



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MEMPHIS
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Dear Faithful CDOM Family,

As we know, the COVID-19 pandemic is a state and national emergency and a local civil emergency. The health and safety of all God's parishioners and neighbors are the Catholic Diocese of Memphis most important concern and, across the entire Diocese, we continue to pray for the healing presence of the Lord. Please continue to take care of yourself, your family and neighbors (social distancing in mind) with constant prayer.

Please see the latest communications from Bishop David P. Talley on our CDOM website and social media, which are two videos—one on Hope and the other on Faith. Also, on our website and social media are updated Mass schedules, daily messaging from Bishop Talley, the latest information on our Catholic Schools and what Catholic Charities and the Knights of Columbus are doing to collect food for those in need. Stay tuned for an announcement on CDOM evening spiritual exercises we can do from our homes starting Monday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Bishop Talley and Diocese leaders continue to keep up-to-speed on the COVID-19 pandemic and any latest recommendations from our governments—Shelby County, Tennessee and the U.S. Our governments worldwide continue to work together to limit the spread of COVID-19 and they are very working hard at developing effective treatments for the virus. Here is one of the latest links from the Centers of Disease Control & Prevention:

cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html?s_cid=+fb_covid_19

At the Catholic Center...

Bishop Talley, assisted by his Vicar General Fr. Robert W. Marshall, Jr. and the Diocese leadership, decided to close our Catholic Center for deep cleaning of the building. The Catholic Center will re-open Monday, March 23.

"Our Diocese of Memphis has people of all ages and backgrounds in our care," said Bishop Talley. "It's especially critical that we pray and strive to be the best of neighbors and institute responsible measures that protect our faith communities, our schools, our parish religious education programs, the people who serve in our institutions and all our lay missionaries."

If you have any questions about the information provided, please call or e-mail us. We are available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. Please stay safe. God bless!

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About Catholic Diocese of Memphis

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis was established in 1971 and presently consists of 47 parishes and missions with 10 Catholic schools in four deaneries across 15 counties in West Tennessee. More than 70,000 Catholics make this diverse, vibrant, and faith-filled diocese their home. Led by Bishop David P. Talley, the Diocese of Memphis is committed to helping the faithful encounter the living Christ through conversion, communion, service and unity. The Diocese of Memphis respectfully serves all God's children, regardless of their religious beliefs, socio-economic status or ethnic background. Please visit us at cdom.org.