

**From:** Parish Administrator  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 1:27 PM  
**Subject:** Letter to Parishioners

Parishioners of Visitation Parish,

As you may have seen in the news, Archbishop Etienne has suspended the public celebration of Mass until further notice. 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. The Archdiocese has taken further steps to stop the spread of the pandemic by closing the Chancery office and asking employees to telecommute. Following this guidance, the parish office at Visitation will have limited staffing on site. All urgent messages left with our answering service will be responded to.

Our church is open and available for private prayer and Fr. is available to hear confessions by appointment. It is our desire and duty to be as present to our parishioners as possible during this challenging time, as well as follow the guidance of the Archdiocese in doing our part to slow the spread of the Coronavirus.

On our website you will find a document entitled "At Home with Faith" which offers resources on how we can continue to strengthen our faith during this time. You can also join Archbishop Etienne during a livestream of Mass on Sundays at 10 am on the Archdiocese of Seattle's [Facebook](#) page.

Let us continue to hold each other in prayer.

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Blessings,  
Jeannine Wargo  
PA for Administration  
Church of the Visitation  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary