



JPII Parish Life & Health Committee

Dear Friends,

March 14, 2020

I've received several communications from our Bishop regarding the Coronavirus pandemic that I've shared with you. He's given much latitude to the local pastor and local leaders on how best to respond to the pandemic affecting our community. Therefore, it is in an abundance of concern for your well-being that I have formed the **JPII Parish Life & Health Committee** to help me make recommendations with regard to how we will worship and go about ministry for the foreseeable future. At this *first phase* of the pandemic, our decisions are guided by the advice from experts that we maintain "social distancing," as much as possible, as well as pay special attention and protect our vulnerable populations, especially the elderly. Given the input from the Parish Life & Health Committee I've made the following decisions that will affect our parish. The Committee and I will evaluate these decisions and update them when new information is known. Please contact me or the members of the Committee if you have any questions or concerns. In the meantime, I want you to know the following:

1. **We will continue to observe our ordinary Mass schedule for weekends and weekday. However, please observe social distance when possible.**
2. **People who are not feeling well or members of the vulnerable populations should stay home from Mass and avoid contact with others. Canonical dispensation to not attend Mass is given the vulnerable populations and the ill.**
3. **We will continue to offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays, including individual confessions when possible. Please pray for healing and guidance in this time.**
4. **Our parish school has developed contingency plans for learning, should there be a need to suspend classes.**
5. **Parish Religious Education classes for children and youth are suspended until after Easter or until further notice. Dates for First Communion and Confirmation have not been changed, at this time.**
6. **Families are encouraged to limit the number of people who attend funerals, weddings or other liturgical celebrations.**
7. **We will disinfect church pews after each service.**
8. **We will suspend parish-wide events, meals, and social gatherings until further notice.**
9. **We will limit the number of parish meetings to that what is deemed essential.**
10. **High risk parishioners are encouraged to call the parish office if they need assistance in respect to the Coronavirus pandemic.**
11. **Please be mindful of your neighbors and friends who may need assistance at this time. Let us pray for one another.**

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