



## SPECIAL NOTIFICATION REGARDING COVID-19 CASE

Dear Parishioners,

During the ongoing pandemic, our parish has strived to keep the wellbeing of our parish community at the center of all our planning and decisions. As challenging as these times are, we are committed to proper safety measures, transparent communication, and responsibly adapting to emerging circumstances.

It has come to our attention that an individual in attendance at the **11:00 am Mass at St Mary Magdalen Mission, last Sunday, October 4**, has since tested positive for the coronavirus (COVID-19). This individual reached out to the parish and advised they are currently quarantining at home. In accordance with the safety precautions required by the parish, the individual remained socially distanced from other parishioners and was wearing a facemask while in attendance at the Mass. Our parish leadership has been in communication with Archdiocesan officials to ensure that all necessary follow-up procedures are undertaken in an efficient manner. The Mission is always cleaned and sanitized after each Mass on Sundays and after recorded Masses during the week. Additionally, we had the Mission undergo a thorough, extra cleaning and sanitization today.

We encourage those who attended the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, October 4, at St Mary Magdalen Mission, especially those who fall into a vulnerable category and are at greater risk for exposure to COVID-19, to actively monitor your health and be alert to any of the major symptoms of the virus, including but not limited to, fever, cough, sore throat and shortness of breath. Should any concerning symptoms appear, please do not hesitate to contact your medical professional or, if severe, call 911. Should you or a member of your household who were at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, October 4, at St Mary Magdalen Mission, receive a positive coronavirus COVID-19 test, please alert the parish office at 410-838-6969 so that appropriate action can be taken.

We recognize that this news may generate concern, anxiety and hesitation for our parishioners, even those who may not have attended the Mass in question. We encourage everyone to wisely assess their own personal situation and to make decisions that will protect the health of all involved. The coronavirus remains a significant public health risk, and each of us has a responsibility to act safely based upon the most current information on hand. Once more, please recall that the Archbishop has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. We ask that our parish community continue to hold in prayer and solidarity all those suffering with COVID-19, most particularly those within our community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Kevin T. Schenning  
Pastor

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