



Moderator of the Curia

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

Dear Brother in Christ,

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

Area Mask Requirements

Currently, face coverings are not required indoors at Mass and most parish settings in Calvert, Charles or St. Mary's Counties or in the District of Columbia.

Masks are required in indoor places in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

Also, the Catholic Schools Office still requires that masks be worn in the schools.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – January 1, 2022

The upcoming celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, on 1 January 2022, is not a holy day of obligation because it falls on a Saturday. Since it is not a day of obligation, any anticipated Mass celebrated on that Saturday evening will be for the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Epiphany, though a holy day of obligation in its own right elsewhere, is always celebrated on a Sunday in the United States, and Sundays are, of course, always holy days of obligation. Therefore, the Solemnity of the Epiphany would take precedence in an anticipated Mass for Sunday.

Retired Priests Collection

Thank you for your leadership and assistance in offering parishioners the opportunity to support the 2021 Retired Priests Collection online and at Mass the weekend of November 13-14. If you have not done so already, please remit checks and envelopes that were received at Mass or at the parish office as soon as possible, as donors making gifts via check and credit card will need them processed and acknowledged before the end of the year. If you need assistance, please email Joe Gillmer, Executive Director of Development, at gillmerj@adw.org or call (202) 805-3131.

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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
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia