prompted cities and areas everywhere to take action, ordering quarantines and lockdowns in an effort to keep people indoors and curb the spread of the coronavirus. Last Thursday, March 19, 2020, California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced a statewide “stay at home” order in an attempt to prevent further spread of COVID-19 in the state. The move, which asks all Californians to remain at home unless they have essential reason for going out, comes after officials in the Bay Area introduces some of the US’ most stringent restrictions by announcing a “shelter-in-place” mandate last Monday. Since last Tuesday, affected Bay Area residents have been required to stay inside and can go out only for necessities. For now, the mandate will last for three weeks until, April 7. “This is a critical intervention to reduce harm from the spread of the coronavirus in our community,” reads a guide to mandate from the city of San Francisco. “This is a mandatory order.”

What is shelter in place?
Essentially, sheltering in place means staying at home, the order from San Francisco’s Department of Public Health says. Nearly 300 cases of COVID-19 had been confirmed in the Bay Area in recent days, as well as at least three deaths, according to the department. “Widespread testing for COVID-19 is not yet available but is expected to increase in the coming days.” the mandate says. “This order is necessary to slow the rate of spread.” People should stay in their homes unless they need to leave for “essential” activities and work. The mandate went into effect on March 17 and will continue until at least April 7. The order details that violating is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment or both. The San Francisco Police Department Is actively enforcing the order to ensure people stay inside and citations are being issued. Continued on p3.
PRAYERS FOR AN END TO COVID-19

Morning Prayer

Morning Offering (Prayer of St. Francis)

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life. Amen.

The Chaplet of St. Francis
1. Let us pray for the sick, their doctors, researchers and all who care for the sick.
   a. One Our Father
   b. One Hail Mary
   c. One Glory Be
   d. Conclude with: St. Francis, pray for us!
2. Let us pray for those who have died and for those who mourn their passing.
   a. One Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be.
   b. St. Francis, pray for us!
3. Let us pray for our leaders, those who do essential services, those who struggle financially at this time, and for the health and well-being of all.
   a. One Our Father, One Hail Mary and one Glory Be.
   b. St. Francis, pray for us!

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Noon Prayer

(Dating back to the 11th century, this prayer at noon invites the faithful to interrupt their work and raise their hearts and minds to God, to remember Mary’s “yes” and to inspire us)

The Angelus

V: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
R: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
   Hail Mary...
V: And the Word was made flesh.
R: And dwelt among us.
   Hail Mary...
V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R: That we might be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.
V: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R: Be it done unto me according to thy Word.
   Hail Mary...
V: And the Word was made flesh.
R: And dwelt among us.
   Hail Mary...
V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
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Pope Francis’ Prayer to Mary

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 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.
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

The 3 o’clock Prayer

(At 3 o’clock on Good Friday, Jesus died for us and in an appearance to St. Faustina. He taught her to call upon His mercy at this hour “for at that moment, mercy was opened wide for every soul.” (Diary 1572))

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Instructions: Using the rosary, but instead of praying the Our Father and ten Hail Mary’s, pray the Eternal Father prayer and ten For the Sake prayer.

The Sign of the Cross
One Our Father, One Hail Mary
Apostle’s Creed, Eternal Father prayer once, followed with ten For the Sake prayer.

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ALL PUBLIC GATHERINGS ARE TEMPORARILY CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR EACH ONE AND GOD’S CREATION.

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MANDATE FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA (SUMMARY, continued from p1)

“We want people to use common sense and to think about how their actions can put others at risk,” says Robert Rueca, a spokesperson for the San Francisco police Department. “Voluntary compliance is our goal and most of the city seems to be responding.”

What does a shelter-in-place prohibit?
In the Bay Area, the mandate prohibits going outside, with certain exceptions for different groups of people. Vulnerable people, which include the elderly, minors and people with disabilities, should not go out at all, according to the order. Anyone who is at risk of severe illness from COVID-19 is also urged to stay inside. People are barred from gathering outside the home.
To that end, all restaurants, bars, cafes, nightclubs, gyms and recreation facilities have been ordered closed. Places that serve food can continue delivery and takeout services. All travel is prohibited—including walking or biking places, taking a car, scooter, or motorcycle on the road, or using public transit — unless classified as “essential.” Anyone who has a job that is not considered “essential” should work from home.

Who is exempt from a shelter-in-place order?
The Bay Area mandate details several exemptions from the shelter in place order. People can leave their house for “essential activities,” which include getting medical supplies, going to the doctor or getting supplies needed to adequately work from home. They can also go out to get groceries.
People can also go out to run, walk or hike as long as they maintain the requirements of social distancing and stay at least six feet away from other individuals. Those whose work is considered “essential” are also permitted to leave the house to continue their work. Essential businesses include health care facilities, grocery stores and other food markets, banks media services, delivery services, among others.
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading: Thus says the Lord God: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).
Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Psalm 130
Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).
Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).


HEALING
Manny Almojuela, Johnny Aquino, Gloria Babiera, Rose Badua, Ženy Beltran, Donato Bumacas, Helen Delario, Ruby Cruz, Josie Calimlim, Marianne Courbis, Fr. Marvin Felipe, Al LaToraca, Lourdes Medios, Anthony Morales, Olive Nunez, Elette Padilla, Colette Paneo, Virginia Paraiso, Evelyn Pimentel, Tony Regidor, Bob Topper

PRAYERS FOR AN END TO COVID-19
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• Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.
• Heal us from our fear which prevents nations from working together and neighbors helping one another.
• Heal us from our pride which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.
• Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.
• Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.
• Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.
• Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.
Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. Our Lady, intercede for us. St. Francis, pray for us.

Night Prayer (before or after dinner)
One Decade of the Rosary, One Our Father, ten Hail Mary’s and one Glory Be

A Coronavirus Prayer, by Kerry Weber
Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness. At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus that we may experience your healing love.

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CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION
All communications are done by phone or remotely. Please call 650-873-2878. CCD and Confirmation teachers are continually communicating with the students with their homework, assignments, and schedules. If you don’t know your teacher’s phone number or email address, go to the parish website, www.staugustinessf.org, and email your teacher.
The “shelter-in” policy is in effect until May, 2020.

Reception of the First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be announced at a future date when it will be safe to hold a public event.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION & BAPTISMAL CEREMONY
There are no baptismal preparation: interview and class, and baptisms during Lent. Because of the pandemic Covid-19 that we are experiencing, all CCD and Confirmation events are halted. We will continue updating parents, students, and teachers.

WEDDING
Saint Augustine Church has quite a number of weddings scheduled in 2020. Please call the office number above for any concerns about your preparation.

FUNERAL
Services may be limited based on mandates updated almost daily. Please call 650-873-2282 to discuss and confirm service.

CONFESSION
Please call the parish office at 650-873-2282 to set up availability and confirmation of appointed date, time and place.