

Current Archdiocesan Guidelines for Sacraments and Christian Burial:

- All **Baptisms and Marriages are postponed** until further notice. Call Fr. Bill to request a Baptism in extreme circumstances.
- **Confirmation and First Communion** celebrations are on hold at present. We will notify teens and families if we need to reschedule these ceremonies.
- **Reconciliation.** The theology of this sacrament requires that it be celebrated in person; therefore, we cannot offer this sacrament until further notice. However, please remember that **an act of contrition and a resolve to celebrate the sacrament when possible is all that is required** to receive the grace of forgiveness during this time.
- **Anointing of the Sick.** If a request is made to anoint someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, Fr. Bill must refer the request to one of the priests that have been designated to perform these anointings. Fr. Bill remains available for all other anointings following certain safety guidelines that have been established. The first step in requesting the Anointing of the Sick is to contact the rectory.
- **Funeral Masses are postponed** until further notice. However, **a priest can preside at a funeral service in the funeral home or at the graveside**, provided that no more than 10 persons are present, including the priest and the funeral director.

Remember that we do all this as an act of compassion for those who may be at serious risk if we unintentionally contract the virus and communicate it to them.