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# Press Release

## Bishop Malloy to celebrate web Masses and devotions

ROCKFORD, Ill.-- Understanding the hardship on Catholics posed by the suspension of public Masses in the Diocese of Rockford, Bishop David Malloy announced today that he will celebrate Sunday Masses online.

The Masses will be celebrated during the suspension March 22 and March 29 at 9 a.m. (*Extending that suspension will be evaluated and announced on or before April 3*).

In addition to celebrating Mass, Bishop Malloy will offer other prayers and devotion every Wednesday during the suspension of Masses.

His Wednesday reflections begin with his introductory video today, March 18 and can be viewed for the next two Wednesdays at 12 Noon on [www.rockforddiocese.org](http://www.rockforddiocese.org) and on the Diocese of Rockford Facebook page.

"We are people of hope, we are people who have our trust in our faith and in our God who gives us the grace that we need even if we are not physically able to access the Mass at this time," Bishop said in his announcement.

Bishop Malloy said the Masses and devotions are just one way he can help provide some "spiritual nourishment" to Catholics during this very difficult time of pandemic.

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About the Catholic Diocese of Rockford

Established in 1908, the Diocese of Rockford is comprised of 105 parishes in Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, JoDaviess, Kane, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago Counties in Northern Illinois serving a Catholic population of more than 350,000. For more about the Catholic Diocese of Rockford, visit [rockforddiocese.org](http://rockforddiocese.org)