



August 12, 2021

Dear St. Patrick Parish Family and Parishioners,

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you and your families during these uncertain times. I write to you all as your spiritual father and spiritual pastor in efforts to respond to the current conditions in our society and in our particular church at St. Patrick. As your spiritual pastor, I have been called by God to be a man and servant of unity. Our God is a God of unity and never division. Furthermore, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ, is the Prince of Peace and thus fear is never from God. We read in 1 John 4:18 that “There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.” And in Joshua 1:9, we read “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified nor dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Therefore, after much prayer with Jesus, discernment, consultation and feedback, our parish family is responding to the current conditions of society and as a parish family as follows:

- 1) If you are sick or are feeling ill, one is dispensed from attending Mass and one’s Sunday obligation. If you are sick or are feeling ill, do not attend an event at St. Patrick.
- 2) Hand sanitizers will be available on our campus and washing of hands is always encouraged.
- 3) Livestream will be reinstated for the 10 am Sunday Mass so as to allow our parishioners to feel connected to our parish family. However, if you are healthy, one is obligated to attend any of our Masses in person.
- 4) Masks are always welcomed on our campus and in our parish.
- 5) Prudent discernment of gathering information and forming your conscience with regards to moral decisions is strongly encouraged.

As such, the mission of the Church and the mission of our particular church in the Diocese of Austin at St. Patrick must and will always continue. May the Prince of Peace and the Lord of unity, our savior, Jesus Christ, be with you. And may our heavenly patrons and patronesses, guardian angels, St. Joseph, St. Mary, and St. Patrick intercede and pray for you.

In the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Rev. Paul-Michael Piega, S.T.L.
Administrator

Walk with Jesus and us as a family striving for holiness!



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