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Dear St. John the Baptist Parish Family.

As many of you have already heard on the news, on face book, and by various e-mails, Bishop Braxton has suspended all Masses and other liturgical services in the diocese because of the coronavirus. This outbreak is stirring up anxiety, confusion and major inconveniences. Enclosed find the Bishop's letter.

As your pastor I urge you to look to your faith in the Lord Jesus who told his disciples "Do Not Be Afraid." Since we can't gather for Mass as a Parish Family, I urge you the "domestic Church," the first Church for your family to make time for prayer as a family. Go to the usccb website for the daily and Sunday readings. I have listed Mass times which are shown on TV as well as the Internet. (KTVI ch. 2.2 or ch.11 at 9 a.m.; Dish – ch. 46 & 216 at 8:30 a.m.; EWTN - 7 a.m. live or at 11 a.m. encore) One source on the internet is Daily Mass from Bishop Robert Baron's Chapel – www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass.

Your continued faithful support of our parish during these weeks is very important. You can drop your offering in the mail to the parish office, or go to our website www.sjbcatholicredbud.com and consider signing up for on line giving. If you want to get out just to go for a short drive, come by the Church. The Car Port door will be open on Saturday and Sunday if you want to stop in to pray. If you stop by Church you can drop your envelop in the offering box that stands in front of the Tabernacle. During the week you can always stop by the Church for the breezeway door between the rectory and Church is open from 7 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. everyday.

Since all events in the parish have been canceled, we will put on our website a modified bulletin, as well as on our Parish Facebook page. You'll also be able to pick up a copy on the table at the car port entrance.

I encourage you to be a positive calming influence to all you encounter. Don't spread rumors or hysteria, but find ways to support each other through this crisis. As I always tell you, remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved!

In prayer,

Fr. Dennis