



A CENTURY OF WITNESS—A FUTURE OF COMMITMENT
OUR LADY of LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOUNDED THROUGH
THE GENEROSITY OF
SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL



Dear Lourdes Family:

As we welcome the new year, it is clear this pandemic continues to substantially impact us all. As the numbers of Covid cases are expected to significantly rise the next several weeks, we must continue to lean on our faith to guide us through these difficult and uncertain times.

After considerable prayer and discernment, I have made the painful decision to suspend in-person Mass for the last three weeks of January. We will return to virtual Mass only on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. beginning January 16, 2022.

As the world shifts around us, I believe this is a way to care for each other's wellbeing. It is better to pause now and gather in person later than to gather now and be filled with regret later. While I am disappointed not to be able to celebrate with you, this pandemic has already taught us how to come together as a community virtually.

My heart is filled with gratitude for the sacrifices you have made and your willingness to be flexible throughout this pandemic. We will take this time to review and revisit our safety protocols and proceed with a thoughtful approach to come back together in February, as we celebrate Black History Month.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Jeffrey