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Diocese of Colorado Springs cancels all public Masses effective March 13

COLORADO SPRINGS. Most Rev. Michael J. Sheridan of the Diocese of Colorado Springs announced that all public Masses in the diocese are canceled effective immediately through March 31 in order to prevent the further spread of coronavirus.

“In response to Governor Jared Polis’ directive that gatherings of more than 250 people should be avoided, I am joining with Archbishop Aquila of the Archdiocese of Denver and Bishop Berg of the Diocese of Pueblo in deciding that the public celebration of Mass will cease immediately, continuing until March 31,” Bishop Sheridan said. “While I regret this drastic action, I believe it is necessary to protect the health and safety of all in our diocese. All Catholic parishioners are dispensed from their obligation to attend Mass during this period and should confirm confession times with their local parishes. In addition, anyone who has questions about scheduling a wedding or funeral should contact their parish office.”

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