March 18, 2020

Beloved Parishioners of Mission Dolores Basilica,

I am sorry to share this with everyone that beginning yesterday, March 17, 2020, all scheduled weekday and Sunday masses are temporarily cancelled until further notice. The Old Mission Chapel will be open every day for personal prayer from 9:30am-4:00pm. Observe social distancing.

However, Archbishop Cordileone had asked pastors, or their delegates should celebrate the “Mass at which only one minister participates” GIRM, nn. 252-259 in their parish churches every day. This mass, known before as the private mass or mass without a congregation, will be only the priest and one altar server. In this way, Mass will continue to be celebrated in every parish while respecting the social distancing that is being urged on us. This mass will also enable the priests to offer the intentions of the donors. In addition, Archbishop had asked that the Masses be live-streamed, when possible. This would also give us priests the opportunity to continue to communicate with the parishioners in real-time with regards to some important matters such as the possibility of Holy Communion, Anointing of the Sick, Confessions and the upcoming celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Please visit our Parish Website, Facebook and Instagram accounts for the live-streamed, prayers and other updates.

Please know that I would remember you and your family in my prayers especially in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Thank you for your love, faith, and generosity.

Lastly, let us continue to take this Lenten time to pray to our Lord Jesus for healing and guidance and Divine protection and intervention. Let us ask the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary to shelter us with her blue mantle of protection.

Yours in Christ thru Mary,

[Signature]

Fr. Francis M. P. Garbo, Pastor

PS. We will also livestream our Sunday Masses: at 8am (English) and 9am (Spanish).
PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.