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Dear Parish Family,

What a difference a day can make! I am sure many of you by now have heard or seen Cardinal DiNardo's letter concerning the relaxation of restrictions for our parishes. You can read it by going to <http://www.archgh.org> and click on "COVID-19 Updated Protocols".

I thought it would be good to review our practices starting this weekend as it relates to the Cardinal's letter. In summary:

- The current mass schedule will remain the same. Saturday / Sunday Mass times are 5:30pm, 8:00am and 10:00am. Daily Mass schedule will be Tuesday through Friday at 8:30am.
- Masks will not be required to attend mass but per the Cardinal, are encouraged. Let us respect each other's decision in this respect.
- Social distance requirements are also removed but let us be mindful of the comfort level of those around us in terms of distancing.
- The obligation to attend mass on Sundays and Holy Days is still dispensed and as such the 10:00am will be live streamed on YouTube. All weekend masses can be viewed in the Hall for those folks not yet comfortable to be in the smaller church but again there is no requirement to wear a mask in the hall.
- The temporary suspension of receiving Holy Communion under the appearance of wine remains in effect.
- For the time being, there will not be a collection taken at every mass, but we ask that you continue to use the method you generously have been doing to support the parish. There will continue to be a basket at the entrance for those who wish to contribute in that manner. In time and as ministries gear up, we will resume the collection basket.
- Other instructions, like distribution of communion and the sign of peace will be explained at the mass.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue to be celebrated in the church cry room on Tuesdays at 5:00pm and Saturdays at 4:00pm
- Adoration for the time being will remain in the church with the current schedule.
- The use of holy water fonts and stoups is still suspended. But as always, you can bring small holy water bottles in to be filled as needed.