

St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church



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Dear Parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua:

Christ's Peace be with you!

Archbishop Miller has weighed the gravity of the current corona virus situation, which is worsening daily, and he clearly affirms the directives of the public health authorities regarding public gatherings, and that they must be carefully followed.

After deep personal prayer and reflection, I have decided to suspend all public Masses in our parish until further notice. Rest assured, however, that I will remember you and your families and your intentions, as I privately offer Mass each day as per the regular week day schedule.

Please take note that there will be a change of schedule to having only one Mass on Sundays, celebrated at 10 a.m., until further notice.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, and being unable to participate in person is a deprivation keenly felt by the faithful. However, I feel that it is our moral responsibility to help in the containment of the virus, and we must do all we can to stop its further spread by maintaining social distancing and to self-isolate as much as possible.

Please watch your email inboxes because I will be providing frequent updates and current information. May the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph continue to protect us until this virus is defeated, and we are able to once again celebrate the Eucharist as one community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dennis O. Flores'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large initial 'D' and 'F'.

Fr. Dennis O. Flores
Pastor