

To all the faithful of the Sueyoshicho Church

About Sueyoshicho Church Closure until March 21 and Private Mass

+ Peace of Christ!

The spread of Covid-19 Virus is continuing to spread around the world, and Japan is required to take even greater efforts to prevent the spread of infection. The Catholic Church is no exception.

In response to a declaration of a state of emergency by Japanese Government in the spread of infections at Tokyo metropolitan area, especially in Tokyo and Kanagawa Prefecture, and after careful deliberation with the four members of the Standing Committee of the Parish Council following a "Guideline corresponding to infection in the Catholic Church in Japan" which is published by Japanese Catholic Bishops' conference dated November 1, 2020, the Parish Priest decided the following.

- 1) From March 8th (Mon) to March 21st (Sun), all the facilities of Sueyoshicho Church will be locked and closed.
- 2) For Sunday Holy Masses, in accordance with Article 534, Paragraph 1 of the Canon Law, **the Parish priest will celebrate the Holy Masses in Sueyoshicho Church without the physical presence of the faithful, Those are still "Missa pro populo" (Masses for the people). Please pray together at home at the same time. The Holy Masses will be live-streamed at YouTube "Sueyoshicho Church Official Channel".**
- 3) As described in the attached document, **dispensation from the duty to comply with Mass on the following days will be granted until the end of March based on Article 1245 of the Canon Law.**

[Live-streaming Mass Schedule of Parish Priest without Congregation at Sueyoshicho Church]

- March 7, 2021 (Sunday) Third Sunday of Lent @11:30 Japanese, @14:00 English
- March 14, 2021 (Sunday) Second Sunday of Lent @11:30 Japanese
- March, 2021 (Sunday) First Sunday of Lent @11:30 Japanese, @14:00 English

Brothers and Sisters, let us pray for the end of the spread of these new Corona virus as soon as possible, with the care of Our Lady, the "Protector of the Sick," and with Christ Our Savior. Amen.

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