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MEMORANDUM

To: All Priests and Pastoral Administrators

From: Bishop Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester + *Salvatore R. Matano*

Date: April 15, 2020, *Wednesday of the Easter Octave*

Re: *Mass in Time of Pandemic*

As mentioned in my Memorandum of April 1, 2020, (cf. #7), Pope Francis has granted permission to celebrate the *Mass in Time of Pandemic*, in accord with the usual guidelines for the use of Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, for use as we pray for a swift end to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Please note that in accord with the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 374, this Mass may be used “**for the duration of this pandemic**” on any day **except the following**:

- Solemnities;
- Sundays of Advent;
- Sundays of Lent;
- Sundays of Easter;
- Days within the Octave of Easter;
- Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day);
- Ash Wednesday;
- Days of Holy Week.

Please note that “During Easter Time, “*Alleluia*” is added to the Entrance Antiphon and Communion Antiphon....”

In accord with the rubrics of the *Roman Missal*, this Mass “may be said with the color proper to the day or the liturgical time (white), or with the color violet...” since it has “a penitential character.” (cf. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 347.)

Attached please find the orations and readings for this Mass.

Be assured of my continued prayers for your good health and my gratitude for your dedicated ministry, asking the Risen Christ to strengthen us in faith.



CONGREGATIO DE CULTU DIVINO
ET DISCIPLINA SACRAMENTORUM

Prot. N. 156/20

DECRETUM de Missa in tempore universalis contagii

A peste perambulante in tenebris, non timebis (cf. Ps 90, 5-6). Hæc psalmistæ verba exhortant ad fiduciam magnam fidelis caritatis Dei servandam, qui numquam populum suum in tempore tribulationis deserit.

His diebus, cum virus v.d. *Covid-19* graviter totum orbem terrarum arripit, ad hoc Dicasterium multiples pervenerunt petitiones ut Missa peculiaris ad finem huius universalis contagii a Deo impetrandam celebrari posset.

Hac de causa hæc Congregatio, vigore facultatum a Summo Pontifice FRANCISCO tributarum, concedit ut Missa in tempore universalis contagii celebrari possit omnibus diebus, exceptis sollemnitatibus, dominicis Adventus, Quadragesimæ et Paschæ, diebus infra octavam Paschæ, Commemoratione omnium fidelium defunctorum et feriis IV Cinerum et Hebdomadæ sanctæ (cf. *Institutio generalis Missalis Romani*, n. 374), quamdiu universale contagium perdurabit.

Formularium Missæ huic Decreto adnectitur.

Contrariis quibuslibet minime obstantibus.

Ex ædibus Congregationis de Cultu Divino et Disciplina Sacramentorum, die 30 mense martii 2020.



Robertus Card. Sarah

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Præfectus

+ *Arturus Roche*

✠ Arturus Roche
Archiepiscopus a Secretis

Prot. N. 156/20

DECREE
on the Mass in Time of Pandemic

The plague that prowls in the darkness you will not fear (cf. Ps 90, 5-6). These words of the psalmist are an invitation to have great faith in the steadfast love of God who never abandons his people in time of trial.

In these days, during which the whole world has been gravely stricken by the Covid-19 virus, many requests have come to this Dicastery to be able to celebrate a specific Mass to implore God to bring an end to this pandemic.

Therefore this Congregation, in virtue of the faculties granted to it by the Supreme Pontiff FRANCIS, gives permission to celebrate the Mass in Time of Pandemic, on any day except Solemnities, the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, days within the Octave of Easter, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), Ash Wednesday and the days of Holy Week (cf. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, n. 374), for the duration of the pandemic.

The text of the Mass formulary is attached to this Decree.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 30 March 2020.

Robert Card. Sarah
Prefect

✠ Arthur Roche
Archbishop Secretary

IN TEMPORE UNIVERSALIS CONTAGII

Assumi possunt lectiones Missæ In quacumque necessitate.

- LECTIO I** (OLM 938, n. 2) **Lam 3**, 17-26: « *Bonum est praestolari cum silentio salutare Domini* ».
Repulsa est a pace anima mea...
Omissis litteris hebraicis Vau, etc.
- PS. RESP.** (OLM 940, n. 1) **Ps 79**, 2ac et 3b. 5-7
R/. (4b): *Illustra faciem tuam, Domine, et salvi erimus.*
- vel:*
- LECTIO I** (OLM 939, n. 2) **Rom 8**, 31b-39: « *Neque mors neque vita poterit nos separare a caritate Dei* ».
Fratres: *Si Deus pro nobis...*
- PS. RESP.** (OLM 940, n. 3) **Ps 122**, 1-2a. 2bcd
R/. (3a): *Miserere nostri, Domine, miserere nostri.*
vel (2cd): *Oculi nostri ad Dominum, donec misereatur nostri.*
- V/. ANTE EV.** (OLM 941, n. 2)
VEL ALLELUIA **2 Cor 1**, 3b-4a: *Benedictus Pater misericordiarum et Deus totius consolationis, qui consolatur nos in omni tribulatione nostra.*
- EVANG.** (OLM 942, n. 2) **Mc 4**, 35-41: « *Qui putas est iste, quia et ventus et mare oboediunt ei?* ».
In illa die, cum sero esset factum, ait Iesus discipulis suis:
Transeamus...

IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

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Entrance Antiphon

Is 53:4

Truly the Lord has borne our infirmities,
and he has carried our sorrows.

Collect

Almighty and eternal God,
our refuge in every danger,
to whom we turn in our distress;
in faith we pray
look with compassion on the afflicted,
grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners,
healing to the sick, peace to the dying,
strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders
and the courage to reach out to all in love,
so that together we may give glory to your holy name.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we offer
in this time of peril.
May they become for us, by your power,
a source of healing and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 11:28

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

O God, from whose hand we have received
the medicine of eternal life,
grant that through this sacrament
we may glory in the fullness of heavenly healing.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

O God, protector of all who hope in you,
bless your people, keep them safe,
defend them, prepare them,
that, free from sin and safe from the enemy,
they may persevere always in your love.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Hæc Missa celebrari potest, iuxta rubricas Missarum et Orationum pro variis necessitatibus vel ad diversa, omnibus diebus, exceptis sollemnitatibus, dominicis Adventus, Quadragesimæ et Paschæ, diebus infra octavam Paschæ, Commemoratione omnium fidelium defunctorum et feriis IV Cinerum et Hebdomadæ sanctæ.

Ant. ad introitum

Is 53, 4

Vere languóres nostros ipse tulit
et dolóres nostros ipse portávit.

Collecta

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus,
in omni perículo singuláre præsídiúm,
qui fílios tuos in tribulatióne fide supplicántes exáudis,
nobis propitiáre benígus, et præsta, quæsumus,
defúntis réquiem ætérmam, solámen plorántibus,
salútem infírmis, moriéntibus pacem,
operántibus pro fratrum sanitáte robur,
spíritum sapiéntiæ illis qui nos in potestáte moderántur,
et ánimum ad omnes benévole accedéndi
ut cuncti nomen sanctum tuum glorificáre valeámus.
Per Dóminum.

Super oblata

Súscipe, Dómine, múnera quæ,
in hodiérnis perículis, tibi offérimus,
et fac, quæsumus, ut, omnipoténtia tua,
in fontem sanitátis pacisque convertántur.
Per Christum.

Ant. ad communionem

Mt 11, 28

Veníte ad me, omnes, qui laborátis et oneráti estis,
et ego refíciam vos, dicit Dóminus.

Post communionem

Deus, a quo recépimus
vitæ ætérmæ medicínam,
concéde, quæsumus, ut, per hoc sacraméntum
de cæléstis remédii plenitúdine gloriémur.
Per Christum.

Oratio super populum

Protéctor in te sperántium, Deus,
bénédic pópulum tuum, salva, tére, dispóne,
ut, a peccátis liber, ab hoste secúrus,
in tuo semper amóre perseveret.
Per Christum.

MASS IN TIME OF PANDEMIC
Readings from the *Lectionary for Mass*

Any readings from the Mass “In Any Need” (*Lectionary for Mass*, vol. IV, nos. 938-942) may be used, or:

First Option

FIRST READING

It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

3:17-26

My soul is deprived of peace,
I have forgotten what happiness is;
I tell myself my future is lost,
all that I hoped for from the LORD.
The thought of my homeless poverty
is wormwood and gall;
Remembering it over and over
leaves my soul downcast within me.
But I will call this to mind,
as my reason to have hope:

The favors of the LORD are not exhausted,
his mercies are not spent;
They are renewed each morning,
so great is his faithfulness.
My portion is the LORD, says my soul;
therefore will I hope in him.

Good is the LORD to one who waits for him,
to the soul that seeks him;
It is good to hope in silence
for the saving help of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 5-7

R. (4b) Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken.
From your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power. **R.**

O LORD of hosts, how long will you burn with anger
while your people pray?
You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in ample measure.
You have left us to be fought over by our neighbors,
and our enemies mock us. **R.**

**ALLELUIA VERSE
AND VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

2 Corinthians 1:3b-4a

[R. Alleluia, alleluia.]

Blessed be the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement,
who encourages us in our every affliction.

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GOSPEL

Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

4:35-41

One day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples:

“Let us cross to the other side.”

Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was.

And other boats were with him.

A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat,
so that it was already filling up.

Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion.

They woke Jesus and said to him,

“Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”

He woke up,

rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Quiet! Be still!”

The wind ceased and there was great calm.

Then he asked them, “Why are you terrified?

Do you not yet have faith?”

They were filled with great awe and said to one another,

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Second Option

FIRST READING

Neither death nor life will be able to separate us from the love of God.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

8:31b-39

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—

who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,

or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

As it is written:

For your sake we are being slain all the day;

we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered.

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly
through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor present things, nor future things,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature will be able to separate us

from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 123:1-2ab, 2cdef

R. (3a) Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Or:

R. (2ef) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you I lift up my eyes
who are enthroned in heaven.
Behold, as the eyes of servants
are on the hands of their masters. **R.**

As the eyes of a maid
are on the hands of her mistress,
So are our eyes on the LORD, our God,
till he have pity on us. **R.**

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