

Cancellation of Masses at Abilene Catholic Churches

Bishop Michael Sis, Bishop of the San Angelo Diocese announced on March 17, 2020 at 4:48 p.m., that following the recommendation of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in order to slow the spread of the coronavirus disease, the following protocols are effective immediately in the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo

For the 2-week period of March 17 to March 31:

- **Public Masses in churches and chapels are temporarily suspended during this time period. Priests will continue to celebrate the Mass in private.**
- **Any Church activities involving gatherings of 10 or more people in the same room at the same time are to be cancelled or held virtually from March 17 to 31.**
- **Church members may still gather in small groups of fewer than 10 for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, etc., practicing social distancing.**
- **Upcoming Lenten Communal Penance Services are to be cancelled, but priests are to make times available for individual Confessions. (These times will be posted on the church doors).**

Please check the [Big Country Homepage Abilene](#) of Tuesday, March 17, 2020 for more information and the complete statement of Bishop Sis.

Thank you !