

20 November 2020

A Message from Bishop John Stowe To All the Faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington:

“As most of you are aware, Governor Beshear has recommended that houses of worship not have inperson services from now through December 13. Although our parishes will continue to celebrate mass with all of the safety restrictions already established, I encourage people to seriously consider worshipping from home, participating in streamed masses and/or praying, reading scripture, sharing faith with your families. We do not have to worship in person and the obligation to attend mass on Sundays and holy days is still suspended. We do have the divine commandment to keep holy the Lord’s Day and can do so in our own homes safely. I urge those who are elderly or who have conditions which reduce the capacity of their immune systems to stay home and join in virtual worship at this time. The less we are in crowds, especially indoors, the less the virus spreads. Please heed all of the directives for safe celebrations of Thanksgiving and consider it an expression of Christian charity to wear a mask whenever within six feet of another person or when indoors with others. The state’s directives now prohibit gatherings of larger than 25; as of today, this applies to all gatherings other than worship in our buildings. I remind you of the procedures in effect since the resumption of public worship in Diocese of Lexington 20 May 2020...”