



Dear Basilica Parishioners and Visitors,

I had a dream last night that I was giving the faithful Holy Communion. I was disappointed when I woke up and realized I could not do that. Clearly it is my desire to provide you the Eucharist. And let me just say this too: Archbishop Lori desires it as well. It breaks his heart that we cannot offer the Mass right now. I fully support every decision he has made. No one realizes what goes into these decisions—and how difficult they actually are to make. I'm sure you all agree: we need to be united in times like these. Please pray for our Archbishop. He does more than anyone knows or realizes.

That said, let's focus on what we CAN do—which is still a lot!

**Times we CAN Participate in the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration:**

- **The Mass Monday through Friday:** a video of the Mass will be posted on our Basilica web site by 9AM. Our web address is <https://www.americasfirstcathedral.org/mass>
- **A livestreamed Holy Hour will be made available Monday through Friday** from 6-7AM using FaceBook live. You will need to follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/baltimorebasilica/> to participate in this holy hour. (Note: the technology has to cooperate. So bear with us as we struggle to figure this out! It may take a couple days to perfect this.)
- **Mass on Saturday and Sunday** will be uploaded on our Web site and Facebook by Noon. While I cannot give you Holy Communion in the physical sense, you can make a [spiritual communion](#)—and God will more than accept that! <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/act-of-spiritual-communion-339>

**Times you CAN Pray at the Basilica:**

Monday thru Friday the Basilica will be open for private prayer from 8AM to 8PM.

Saturday and Sunday the Basilica will be open for private prayer from 10AM-5PM.

**Time you CAN frequent the sacrament of Confession:** The Sacrament of Confession will be offered at the Basilica (**in the sacristy**) from 5-6PM on Monday, Thursday, Thursday and Friday. Signs will direct you to the sacristy once you enter the Basilica.

God bless you!

Fr. James