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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As you are aware, at the beginning of this year's flu season, I suspended the exchange of peace and sharing of the Precious Blood. More recently, a heightened awareness has developed regarding the potential spread of the corona virus and its threat worldwide. Out of an abundance of caution, and by decree of our Bishop, I have directed that the holy water fonts be emptied and removed from church entrances. I have directed that doorknobs and door handles and the tops of the pews be disinfected before and after weekend Masses. Please continue to make use of the hand sanitizer that is available at church entrances and in the sanctuary.

I cannot of course control your personal behavior, but I strongly recommend that you consider **not** shaking hands before, during, or after Mass and limiting close personal contact – a nod of the head or a wave is a sufficient enough greeting until this situation passes. If you are sick or feel ill at all please stay home – the Sunday Mass obligation is dispensed in those circumstances.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Blessings on you all,
Father Kirk

Know Christ. Be Christ for Others.