

Dear Redeemer Family:

We are unaware of any immediate threat to our parish family from COVID-19, but we believe a pro-active, practical, and pastoral approach is warranted.

Because we are a parish with a large number of weekend worshipers, and we take seriously our Lord's instruction to "love your neighbor as yourself," we will follow the available guidelines for faith communities published by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Those guidelines are available by [clicking here](#).

We are taking the following temporary steps:

- Professional cleaning, sanitizing and virus-killing protocols will take place in all campus areas.
- No in-person parish activities or worship, whether on-site or off-site, will take place after 5:00 PM today. We are developing a plan to continue services, either in-person or online next week, and we will update you Sunday evening. The parish office will close at 5:00 PM today, and we will assess reopening the parish office after professional cleaning is complete.
- Because the worship of Almighty God is at the very core of our common life, and we have the digital capability, we are excited to send a link in a subsequent email for a special, clergy-led online liturgy this weekend. Please continue to monitor the website for prayer and Christian formation resources during this temporary interruption of parish life.
- If you need to reach a priest, please call (941) 955-4263. You may also email any member of the clergy; click here for a [directory](#)
- We will actively monitor this situation and communicate responsibly and transparently in the days ahead.

Below, you can find additional resources that you may find helpful:

- [A message from Bp. Curry](#)
- The website for the [Florida Department of Public Health](#)
- [The CDC website](#)
- [The Daily Office online](#)
- [Your parish website](#)

We are greatly saddened we will not gather as a parish family for Mass, but we are confident that this situation is temporary. You should know that we are not afraid of the future whatsoever, and we trust completely in God's loving protection. The words of our Lord Jesus Christ are timely: "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (St. John 14:27).

We remain yours in the Lord's service,

Janet Trefry, Senior Warden, Fr. Charleston, Fr. Chris, Fr. Ralph, Fr. Dick, Fr. Mario

