



**Holy Name of Jesus & Good Shepherd Parishes
Response to COVID-19 Virus – effective March, 18, 2020**

At 10:00 AM this morning the Archdiocese of Indianapolis announced the suspension of all liturgical activities in the Archdiocese, including all public Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, Stations of the Cross, etc. effective March 18, 2020.

The statement indicates that:

Based on the recommendations from health officials concerning the danger of the COVID-19 pandemic and the urgency to stem the spread of the virus, the five Catholic bishops of Indiana have suspended effective March 18 and until further notice all public Sunday and weekday Masses throughout the Province of Indianapolis, which is comprised of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the Dioceses of Gary, Evansville, Fort Wayne-South Bend, and Lafayette. Archbishop Charles C. Thompson, the Archbishop of Indianapolis, has also suspended all other liturgical services and gatherings of the faithful effective Wednesday, March 18 and until further notice. Of course, the archbishop's dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass from March 13 continues until further notice.

In addition, starting Wednesday, March 18, the parish offices will be closed, however, staff members will regularly check e-mails, voicemail messages, and will work from home to the extent that this is possible. During this time of extraordinary concern, I ask that we all continue to offer prayers of intercession for the healing of those infected, for the protection of the elderly and infirm who are at greatest risk, for the prevention of the disease's spread, and for the courage and strength of care providers who minister to the sick, their families and those most in need. Any questions about Funerals, Confessions, or the Sacrament of the anointing of the Sick should be directed to Fr. Bob Robeson at frrobeson@holyname.cc.

We will broadcast a Sunday Mass on Facebook Live at 10:30am for those who would like to join us.

For more detailed information and links to online Masses, please visit the homepage of the archdiocese, www.archindy.org. Also, please know that these decisions have been made prayerfully and with deepest concern for the safety of our faithful Catholic community. Know also that all of you remain in my prayers daily, in Christ,

Fr. Bob Robeson, Pastor

