

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
7190 U.S. Highway 17 South
Green Cove/Fleming Island, Fl. 32003

From Bishop Felipe J. Esteves, Bishop of St. Augustine, Fl.

The church must do its part to support medical and governmental efforts to blunt the effects of the novel coronavirus. The premise is to break the chain of physical contact by which this contagion propagates. Ideas and actions pertaining to limiting numbers of people in groups and the best thoughts of the Florida bishops, Diocesan Director of Liturgy, as well as pastors and other priests of the Diocese of St. Augustine Presbyteral Council who have recommended these actions for use in our diocese.

- Dispensation from Sunday Mass Bishop Estevez dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass indefinitely until rescinded. There is no definitive date at this time.
- All public Masses are suspended until further notice. **Mass celebrated by a priest is only without the physical presence or participation of the faithful.**
- Broadcasts of Mass such as the live streaming or posting on the parish website is encouraged and in this specific case the time and web address must certainly be advertised. **Sunday Mass from Sacred Heart will be at 9:00 a.m., and found on facebook.com/Sacred Heart Fleming Island/.** Weekday Mass is still to be determined. Monitor our web site and parish app.
- **Sacraments.** Funeral Masses will be suspended. Only graveside services are permitted. Memorial Masses may be celebrated at a later time. Baptisms, unless emergency, should be delayed until a later date. Confession may be by appointment with a priest. Confirmation dates are cancelled pending the bishop's new schedule. R.C.I.A. classes are cancelled.
- Home visitation should be delayed unless an emergency. Anointing also for emergency. **Priests and ministers have an obligation to stay healthy.**
- The church will be open during the usual hours of 8:30 to 3:30, until further notice. Please use hand sanitizer – your own or supplied at the door –as you would at most stores.
- The parish office for now will follow usual office hours as staff is available.
- If you wish to continue weekly contributions, they may be dropped off at the office. Most of all pray for our community, our country and our world. Check on neighbors.