

# St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

A week ago, I shared with you the sad news of Emeritus Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza and Emeritus Bishop Vincent Rizotto being tested positive with the corona virus. Many of the retired priests living in the Priest's Retirement Center were also tested and thanks be to God, the results came back negative. Archbishop Fiorenza and Bishop Rizotto, last time I heard, were doing well and responding to treatment. Reassuring news indeed!!

Yesterday afternoon, I received a forwarded email and text saying our friend and neighbor, Fr. Jim Lynes has been found positive of the corona virus and as a result, has closed the doors of St Jerome Parish in Clute for the time being until he gets better.

I know very well that Fr. Jim was compliant in following the restrictions to the letter! Much like doctors, nurses and other health care givers, we priests are also front liners. We too respond and reach out to all and attend to people's spiritual needs. Please pray for the quick healing of Fr. Jim and those who are suffering from this pandemic.

I may sound like a broken record to many of you, but I once again I would like to remind you, please be careful and stay safe at home. I will try to do the same. We cannot let our defenses down against this unseen and yet deadly enemy !!

Sincerely,

*Fr. Dwight*

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