




MEMORANDUM

TO: Priests of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

FROM: Most Reverend José H. Gomez + 
Archbishop of Los Angeles

DATE: January 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Staying Healthy and Productive in the New Year

I pray this memo finds you and your parishioners well in this new year!

I am happy to report that the parishes of the Archdiocese, including our religious education ministries, remain open to serve our people.

As we continue in our parish ministries in the midst of the Omicron variant surge, please be extremely vigilant in keeping yourself and your parishioners safe and healthy. As Pope Francis reminds us, “Each of us has a responsibility to care for ourself and our health, and this translates into respect for the health of those around us. Health care is a moral obligation.” (January 10, 2022)

Please ensure that all parishes in the Archdiocese observe proper mask wearing and hand washing protocols at all times. No parish, school, or organization within the Archdiocese is exempt from these health protocols. I also continue to strongly encourage reception of Holy Communion in the hand.

Additionally, the Archdiocese, in accordance with the Vatican, the California Catholic Conference, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, continues to recommend that all members of the Catholic community, who are able to receive a COVID 19 vaccine or booster, should do so.

Lastly, if you should test positive for COVID 19, the COVID response team stands ready to assist in dealing with cases reported from parishes and schools. Please report positive cases using the COVID report form: [COVID Report Form](#).

I pray that Jesus, through the intercession of Mary our Blessed Mother, continue to strengthen us as we minister and serve the people of the Archdiocese.