

# St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

I have written letters to you about how this pandemic is affecting everyone in the world, how it is causing a lot of sadness, fears, loss of lives, loss of jobs and many other unsettling situations in life. It is a gloomy picture and at the back of our minds are the questions as to when will it end or when will there be vaccine that would make us safe against it?

In the midst of all of that, I read on Facebook about a country that managed to fix what we wanted to do. The country is Taiwan which is located very near the source of the virus - China! The news is that they did not have a lockdown, yet have had only 436 cases with only 6 people dying while the rest recovered. All they did was follow and obey the safety protocols put in place to protect them from the virus. No one complained or protested or fought against the tight measures and everyone was on the same page.

Wow! Can that happen in our country? I think we are beginning to see that happen. We have heard from the news that the number of cases have begun to level out and even decrease and that is good! There is a glimmer of hope!

Hopefully we can control and stop this pandemic one day like the people in Taiwan. But we cannot let our defenses down. The enemy is still out there - unseen and actively ready to infect anyone! We must continue to wear masks, to socially distance ourselves, and most of all to stay in the safety of our homes!

Peace,

*Fr. Dwight*

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