



DIOCESE OF COVINGTON
Communications Office

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Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish:

This letter is to inform you that the parochial vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish has tested positive for COVID-19 and will need to quarantine until Monday, November 16. Additionally, Msgr. Dominic Fosu, pastor, has been determined to be a close contact in this case and will need to quarantine until December 1.

The parochial vicar last celebrated Mass and heard confessions on Friday, November 6. While parishioners who attended Mass are not determined to be close contacts in this case, we want parishioners to be aware that there was potential exposure to the virus. If you were at Mass celebrated by the parochial vicar on Wednesday, November 4; Thursday, November 5 and/or Friday, November 6, please do the following in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Monitor yourself for symptoms such as a fever (above 100.4), cough, headache, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell. Symptoms may appear anywhere from 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus.
- If you experience symptoms of COVID-19, isolate yourself from your family and others and call your doctor immediately. Inform your doctor of your potential exposure and your symptoms.
- Remain in your home to the greatest extent possible. When you must go out in public wear a mask and practice safe social distancing.
- Avoid gatherings, even small gatherings of family and friends could likely expose you and your family to the virus.

These actions must be taken for 14 days after your last exposure to the case. Based on the details of the case, the 14 days will end November 21.

We thank you for practicing the Return to Worship protocols, especially wearing masks, keeping a safe social distance, refraining from singing and exchanging the sign of peace. Following these protocols are the best way to reduce the spread of the virus when there is an exposure at Mass.

We want to thank the parochial vicar for keeping the diocese informed of this situation so that we can all stay healthy at Mass. Please know we will be praying for the parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Sincerely,

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