Dear Parishioners,

We have received a memorandum from Archbishop Cordileone with instructions for pastors in response to the Public Health Order No. C19-07 to "shelter-in-place" for six Bay Area counties (San Francisco, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda and Contra Costa) for the purpose of containing the spread of the corona virus.

Pursuant to the Public Health Order, we regretfully announce that all Masses at St. Gabriel Church have been cancelled until April 7th, at which time the Archdiocese will reevaluate the situation. In addition, the following measures will be taken:

1. Fr. Tom will privately celebrate Mass each day and will fulfill each Mass intention.
2. Confessions will now be by appointment only. Please call the Parish Center to make an appointment.
3. All scheduled meetings in the Parish Center have been cancelled until further notice.
4. Funerals and weddings will be postponed, to the extent possible.
5. The Anointing of the Sick, which was scheduled for March 21st, has been cancelled.
6. The Parish Center Chapel will be open for parishioners to pray and reflect from Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, provided there are less than 10 people inside the room.
7. The Parish Center will be closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If you have an emergency, please call the Parish Center at 415-731-6161 and leave a message for Fr. Tom, extension 14. You may also call 510-393-8578.
8. If you have business with the Parish Center, we ask that you call first before coming in.

We know this is a financially trying time for families. It is an equally difficult challenge for the church. If you are at all able to contribute to the ongoing support of the church, we would be very grateful.

We understand that this news is very upsetting for everyone, especially those who have made a Lenten resolution to attend Mass daily. We are very sorry but we are bound by the orders of our government officials and take the threat of this pandemic very seriously.

For your information, each Sunday a Catholic TV Mass is aired on a number of TV channels throughout the Bay Area Dioceses, offered by Monsignor Harry Schlitt and Father Dave Ghiorso. The Catholic TV Mass focuses on our Catholic community for those who are homebound, residing in assisted living, hospitalized or imprisoned and unable to attend Mass at their parish church. You may find these Masses in the San Francisco area each Sunday on KTSF at 6:00 am or KOFY at 6:00 am online or any time at FatherHarry.org.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this stressful time. We will continue to pray for the health and safety of our parish community and for the rest of the world.

Fr. Tom and the Staff of St. Gabriel Church