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Dear Faithful Parishioners of St. Mariana de Paredes:

UPDATE REGARDING CORONAVIRUS – CHANGES TO PROGRAMS

I pray that this message finds you healthy and well. Today we received notice from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles that the Archbishop has dispensed faithful Catholics from the obligation to attend Mass for the next three weekends (through the end of March). Dispensation from the obligation means that it is not a sin should you choose to stay home. Please be advised that **MASS HAS NOT BEEN CANCELED**. Sunday Masses will continue to be celebrated on the regular schedule. However, please be advised that parishioners attending the 9:45 and 11:30 am Masses will be split between the church and the Parish Hall in an effort to avoid large crowds. We gratefully anticipate your expected cooperation.

However, it should be noted that for the next two weeks, the school will be closed. In addition, until further notice, we will cancel all religious education classes, Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings, music practices and other gatherings as well. This includes all meetings of ministry groups, the weekly Adoration service, regularly scheduled confessions and upcoming Penance Services. The Parish Office hours will be changed during this period and we will close at 5:00 pm daily, Monday through Friday. However, if you are in urgent need for confession, please call or email the Parish Office directly and we will coordinate a private appointment with me or Fr. Miguel for this purpose. For those of you who have already scheduled sacraments, such as baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc. please be advised that those will be held.

We are in uncertain times with this pandemic and it is a scary reality for all, including us in the Church. Let us pray for the healing of the people of God all over the world. The actions we are taking are to ensure the protection of everyone, most especially the elderly and the health compromised. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Please know that as decisions are made by the government and the Archdiocese, more changes may be forthcoming. Like everything else, by working and praying together, we will get through this period. If you have any questions, please contact me.

In the name of our Blessed Mother and our patroness, St. Mariana de Paredes, I am sincerely yours in Christ,

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