

March 20, 2020

My dear brothers and sisters,

The Diocese of Columbus, in consultation from State health officials, and in light of the most recent restrictions and necessary precautions required for public spaces, have come to the determination that parishes are not equipped to meet those standards. As such, **it has been decided, for the sake of your physical well-being, to close off all access to churches and parish buildings.** No one is permitted to enter into any of these buildings at any time.

I am very sorry for this news and it pains me as well. Please stay home and pray with your family and stay tuned in to our live-streaming Masses and liturgies on our [YouTube page](#). We will do the best we can to bring you Christ. Together, with the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, we will get through this trying time.

Stay updated at [www.stcatharine.com](http://www.stcatharine.com).

Let us continue to pray this prayer composed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, each day until we're through this.

*O Mary,  
You always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.  
You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.*

In Christ,

Fr. Dury