

March 6, 2020

Dear St. Monica Parish Parishioners,

I write this letter as concerns grow over the spread of the Coronavirus. Though it is understandable for us to be concerned about this disease, there is no need to panic. All public places are taking prudent steps to help prevent the spread of disease during this time of year when diseases are typically more prevalent. Considering the novel coronavirus this year, it is necessary to heighten our preventive measures and communicate information more frequently. Rest assured, the staff here at St. Monica Parish and School are taking steps to provide a healthy and safe environment for adults and children.

As you may already know, the Archdiocese of Seattle has issued precautionary measures to all parishes to help protect those who worship and come together in our churches, halls and schools. The staff at St. Monica Parish and School have implemented the following temporary measures:

1. Frequently touched surfaces in the church, school and offices are cleaned daily with disinfectants.
2. Bathrooms are cleaned daily and after the Sunday morning Masses with disinfectants.
3. All door handles in church vestibules are wiped down after every Mass on weekends by Ushers with disinfectant wipes.
4. Purell dispensers are in each vestibule.
5. Holy Water fonts have been emptied.

We are monitoring the situation daily through the Centers for Disease Control website, the Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce website and City/County Government websites. As of March 5, 2020, there are no reported Coronavirus cases on Mercer Island.

When present on campus, I respectfully ask for your help in minimizing any chance of spreading germs by refraining from shaking hands and covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing. If you are ill, please stay home.

Feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Respectfully,

Greg Mahoney

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