

January 3, 2021

Dear Assumption Parish Community,

Thank you for all your prayers and offer of assistance as the priests of Assumption have had to quarantine. Fortunately, none of us have suffered a serious case of the virus. Fr. Patrick has completed his quarantine and will be back to celebrating public Masses Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>. Assuming my symptoms continue to diminish I should be back to public ministry by later this week, and fortunately so far, Msgr. appears to have completely avoided the virus and will just be finishing out his quarantine per the direction of the St. Charles County Department of Public Health, and be back to public ministry next Sunday.

While we were fortunate and experienced only relatively mild symptoms from the virus, we realize this is not always the case. We will continue to take all of our precautionary practices to minimize the risk of spreading the virus and also remind those that are at greatest risk that the dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass is still in place and that our live-streamed Sunday Masses will resume again next weekend.

As we all continue through these challenging times, we have had generous parishioners who have offered to help those who need someone to grocery shop for them, especially the elderly, or someone who needs a meal or two. Or, if you are someone who would like to assist in this way, please call the parish office: (636)240-3721 and hit extension 247.

I am sorry that we were unable to offer public Masses at Assumption this past weekend but there is no reason to expect we will not be back to our regular schedule of public Masses for this coming weekend.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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