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Dear Parish Family,

The following message is an excerpt from Cardinal DiNardo:
Please go to archgh.org for the full text.

MASS

The public celebration of all weekday and Sunday Masses will be suspended in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Churches are to remain open for individual and private prayer observing their normal hours, as discerned by the Pastors.

[St. Michael will be open from 9 am-6 pm M-F, 9 am-5 pm on Saturdays and Noon-5 on Sundays for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church.]

Parishes, to the extent they are able, are to inform parishioners of the opportunity to view Masses either through network television or other live stream options over the internet. (Please go to archgh.org).

Sunday is still the Lord's Day. Families should gather to pray, read scripture, recite the Rosary and reflect together on their faith.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Please call the church office at 979-297-3041 for an appointment during office hours or the regular confessions times.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The distribution of Communion for the Sick and Viaticum for the dying are available if death is imminent. Please call the office at 979-297-3041. If it is after working hours, please leave a message for Father Dwight by choosing the appropriate prompt on the voicemail and he will call you back.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is to be postponed, unless there is danger of death.

It may be possible to have a private Baptism in the Church with the child, parents, and godparents only.

WEDDINGS

Weddings are limited to celebration of the Marriage Rite outside of Mass itself, with no more than 10 people in attendance, including ministers.

FUNERALS

Funerals may take place only in the form of "The Rite of Committal with Final Commendation" (also known as the "graveside"). A memorial Mass can be scheduled appropriately at a later date.

HOLY WEEK

Particular directives will be given for Holy Week in the event the crisis continues through that time period.

Most St. Michael events and meetings are postponed at this time. Again, please refer to www.archgh.org or www.smlj.org for updates.

We are in a most unfortunate and difficult time in our Christian lives. All of us have to deal with these changes and I ask you to be open, understanding, and patient more than ever before. Let us continue to pray for one another and the end of this crisis.

May God bless us All!
Father Dwight