



*Message from Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update
March 13, 2020*

Peace be with all of you! We put our trust and faith in God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. With Jesus with us, we are not afraid, even in danger. I want us to pray for each other and the whole community of Galveston-Houston to do our part to be good agents and citizens and may the prayers of Our Lady of Guadalupe support us.

At this time when the faithful need to maintain some degree of normalcy in the midst of the current health crisis, the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is recommending that each parish continue to maintain their regular Mass schedules for all those who wish to participate, though **the obligation to attend Mass is being dispensed until further notice.**

The following individuals are asked to remain at home and not attend Mass:

- If you are currently ill;
- If you are suffering from a chronic health condition;
- If your immune system is compromised;
- If you are over the age of 60; or
- If you are uncomfortable attending Sunday Mass due to concerns over the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We provide for your use the following Prayer for the Archdiocese.



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus

Comfort us, O Lord, for we are like your disciples on the storm tossed seas,
unsettled by what lies ahead.

We turn to You, our Healer and Guide,
to still our hearts in our time of need and hear our prayer:

Heal those who are sick with the coronavirus and protect the elderly and most vulnerable.
Give strength to all who tend to our health and wisdom to researchers who work toward a cure.
Open our eyes and hearts, as you did during Hurricane Harvey, that we may look beyond our
immediate needs to care for others who need help.

Through the Holy Spirit, guide our leaders to make wise decisions for the welfare of all the
people they serve.

Grant eternal rest to those who have died from the virus.

May Mary, Our Mother, who has heard our pleas in the storms of our lives,
intercede to her Son, that we may find healing and a prompt end to this illness.

Mary, Star of the Sea, pray for us.

Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, heal us.