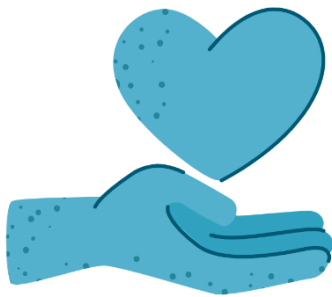


Assalaam Alaykum & Greetings of Peace!

The Islamic Center of Southern California is an independent organization whose primary goal is the development of a vibrant American Muslim identity through spiritual, educational, and recreational activities.



**Even though our doors
are closed, we are with
you!**

We are proud to have daily streaming content to bring the mosque to your home. Check out this update from Communications Committee head, Edina Lekovic about what we have done, what's to come, and how you can be involved.



[Watch the video update from Communications Committee Head, Edina Lekovic, to learn more](#)

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Week 5 of #StayAtHome

Our response

Here's how we're continuing to foster community:

- We have **added even more programs** to our Livestream schedule. [Bookmark our Livestream page](#) | [Download the full program schedule](#)
- Planned a **Spiritual Night** called: "A Time for Renewal" on **April 18** [via Zoom](#). [More details here](#).
- **Expanded our virtual Isha prayers + reflection** to Mondays through Thursdays with Sh. Asim [via Zoom](#). [Click here to add a reminder to your calendar](#).
- **Created a Covid-19 Resources space** on our website to assist you in finding what you need. [View here](#)
- Continued with our **virtual Jumma prayers** with a Khutba from Sheikh Asim Buyuksoy. [Watch here](#)

- **Hosted a Sunday Talk** with Shaykh Jihad Brown via [Livestream](#). [Watch here](#).
- Continued our **weekly class on the life of Prophet Muhammad** (pbuh) with Edina Lekovic. [Register here](#) (we'll send you recordings of past sessions).
- Continued our **virtual Sunday school and youth groups**. Email info@islamiccenter.com to join.
- Continued to host our **Tuesday Quranic recitation class** with Sh. Asim. Email info@islamiccenter.com to join.
- Continued to **reach out to community members, especially the elderly**. Email info@islamiccenter.com if you or anyone you know needs help.
- Continued our **Coffee and Converts weekly meeting** over Zoom to support our converts. Email info@islamiccenter.com to join.
- Our amazing volunteers **continue to deliver food from our food pantry** to community members, serving over 2,000 people/month.

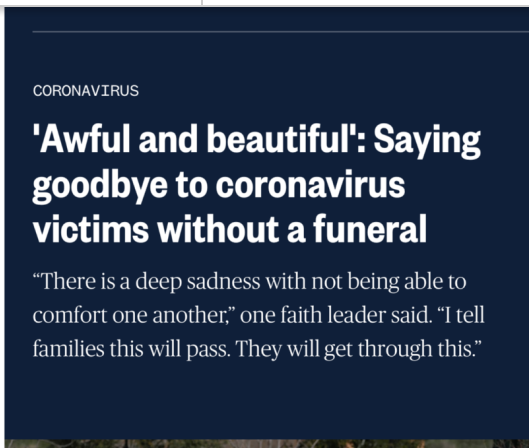
[Read last week's updates here](#)

[Download April Printable Events Calendar \(updated!\)](#)

[Need Help? Click here for Covid-19 Resources](#)

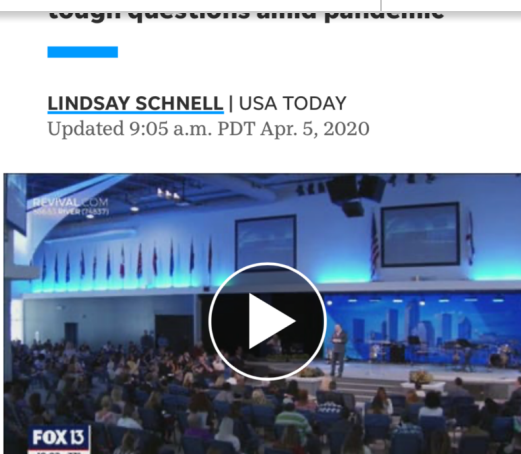
ICSC in the News

As we have adapted our practices to accommodate social distancing, the media has taken notice! Check out the features below highlighting our work in light of the coronavirus pandemic.



