



ST. MARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH | ESCONDIDO
EXPERIENCING CHRIST—LOVING AND SERVING NEIGHBORS

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ACTIONS FOR CATHOLICS

The COVID-19 pandemic has limited our livelihoods, reduced our freedoms and shut down our ability to freely practice our Catholic faith. Everyone wants to comply with the “mandates” defined by local, state and Federal Governments, but the beginning of phases are required to restore some semblance of normalcy to our lives.

The past 2 months have been extremely difficult for everyone. Parishioners can no longer participate or practice their faith in community. Gathering to celebrate Mass is currently prohibited. The celebration of sacraments such as baptisms, marriages and funerals have required rescheduling or cancellation to comply with government imposed rule.

I encourage Catholics to voice their concerns regarding their inability to practice or participate in their faith contrary to our First Amendment Rights. We must always take precautions to maintain our physical health, but we must also maintain and nurture our spiritual health which should be even more important.

I encourage you to please take a moment to write a brief letter to the following officials asking them to consider new guidelines allowing religious worship and gatherings in restricted numbers depending on size of building or even outside where more space is available.

New guidelines are necessary to ease the opening of society and businesses and they should include wording to allow religious worship.

Remember to always be courteous in all your communications.

**Governor of California
Governor Gavin Newsom**

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**Mayor of Escondido
requesting his support to
reduce the guidelines
limiting religious gatherings
in our city.**

Paul “Mac” McNamara
Mayor of Escondido

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**Chief of Escondido Police
Department expressing
gratitude for allowing St
Mary to conduct a
procession of the
Blessed Sacrament on
the roads of our
parochial jurisdiction.**

Edward R. Varso
Escondido Chief of Police

Email:
evarso@escondido.org

**Bishop of San Diego asking
him to work with local
government and health
department to reopen
public Mass celebrations
following specific safety
guidelines.**

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P.O. Box 85728
San Diego, CA 92186-5728

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858-490-8300 (Main Line)
858-490-8272 (Fax)

Of course, if you are ill or in a vulnerable health situation or suspect you are, please stay home and recover.

Thank you for your support.