

THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

March 19, 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Throughout the Dioceses and within the State of Florida, effective at the end of today, regularly scheduled celebration of Masses and other liturgical events for the faithful in parish churches, and other public sanctuaries are suspended until after Easter, when the situation can be re-evaluated, in cooperation with efforts to contain the spread of the virus (COVID-19).

Therefore, the faithful and visitors to the Diocese are dispensed from any obligation to attend Mass during this period

The following are also new limitations:

- Visitation to churches to pray - **suspended**
- Baptisms will only be celebrated in cases of emergency, or by appointment with immediate family only
- Anointing of the Sick should only be requested in genuine need for the dying
- Funeral/Memorial Masses and Funeral Services will be limited to immediate family only, (those who are not sick) with a cap of 30 people in the Church. At the Funeral Home in small rooms limited to 10 people.
- Weddings limited to immediate family, with limited attendance, and will be held in the Church
- Parish and Social events, as well as ministry gatherings - **suspended**
- For emergency situations, parishioners are invited to communicate with a Priest, Deacon, or available staff by phone or by email.
- **Confessions will be held outdoors at the Chapel and South Entrance of the Church (beginning Friday, March 20).** Please follow the signs and stay in the car line and in your vehicle. Times for Confessions will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8-9am and 6-7pm, and Saturdays from 9-10am.

Beginning Monday March 23 - St. Andrew will offer TV Mass Monday thru Saturday at 9am - Live Stream on Facebook at

[facebook.com/StAndrewCatholicChurchRCC](https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewCatholicChurchRCC)

and view anytime of the day on our Website www.standrewrcc.org

The Diocese will offer TV Mass on Sunday which airs at 10:30am on WFTX FOX 4 in Cape Coral

The Catholic Faithful are humbly asked to continue their generous support for our Parishes, Schools, Catholic Charities, and the Diocese.

Let us all take courage and trust in God during this time of many challenges, and look out for our family and neighbors.