

As you may have heard, at 2:30 PM on Friday, May 1st, Bishop Deshotel gave Pastors in the Diocese of Lafayette permission to celebrate Holy Mass outdoors - as long as the mandated Social Distancing protocols are in place and are enforced. At the same time, the Bishop went out of his way to clearly state that although the permission for Masses to be celebrated outside has been given, it does NOT mean that outdoor Masses are required to be offered in every Parish. With this in mind, because I do not feel that we have the time to set up and organize an appropriately reverent & prayerful outdoor Liturgy, we will not celebrate an outdoor Mass this weekend at the Parish of St. Anthony of Padua in Eunice, nor at the Parish of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Duralde. What we WILL be celebrating this weekend, for those who choose to participate, is an opportunity to receive Holy Communion on Sunday, immediately after our 9:00 AM Live-Streamed Mass. The details regarding the logistics of the distribution of Holy Communion on Sunday will be announced at the conclusion of the 9:00 AM Live-Streamed Liturgy, so please tune in and join us for this unique experience of prayer & praise! Finally, know that it is our sure & certain hope that an outdoor Mass might be able to be celebrated at both Parishes next weekend. Please pray with us that this exciting opportunity for worship might be able to happen in a reverent & life-giving way! In the meantime, trust my ongoing prayers for you & yours, and for a speedy & safe end to this Pandemic and to this time of Quarantine. Easter Blessings & Peace & Joy - Fr. H.D.