



SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI PARISH

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Dear St. Alphonsus Parishioners,

Recently we are aware of what has been going on in our world and in our country concerning the spread of coronavirus. Through media, many experts have been informing us of some effective ways to protect ourselves from being infected. We should all take this advice seriously. Since last weekend, our church has already implemented some necessary precautions at our Sunday and weekday masses. With this letter, I would like to inform you again of all these changes and some further steps that we will follow as we continue to gather together to worship God in this difficult time.

- Suspension of holding hands during the Our Father and shaking hands at the Sign of Peace
- Suspension of the distribution of the Precious Blood at Communion time
- Receiving Communion in the hand only.
- Suspension of passing the collection basket from one person to the next. Instead, parishioners are invited to come forward to offer their donation by dropping their envelope or money into one of the baskets around the altar.

One of the best practices to protect ourselves is to wash our hands or to use the sanitizer. There are two big sanitizer bottles by the baptismal font for that purpose.

I also want to advise that if you are sick or are experiencing symptoms of illness, you should stay home and pray out of concern for the wellbeing of all.

The above precautions will remain in force until such time as our normal practices may be resumed without risk. We will continue to evaluate any measures that may need to be taken.

As we continue to journey through the Lenten Season, let us pray for our world, for our country and especially those who have been affected by this terrible virus and its effects.

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