

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE



Pastoral Considerations Regarding Mass, the Sacraments and Other Devotions for the Clergy of the Diocese of St. Augustine in Response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dispensation from Sunday Mass.

By his authority as the diocesan bishop to dispense from universal ecclesiastical laws, Bishop Estévez has indefinitely dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass three categories of people for as long as the specific condition below continues:

- All who are sick and those who are caring for them
- Those who because of age or infirmity are at higher risk for contracting the coronavirus
- Those who have been exposed to the coronavirus because of travel or other circumstances.

And to further protect public health and calm fears, Bishop Estévez has also dispensed all the Catholic faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass *until the suspension of Mass is rescinded*.

Parish Churches, Offices, Liturgies and Ministry Functions.

- **Mass.**
 - All public Masses are suspended in the churches and chapels of the Diocese of St. Augustine *until further notice*. (i.e., no weekday or Sunday public Masses)
 - Priests will still offer the Sacrifice of the Mass daily (but without participation by the faithful) for the needs of the Church and the world, especially as we face the present realities of the pandemic and the Mass will be offered for the intentions of the day.

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HOLY FAITH CATHOLIC CHURCH

At Holy Faith we follow the directives of our Bishop as obligated and carefully follow the CDC guidelines for safety and protection of all. Please read the following policies we have implemented:

- The suspensions include Daily and Sunday Masses, Confessions, Stations of the Cross and all public gatherings at Holy Faith.
- The Church will be open for private prayer daily from 10am to 7pm. Please use good judgment and discretion if you come to pray.
- The church office will be open from 10am-3pm, Monday thru Friday to serve your needs. We ask if possible to call first, and if you get a voicemail, leave a message on extension 100. That extension will be monitored every morning and during the day, and messages will be emailed or texted to the staff member who can assist with the requests. We want everyone to know that we are here to assist our parishioners and for you to know that we are reachable at all times. If the call is an urgent emergency need after hours, please call 352-491-5146.
- As safety is our top concern, we have also suspended all meetings and gatherings on the church property. Please contact the members of your ministries, and any fellow parishioners you know who may not read emails or use the internet for communications, so they too can be informed of these current policy directives.
- The bulletin will continue to be available online on our website and on our app. Please stay connected and look for detailed timely information on our website, in our E-Newsletter and at myparishapp by checking regularly.
- Now is a good time to download myParish App to access your bulletin and much more. To download the app, text the word “app” to 88202. Once installed, select Holy Faith Catholic Church and access is complete. Be sure to accept notifications.
- We will continue to update you as information comes in. Of course we are following the CDC guidelines very closely.

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- Please continue to pray and stay safe.
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