

My dear Church family,

I know you are aware of the present public health crisis caused by the COVID-19 virus. At present we are unaware of anyone in our faith community who has contracted the virus. We want to make certain we are doing all we can to protect all members of our faith family. Our government has issued guidelines for large public gatherings You may find those guidelines by [clicking here.](#)

We will be taking the following temporary precautions:

- All areas of the Church will be professionally cleaned and sanitized
- We will temporarily suspend all in-person, corporate worship activities. We will rigorously monitor the situation and will resume public corporate worship when the situation warrants.
- We will work very hard to provide digital options for worship, devotion, and community building
- If you need to reach a priest, please call (941) 747-3709. You may also email me at rbaker@cecb.church or call (941) 730-4660.
- We will actively monitor this situation. We will communicate with you clearly and thoroughly.

You also may find the following websites helpful and informative:

- [A message from Bp. Curry](#)
- The website for the [Florida Department of Public Health](#)
- [The CDC website](#)
- [The Daily Office online](#)
- [The Christ Church Website](#)

Beloved, as you have often heard me say, now is not the time to panic. It is a time for sober responsible and loving action. Take care of yourself and your family. As you are able call your sisters and brothers in Christ, encourage them and pray with them. This Crisis is temporary and we will come through it stronger than we have ever been before. Remember, God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Gracious and Loving Father, Pity those who are afflicted, and who shall pass the night in wakefulness and pain. Help the tempted. Give peace to the troubled in mind. Be a Father to the fatherless, and a God of consolation to those who are desolate and oppressed. And give us all grace, that we may abound in charity one toward another and do good to all men, according to our Lord's example and commandment. *Amen.*

Grace and Peace

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