

## Diocese of Austin

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### **MOST REVEREND JOE S. VÁSQUEZ** **Bishop of Austin**

by the grace of God and the Apostolic See

#### **DECREE**

I, Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez, Bishop of Austin, issued a decree on March 17, 2020, suspending public Masses in the Diocese of Austin until April 8, 2020, and having further considered the recommendations of public health officials concerning the Coronavirus (COVID-19), hereby DECREE:

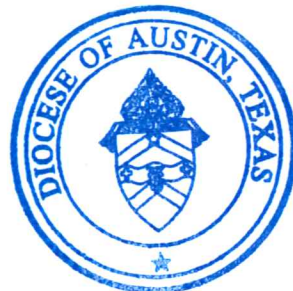
That public Masses within the Diocese of Austin are suspended until April 30, 2020, unless revoked or extended by subsequent decree; and

That the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or other holy days of obligation (canon 1247) during this same time and are asked to make other acts of spiritual devotion such as a spiritual communion, praying the office, praying for the sick, reading scripture or participating in devotionals such as praying the rosary.

Given this 3rd day of April 2020 in the seat of the Diocese of Austin.

*R. Walker*

Deacon Ron Walker  
Chancellor



*Joe S. Vásquez*  
Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez  
Bishop of Austin