



March 17, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Last evening we were informed that all public Masses in the Archdiocese would be suspended until April 6. Below is the directive from Archbishop Carlson, in conjunction with recommendations from civil authorities. Immacolata Church will be open for private prayer as follows:

Monday – Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

“In order to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community, I am mandating the suspension of all public Masses in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, beginning with Masses following this communication today, March 16, 2020. Pending updates and guidance from local and state government and health officials, we have preliminary plans to resume Masses beginning April 6; however, we will re-evaluate at a later date. At this time, all churches are to remain open to individuals for personal prayer, devotions and confessions. As with my directive on March 15 to close schools, this decision has not been made lightly. However, caring for both our physical and spiritual health go hand-in-hand, and the health, safety and overall well-being of the people of the archdiocese is my first priority. All public celebrations of the liturgy, as well as Liturgy of the Hours, Stations of the Cross, and all other group services, Bible studies and activities are to cease beginning immediately. The dispensation I have offered for all Catholics in our archdiocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is now extended through April 5.”

During the current coronavirus crisis, we are all doing what we can to limit the spread of infection. As Americans we have faced crises like this before; we can successfully meet this challenge too. As Catholics we give assistance wherever possible and offer prayerful intercession.

Msgr. Vernon Gardin