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Dear Father,

May God bless you! I have a Tuesday update this week.

Many of you have inquired about arrangements for Christmas due to the continuing importance of social distancing and the numbers of the faithful that attend Christmas Masses.

For Christmas Eve only, I am suspending the liturgical directive about the earliest time a vigil Mass can be held, and you may hold vigil Masses beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. This will allow you to add Masses if that is possible in your situation. The suspension only applies to Christmas 2020 and not to regular weekend vigil Masses during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for your continued good work and outreach during this COVID-19 pandemic.

As always, you are in my prayers.

Fraternally yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.  
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