[Article: NBC News](#)

April 5, 2020



[Article: USA Today](#)

April 5, 2020



[Video: Celebrating Passover, Easter and Ramadan amid coronavirus](#)

Los Angeles Times

April 12, 2020

Funerals Must Change In This Time Of Social Distancing

BY [SHARON MCNARY](#) IN [NEWS](#) ON MARCH 31, 2020 6:00 AM



[Article: LA-ist](#)

March 31, 2020



In Part Two of our exploration, we hear about finding gratitude in times of hardship from the Islamic Center of Southern California's chairperson Omar Ricci, Pope Francis reciting the Lord's Prayer, and a guided meditation featuring American psychologist and meditation teacher Tara Brach.

[Omara Ricci](#), Chairperson of the [Islamic Center of Southern California](#). Online prayer and talks can be found on ICSC's [Facebook page](#).

[Dharma Master Hsin Tao](#), a Buddhist monk and founder of the [Ling Jiou Mountain Buddhist Foundation](#).

[Tara Brach](#), psychologist, [author](#), and proponent of Buddhist meditation. You can find her guided meditations and talks on [YouTube](#).

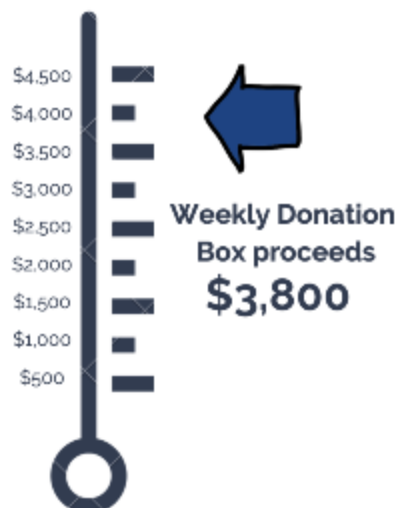
His Holiness [Pope Francis](#), head of the [Catholic Church](#) and sovereign of the [Vatican City State](#).

[Podcast: Interfaith Voices](#)

March 27, 2020

Your role

Here's what you can do:



As we work together to keep our community healthy and safe, we ask you to support the Islamic Center today with your generous donation in order to sustain our ongoing programs and services.

At a time when our collection box isn't being circulated on Fridays and Sundays (our busiest days), we ask that you [dig deep to give what you can](#). Last week, we fell shy of our weekly fundraising target, but **you can help us close the gap**.

Now there's a higher tax incentive to give

The CARES Act raises the charitable deduction limit from 60 percent to 100 percent of adjusted gross income for itemizers, and non-itemizers can now deduct up to \$300 in charitable giving. C-Corporations can also deduct 25 percent of their taxable income, rather than 10 percent. Talk to your tax advisor about what that means for you.

[Would you be willing to make a monthly gift towards cultivating community during these challenging times?](#)

Become a Monthly Donor

Make a one-time donation

Other ways to support:

- Text **ICSC** to **41444**
- **Mail a check** to 434 S. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90020
- [Host a Facebook fundraiser for ICSC](#)
- [Chose ICSC as your beneficiary](#) when shopping on Amazon Smile

Next steps

Here's what we're doing next:

- Launching a **Ramadan space on our website**, stay tuned!
- Setting up opportunities to **involve children in our virtual Ramadan programs**.
- **Sponsoring groceries** for local community members in need of assistance and **expanding our Food Pantry**.
- Continuing to find new ways to **upgrade our Livestreaming** capabilities and adding more programs.

Support

Please be as generous as you can. [Your monthly gift—whether it's \\$25, \\$75, or \\$500—will help us cover our operating costs during these challenging times.](#)

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