

# St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

It has been several months now that we have been struggling with the corona virus that has caused deaths, illness, despair, fear and disruptions to all of us. This pandemic is unprecedented in history and today no one can claim to be an expert in treating this deadly virus in our midst. The past days have seen an increasing number of people testing positive for the virus, including our very own retired Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza, retired Bishop Vincent Rizotto and some priests in our Archdiocese.

The State of Texas is now number 2 in all of America with the most number of people affected by this pandemic. This is indeed disheartening!!! We need to intensify our efforts in preventing the spread of this evil. As a people of faith, we know for sure that our available defenses are our faith filled prayers that appeal to the mercy of God to intervene for us in our sad situation. We cannot let our growing fears and frustrations of the growing threats of this virus with no visible solution in sight to overcome and overwhelm our spirits.

Secondly, we need to cooperate more than ever with the mandates of our government and health experts. We must maintain the wearing of face masks and to socially distance ourselves from each other. In the midst of this resurgence, we cannot let our defenses down. Let us show our sense of personal discipline and our willingness to work together for the good of all!

Be safe always !!

Sincerely,

*Fr. Dwight*

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