



Office of the Bishop
Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock

EXTENSION OF DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY OBLIGATION

My Dear People of the Diocese of Lubbock:

Although still away on vacation, I am aware of the pandemic situation in our country and in our diocese. I am especially concerned for the well-being of all unvaccinated people— especially our children.

After consultation with diocesan leadership via email, and following the example of a number of my brother Bishops, I believe the most prudent course of action at this time is to extend indefinitely the dispensation from the requirement to participate in Sunday Mass in person.

While I encourage those who are comfortable, and at low risk from the virus, to participate in Mass in person, I do not want vulnerable persons to risk their health by feeling compelled to attend Sunday Mass. I ask our parishes to continue providing their full range of services as much as possible, in keeping with their local health circumstances.

Also, following the counsel of Pope Francis, I continue to encourage all people who are eligible to receive whichever vaccine might be available to them. While I continue my vacation for a few more days, know that I am carrying all people of the Diocese of Lubbock in my mind, heart, prayers, and daily celebration of Eucharist.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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