

From: Parish Administrator
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Subject: Parish Update

Hello All,

As you have likely already heard, Archbishop Etienne has suspended the public celebration of Mass until further notice. His directive was made for the common good of the people in our region and to do our part to slow down this pandemic. In light of the Archbishop's directive, all parishioners are temporarily dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until Masses are reinstated. This is effective immediately.

We have an active parish life here at Visitation. As heads of our ministries, please consider the importance of your events/meetings and evaluate them to determine whether or not they should be suspended. The Governor instituted a proclamation barring any gathering of over 250 people. Obviously, our groups do not meet that criteria, so we leave it to the ministry heads to determine whether or not your meetings are essential and should be held. Please advise the office of how your ministry will proceed so that we may help get that information out to our parish.

Our church is open and available for private prayer and Fr. is available to hear confessions by appointment. Adoration, Stations of the Cross and soup suppers are canceled. We are trying to staff the front desk so that all parishioners are able to speak to someone if they call and/or can get into the church if they desire. It is our desire and duty to be as present to our parishioners as possible during this challenging time.

Please share this information with the people in your ministry as well as any parishioner you may know. You can reach me at the parish office.

Thank you for your leadership and continued prayers. You and our parish remain in my prayers.

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Blessings,
Jeannine Wargo
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of the Blessed Virgin Mary