**Resources for Prayer During School Closure**

 *St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School*

During the time usually allotted for all-school Mass on Wednesday we ask that all members of our community spend time in prayer. Praying together, even while we are physically separated, is a powerful way for us to come together and stand united in pursuit of truth, goodness and beauty. We are a strong community, rooted in Christ and committed to forming one another into ever more faithful, visionary and inspirational leaders in service to the Church and the world. This work continues in our prayer together!

Below are a few ways this time might be used:

1. **Pray the Mass by watching a recorded or live stream.**

Although it is not possible to attend Mass at this time, priests throughout our diocese continue to offer the sacrifice of the Mass every day for the needs of our local community. Many parishes and Catholic ministries are live-streaming and recording these Masses so that we might pray along with them.

Specifically, the priests at St. Thomas More Catholic Church will be praying the Mass on Wednesday, March 25th at 9am with the intentions and community at Savio in mind.

[This Mass can be viewed on the St. Thomas More Facebook page here.](https://www.facebook.com/pg/stmaustin/videos/)

 [This is a link to a helpful post about praying the Mass while not physically present.](https://mcgrathblog.nd.edu/prayerful-participation-in-an-online-mass)

1. **Pray privately on your own or with your family.**

*There are MANY online resources available to facilitate this. A few ideas are reflected below.*

* Spiritual Journaling
*Spend time offline writing your prayer to God.*
* Spiritual Reading
*Spend time offline reading Scripture, writings of the saints, etc.*
* [Centering Prayer](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B_RdktGaf5sXWGZWeE96V1hTVk0)

*Prayer of silent rest with God.*

* [Lectio Divina](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B_RdktGaf5sXbHBKUF9Sa0hDdzQ)

*Prayer with the Word of God*

* [Liturgy of the Hours](https://www.ibreviary.org/en/)

*The daily prayer of the church*

* [The Rosary](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B_RdktGaf5sXQ0M5OVpXaVhZY0k)

*Meditation with the Mother of God*

* [The Examen](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B_RdktGaf5sXdkpxM19nM21hRlU)

*Reflecting on the work of God in our daily experience*

* [The Youversion Bible App](https://www.bible.com/)
*Website/App with tons of Bible reading plans, devotionals, and videos*
* [Pray the Word with David Platt](https://radical.net/articles/podcast_type/pray-the-word/)
*A short podcast, reflecting on a brief passage from scripture*
* [Blue Letter Bible](https://www.blueletterbible.org/devotionals/index.cfm)
*Bible website with devotionals from multiple sources and interactive interface to see commentary on passages and the passages in their original language*
* [Magnificat](https://us.magnificat.net/free)

*Spiritual guide with texts for morning and evening prayer, plus the readings and text for daily Mass. Made available free through May. Online and app on iOS and Android*

* [Hallow](https://hallow.app/) *iOS and Android app doing 3 month trials, guided meditations, Lectio Divina, Examen, Rosary,*

 *and lots of other resources*

*Other Online Prayer Resources:*

* + <https://formed.org/faithathome>

(many different Catholic studies, movies, etc.)

* + <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVdGX3N-WIJ5nUvklBTNhAw/videos>
	(Mass live stream from Ascension Presents [might be only Sunday])
	+ <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>
	(daily Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet)
	+ <https://www.wordonfire.org/>
	(daily Mass)
	+ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxomM8S2lPSFdevlZprCK3A>
	(Mass and the LoTH live stream from the Sisters)
	+ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7E-LYc1wivk33iyt5bR5zQ>
	(Vatican YouTube channel with live streams and videos)
	+ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVdGX3N-WIJ5nUvklBTNhAw>
	(Ascension Presents channel)
	+ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9hi3ngYGdwU7DIwWMzvLIQ>
	(Mass live stream from Fr. Patrick Behm)
	+ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSEhHXXnlSKoZDc86nokt1Q>
	(Mass live stream from Fr. Ryan Hilderbrand)
	+ <https://www.youtube.com/user/uCatholic/videos>
	(Mass live stream and daily Gospel reflections)
	+ <https://aggiecatholic.org/mass>
	+ (Mass live-streamed from Texas A&M at 12 pm)
	+ <https://media.ascensionpress.com/podcast/the-coronavirus-and-missing-sunday-mass/>
	+ [9 Day Novena for the Intercession of Patrons/Patronesses of Times of Illness or Great Need](https://www.praymorenovenas.com/pandemic-novena)
	+ [30 Day Ignatian Retreat - Taking Back the Crown](https://anchor.fm/takingbackthecrown)

*The Coronavirus is named for the crown-like shape it takes under a microscope. We want to take back the crown from the enemy and give the greater glory to God. This podcast will host a 30-day Ignatian retreat.*