

Archdiocese of Washington Coronavirus Notice

In the interest of public health and safety, local governments have issued restrictions on certain activities in response to the coronavirus. Most recently the State of Maryland has ordered that no public gatherings in excess of 250 people may be held until further notice. As a result of this order, Archbishop Gregory has indicated that ALL Masses open to the public, in ALL archdiocesan parishes, missions, and campus ministries will not be celebrated starting this Saturday, March 14th until further notice. Weddings and funerals will proceed but attendance should be limited to immediate family.

Archbishop Gregory has also issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time to all parishioners of the Archdiocese of Washington.

In light of this directive, No Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary Star of the Sea until further notice. All scheduled funerals and wedding will proceed as scheduled.

All Christians are invited and encouraged to view the Mass celebration on television. The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW-50:

No cable; Dish or DIRECTV subscribers: Ch. 50

Comcast: Ch. 23 in Washington, DC and Montgomery County; Ch. 3 in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland

RCN: Ch 15

Verizon: Ch. 3

Mass online at adw.org/tvmass.

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**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CCD CANCELLED** Also due to the local government's restrictions, Governor Hogan announced that all public schools in the State of Maryland will be closed from March 16 through March 27. We follow the state and Charles County closure notices and in adherence to the school closure notice ALL Religious Education classes are canceled from March 16 through March 27. Updates will be posted as directives are received from the Charles County School District and Archdiocese of Washington.

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Anyone who is ill, suspects he or she is ill, or is considered vulnerable (people 60+ years of age or people with chronic illness, immune system deficiencies or other underlying health conditions) should refrain from participation in public activities.