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Dear Parishioners,

As you are aware from watching the news, the current situation regarding Covid 19 is changing daily as new information is made available to us. Last evening our Bishop released new directives that stated that all masses are to be celebrated privately. This means that all masses are closed to the general public. The obligation to attend mass has been removed. All mass intentions will continue to be said but in a private mass celebrated by Fr. Dick or myself. The churches will be open for private prayer during the day.

While this is a drastic and unprecedented move, it will serve to allow us to fulfill the directive of our bishop that Masses and the Eucharist continue to be celebrated for the intentions of all the faithful, and, remain compliant with the guidelines set forth by our President and the CDC to limit people in any one place.

I encourage all of you to watch the mass on television. Masses that are televised (EWTN Channel 36, Boston Catholic Television, etc.) or live streamed by computer (www.watchthelive.com) or broadcast by radio are specifically designed to be available for the sake of the people who are homebound.

It is encouraged that during this confinement we make use of any of these broadcasts of the Catholic Mass for participation during this time when unable to attend. Prepare for the Mass or make a thanksgiving after the Mass by praying the Rosary.

After each Our Father say:

“Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us.”

“Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us.”

“Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.”

“Queen of Peace, pray for us.”

Then continue with the Hail Mary’s for that decade of the Rosary.

I will be available for the Sacrament of the Sick as needed, please call the parish at 267-8174. As the parish offices will be closed at this time, please use the emergency feature on the answering service in order to receive the Sacrament.

Together let us continue to pray for each other, for our Nation and the world for healing, for peace and an end to this pandemic. In the words of Jesus Christ, "Do not be afraid!" (Lk 5:10)

God bless,

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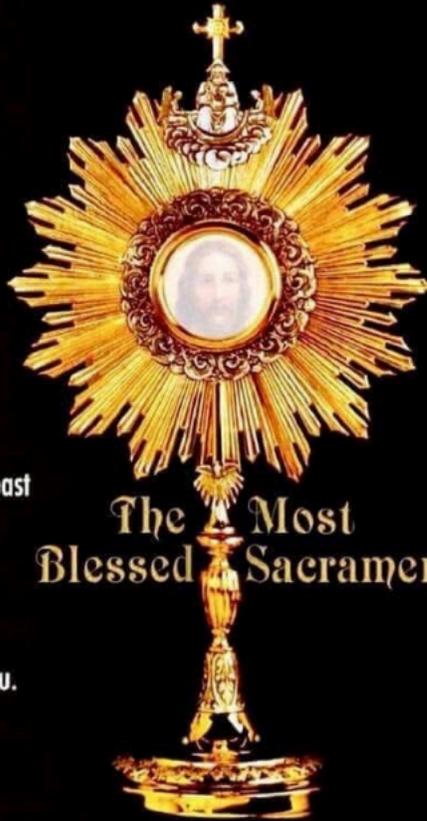
BODY + BLOOD + SOUL + DIVINITY

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all
things, and I desire to
receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You
were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.



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The Most
Blessed Sacrament

*O my God, my only hope, I have placed all my trust in You,
and I know I shall not be disappointed. (Diary, 317)*