

October 2020

Dear Friends in Faith,

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will move from Tuesdays to Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass, beginning in November. It will conclude at 1 pm – except on “First Fridays” when it will continue until 8 pm in church. All are welcome for a time of adoration. On First Fridays, between 6 and 8 pm, Deacon Scott will offer a brief devotion at the top of each hour: the rosary or Evening Prayer (6 pm), a reflection on loss and renewal in this time of pandemic (7 pm), and Benediction (8 pm). He will also be available for individual healing prayer for any who wish.

We’ll need to social distance, of course, and wear masks as usual. But it would be beautiful to revive First Fridays, in this time of stress. So many have lost livelihoods, loved ones, or just our favorite routines, and cannot share the usual gatherings that offer comfort and help us cope. But at least, we can do this. So perhaps you, or someone you know, would welcome an opportunity to pause and reflect. Stop in, and spend a holy hour alone, or with someone you love. Blessings on all who assist this apostolate of prayer!

Finally, the parish bulletin is always available online at the parish website (and printed copies are at the church entrances). Do you have a loved one or neighbor who lacks internet access? Please print a bulletin for them from our parish website – it’s a beautiful way to share parish news and reflections in this time of separation. You can also contribute online at our website, or send us your contribution by mail. Find us at <http://saintjoachimchurch.org>

May you and loved ones remain safe and well. I wish you all God’s blessings in these autumn days.

- Father Becker