

Dear Parishioners:

With the increase of coronavirus, local, county, and state authorities have appealed to our sense of civic duty to cooperate to avoid spreading the disease. I want specifically to remind parishioners of our grave moral obligation not to infect others. Therefore, we need to follow the norms from the Centers for Disease Control and from our local health authorities regardless of inconvenience, above all when we could be carrying the virus.

This means that parishioners who test positive for Covid, who live with a person who has tested positive, or who have been in the presence of someone who tested positive while not wearing a mask must not attend Mass or church activities until they have completed the 14 day quarantine or have medical proof they have recovered from the virus. **If you are exposed in any of these ways, you could have the virus and not know it because often there are no signs of illness.** So, stay away from others and wear a mask when necessity requires you to be around others. Mass and other church activities are important, but are NOT necessary when you should be quarantining.

Even in the absence of a confirmed Covid case, anyone with a temperature or other symptoms of illness must not attend Mass or other church activities.

**The use of masks and social distancing at church does not give permission for those exposed to Covid or suffering from symptoms of illness to attend Mass or other events.**

All parish employees and volunteers are required to self-report if they test positive for the virus or have been in close contact with a confirmed case. They will cease parish responsibilities that cannot be conducted from quarantine.

Home visits by Fr. Timothy and the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are suspended. Fr. Timothy will continue, of course, to bring the sacraments to those in need.

Thank you for your cooperation in this vital matter.

May God bless and protect us all.

In Christ,  
Father Timothy