

TO: All Priests

From: Bishop Calvo, Apostolic Administrator

SUJB: Mask Mandate

Due to substantial or high transmission of Covid 19, Nevada Emergency Directive 045 goes into effect starting Friday, July 30, and will be for seven of the twelve counties comprising the Diocese of Reno: Carson, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Lyon, Mineral, and Washoe.

The directive requires all persons, vaccinated or unvaccinated, to wear masks at public indoor gatherings.

The new diocesan protocol, therefore, is that all persons, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, wear masks when participating at indoor Masses and other liturgies and all indoor gatherings. This protocol applies to the seven counties identified by the state.

Since many parishioners will not know of this new protocol before the weekend Masses, full compliance with this protocol will understandably not be possible this weekend, for which reason allowance will be necessary for those who come to Masses unprepared for the news.

I know we are all tired of these restrictions, but the key to stopping the spread of Covid 19 is within our reach: vaccination. Please encourage parishioners who are not vaccinated to do so. Concern for one another's health and safety comes from Christ's command to love one another.

Thank you.