



Very Reverend Daniel B. Carson

Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

Dear Brother in Christ,

I write today to provide you with updates and will continue to share with you information as needed.

CORRECTION: No “Two-for-One” Masses for Christmas or New Year’s

There was an error in the note that was sent yesterday regarding anticipated or “vigil” Masses for the weekends when Christmas and Mary, the Holy Mother of God, are celebrated.

Because the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, falls on a Saturday, it is NOT a holy day of obligation, so that portion of the note should be disregarded.

The part pertaining to Christmas is correct, because it is always a holy day of obligation, no matter what day of the week it may be. The corrected message is repeated again below. I apologize for the error.

No “Two-for-One” Masses for Christmas

This year Christmas falls on a Saturday. There is no “two-for-one” benefit of attending the Saturday night “vigil” Mass to fulfill Sunday’s Mass obligation. Christmas and Sunday (Holy Family) are two separate Mass obligations.

Please note that the Saturday night “vigil” Mass can fulfill the Sunday obligation if one has already attended a Christmas Eve Mass on Friday night or a Christmas Mass earlier in the day on Saturday. If one attends Christmas Mass earlier in the day on Saturday and then attends the “vigil” Mass on Saturday evening to fulfill Sunday’s obligation, you may hear the prayers and readings for Christmas twice.

So in making plans for Christmas, one must ask, “Which Mass will I attend for Christmas—a Mass on Christmas Eve, or on Christmas Day?” Then one must ask, “Which Mass will I attend for Sunday—a Mass on Saturday evening (after I have attended Mass on Christmas Eve or earlier on Saturday), or on Sunday itself?”

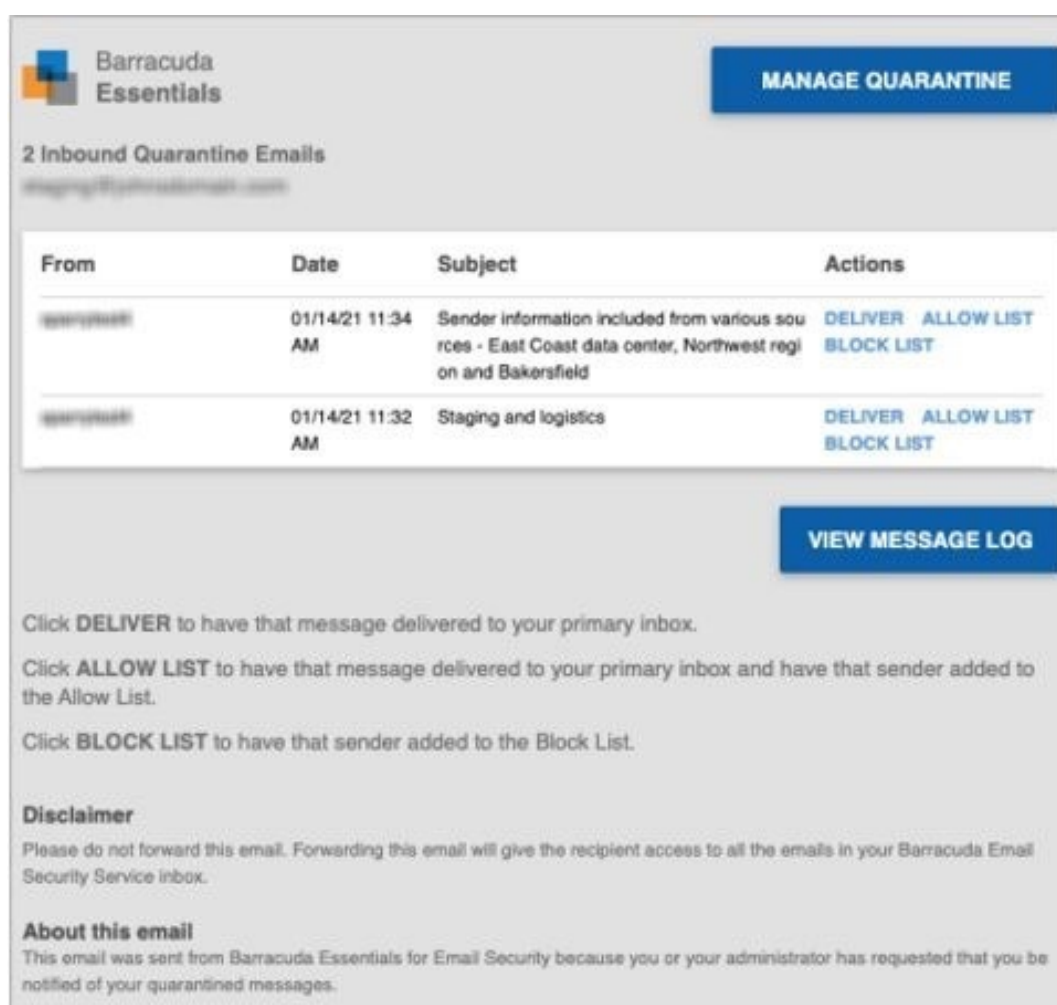
A few years ago the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship said, "the Church's intention in extending the possibility of meeting Mass obligations through vigil Masses, while intended to make it easier to fulfill obligations, was never envisioned as a legal loophole, and, hence, separate obligations remain. Aside from canonical requirements, it would be hoped, of course, that Catholics foster a love for the Sacred Liturgy and hold a desire to celebrate the holy days as fully as is reasonably possible."

Modification to Barracuda Spam Filter for adw.org Priest Email Accounts

As was communicated previously, our Barracuda spam filter was migrated to the cloud on Wednesday, October 20.

The migration to the cloud of our Barracuda will change the look of the email notification from Barracuda.

Please see the image below as an example:



Additionally, the migration to the cloud will change how you will log into Barracuda in the future. The accounts will be linked to the adw.org accounts in Microsoft 365. In short, you will not be able to log into Barracuda until your account has been migrated to Microsoft 365.

Until the migration to Microsoft 365, should you have messages in your quarantine inbox and you would like to deliver them, please contact the Helpdesk at it@adw.org for assistance. In the email request, we ask that you include the subject line, sender, and timestamp of the quarantined message.

If you have any questions regarding the Barracuda migration to the cloud, please contact ADW IT at it@adw.org.

Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan website is updated regularly. Please see adw.org/coronavirus for information related to the coronavirus, adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/ for a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, and cathstan.org and elpreg.org for the *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers.

As always, should you have questions or need assistance from my office and the Pastoral Center, please let us know.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am
Sincerely in Christ,
Very Reverend Daniel B. Carson
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