

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

As a Church, one of our sacred duties is to look after the health and safety of our community.

Part of that duty is to help prevent and respond to infectious diseases that may be of concern.

In light of growing global unease about the COVID-19 Coronavirus, every parish in the Archdiocese is asked to implement the following precautionary measures to help prevent the transmission of any virus:

1. Please stay home from Mass if you are experiencing any signs of illness. This is also cold/flu season, and especially in light of concerns about Coronavirus, an individual does not commit any sin by avoiding Mass to protect others from potential spread of illness.
2. Starting immediately, we will suspend the practice of shaking hands during the Sign of Peace and holding hands during the Lord's Prayer. At the Sign of Peace you may bow, give a wave, or a verbal greeting instead.
3. We have emptied all holy water fonts. Hand sanitizer will be available at the church entrances.
4. We will also suspend offering the Cup of the Most Precious Blood during Holy Eucharist, out of an abundance of caution. Please remember that the Consecrated Host is the full Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ, so you do not need to receive from the Cup in order to achieve full Communion with Christ.

Hopefully these measures will be temporary, and we thank you all for your cooperation and understanding.

Please continue to practice good hygiene in your home and workplace, and please pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering at this time.

Note: this statement was read out at all Masses on February 29th -March 1st.