



Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

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Dear Parishioners:

I want to inform you that I tested positive on Tuesday for COVID-19. This past weekend, I did preside at all Masses at the churches in Parker, Poston, Wenden and Quartzsite. I also, presided at the daily Mass in Parker on Monday and Tuesday. I did distribute Communion at all Masses, following protocols

for distributing communion including wearing a mask and disinfecting my hands.

As you are aware, the parish and missions have many protocols in place, including wearing masks, disinfecting hands, and social distancing; all of which we, as a community, have been diligently practicing. I am hopeful that by following these protocols has prevented the spread of transmission from one to another. However, as a precaution, if anybody who attended any of these Masses is symptomatic, I urge you to get tested and self-quarantine until you receive your results.

Furthermore, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends contacting your doctor if you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and other symptoms, such as coughing or difficulty breathing. More information can be found at La Paz County Health Department's website at <https://www.lpchd.com>.

Due to my positive test, I will be taking the following steps:

- I will be in self-isolation for the next 10 days and I will not return to service until I test negative.
 - The Parish will be closed until further notice. There will be no Masses this weekend at any locations and daily Masses are also cancelled. Please check our website and Facebook page for further announcements and for information about live streaming of Mass.
 - I will be in communications with La Paz County Health Department and Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT)
 - We will be disinfecting all Churches and facilities
- As I will be continuing to pray for you, I ask for your prayers for our parish and our community, and for a swift end to this pandemic.

Many Blessings,

Father Martins Amana Edoka V.C.