

Bishop to allow dispensation to expire, with some exceptions

Bishop Louis Kihneman III, Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi, will allow the general dispensation to expire, although in a phased manner. After consultation with the Presbyteral Council in February, it was decided to allow the *general dispensation* from the obligation of in-person participation in the Mass is set to expire with the Saturday Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, March 27.

However a *particular dispensation* from that obligation has been extended under the following circumstances:

- Those who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 due to an underlying health condition and who have not yet been vaccinated, and
- Those 60 years and older who have not yet been vaccinated.

On a case by case basis, parishioners at St. Clare who are particularly concerned about their own family member's vulnerability may approach Fr. Jacob-Matthew for a one-month dispensation, renewable as the circumstances dictate.

As always, masks, sanitizing, and social distancing will still be left in place.