1. Baptisms administered by the ordinary minister of the sacrament within the parish setting are to be de-
ferred, except in case of emergency. In these extreme instances, the faithful should contact a priest immedi-
ately.

2. Funeral Masses or services in the church or funeral home will no longer be conducted until further notice.
Burial prayers may be said in an open air setting in a cemetery, as long as proper distancing of the ten people
allowed by state regulation is maintained. They may not be held in a mortuary chapel. The family is to be as-
sured that a memorial Mass will be offered as soon as possible after restrictions are lifted.

3. Weddings are not allowed, unless absolutely necessary. If a wedding must take place for some serious rea-
son, only the bride, groom, two witnesses and the officiant may be present, all maintaining the proper physi-
cal distance. Permission to celebrate a wedding must be obtained from the office of the vicar general.

4. Individual confession may be offered upon request, as long as hygiene and physical distanc-
ing requirements are observed (i.e., a barrier between the penitent and the priest, such as a grille and cloth).

5. Holy Communion may be administered as viaticum only. The minister of communion must observe the
safety protocols dictated by the civil authorities for the prevention of the spread of infection. Masses in con-
vents will no longer be celebrated. The pastor or parochial vicar may consecrate a sufficient supply of hosts
for the chapel tabernacle. One of the sisters may be mandated as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Com-
munion. A proper ritual will be followed for the distribution of the Eucharist.

6. If a pastor chooses to keep the parish church open for prayer:
• Definite hours must be announced. 0630 - 600pm
• No public ceremonies such as the Mass or group devotions may take place so as to prevent any assembling
of people.
• Exposition may take place, but there is to be no Benediction or group devotions.
• The church must be cleaned and sanitized frequently in accord with the guidelines to prevent infection.

7. Parishes should suspend all office activity. Be certain that a priest can be reached in case of an urgent need
for the sacrament of the anointing of the sick and viaticum.

8. Parishioners who are in hospitals will be attended to by the Catholic chaplain on staff.