

Mass Precautions during the Coronavirus

Effective at St. John's as of Monday, March 2, 2020

The Archdiocese continues to monitor the spread of the coronavirus. Out of an abundance of caution, Cardinal Tobin has directed the following:

1.—Priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are urged to practice good hygiene, washing their hands before Mass begins or even using an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion, as is practiced in so many of our parishes already. *Such solution will be on credence table.*

2. Assure the faithful that if they are sick or are experiencing symptoms of sickness, they are not obligated to attend Mass, and even out of charity they ought not to attend.

3. The sign of peace should be exchanged without physical contact.

4. Distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful via the chalice is to be suspended.

Let us pray for scientists, health professionals and public officials as they meet the challenges of this virus, as well as those who contract the virus and their immediate families.