



St. Agnes + Our Lady of Fatima Parish

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Dear Parish Family and Friends,

We find ourselves in times like none other any of us have experienced. The rapid and widespread impact of the Corona Virus has changed our world and lives forever, especially for those who have died and their families who grieve their passing. We keep them and all who suffer the effects of this pandemic in our prayers.

As a Catholic Church Family, we will observe those directives set in place by the Governor of the State of Ohio, the Ohio Catholic Bishops' Conference, and the leadership of the Diocese of Cleveland. To slow the spread of the Corona Virus and curb exposure, St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima will observe the following effective March 13, 2020.

- 1. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass on March 15, 22, and 29 is suspended. Therefore, anyone who is ill or at high risk of becoming ill (persons age 60 and over) from the Flu or the Corona Virus should not come to Mass on Sunday for the rest of March.** The mass is available on TV on Fox 8 Sunday morning at 6am and on EWTN at 8am and 12 noon. We will make our best effort to record and post Sunday Mass to our website at www.saolf.org.
2. The Sign of Peace is omitted at the beginning of Mass and at the Lamb of God. We are encouraged to greet and welcome, but with minimal physical contact.
3. The Baptismal Font and Holy Water in the Sacristy have been emptied and sanitized. Should you need Holy Water, please see one of the priests or deacon to bless fresh water in an appropriate container.
4. Communion from the cup is suspended immediately until otherwise directed by the Diocese. Communion on the tongue is discouraged as a courtesy and precaution to others who will receive communion after you.
5. All unnecessary meetings are postponed or cancelled. The exception to this is choir rehearsal as deemed necessary by the director.
6. The Tuesday hot meal will occur this week as take out only in prepared containers. Additional volunteers who are at less risk would be most appreciated.

7. Wash hands with soap and water before coming to church and if possible upon arrival. Ministers will use hand sanitizer immediately before distribution of Holy Communion. All ministers should wash hands with soap and water after Mass.
8. While contrary to our spirit, fellowship after church should be kept to a minimum as we leave worship. At the direction of the State, large congregating groups over 100 are suspended. Worship is the exception to the Governor's decree, but extended gatherings increase risk of possible exposure.

While these precautions are much to tend to, they are rooted in many common sense things we already know in flu and cold season. Exercise good judgement, wash hands with soap and water, and avoid close contact with others.

Thank you for your cooperation and please continue to pray for those who are sick, their families, and their caregivers. May the Divine Physician grant us healing and protection from this and every other illness. Please know of my prayers for us all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rev. Robert Marva, OFM Cap." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Rev. Robert Marva, OFM Cap.
Pastor