

UPDATE: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
01/12/2021

Dear Parishioners,

I want to give you an update on the condition of both Father Ron and Deacon Frank.

I have had brief daily conversations with Father Ron and his health has improved dramatically over the course of the past few days. Father Ron received a call from the Florida Health Department yesterday and, after answering some questions for them, he was informed that his time in isolation is over effective this Thursday, January 14th.

Father Ron stated that, although he will be cleared to return to public ministry by Friday, he wishes to take things slow and gradually return. He will probably begin by concelebrating one of the weekend Masses, but is not planning to be fully back until Tuesday of next week (January 19th).

Deacon Frank is feeling very well. In fact, he says he has no symptoms but will continue to be in isolation until this Saturday.

As you may already know, the CDC states the following about when to be back with people after having tested positive for COVID-19:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/isolation.html>

You can be with others after

- *At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and***
- *At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **and***
- *Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving**Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation*

Father Ron, Deacon Frank, and Mrs. Kathy DeSanto, thank you immensely for your continued prayers for them.

Please know that Father Albert and I will continue to take turns celebrating Masses this weekend and Deacon Ken has graciously volunteered to help us with the preaching of Masses.

The regular times for confessions will be back this weekend, but only one priest will be available for confessions.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

In Christ,

Fr. Felipe
Parochial Vicar