

Response to new coronavirus infection (4th)

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The WHO has declared a global outbreak of new coronavirus infections, and a surge in infected people in Europe and the United States has been reported. In Japan, Tokyo, Kanagawa and Chiba prefectures have officially announced their call not to go out, and it is said that it is a very dangerous situation that extends to the cluster → the overshoot → the city lockdown.

Shizuoka Prefecture has 48 infected people, but we are warning people to observe hand washing and cough etiquette and avoid densely populated environments in small areas.

After considering the response at the Seishin District Church Chairperson's Meeting, we decided that it was most important at this time to avoid the spread of infection due to gathering ceremonies such as Mass, and that we would extend the cancellation **period of the public Mass until Sunday, May 31.**

Suspension: Public Sunday Masses on April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Weekday Masses and external meetings scheduled for the discontinued period.

As in the past, even if you are unable to participate in Sunday Mass due to the spread of the new coronavirus infection, you are exempt from the obligation to participate in mass as follows by the guidelines of the Head of the Diocese of Yokohama. We recommend that you bring "The Bible and Liturgy", to read and meditate. Also, please pray for those who have died from this new coronavirus infection and those who are still suffering. I hope that the new coronavirus will come to an end as soon as possible, and I pray together.

In prayer

Nobuhiko Wano, priest in charge of the Joint Mission of The Seishin District