

September 9, 2020

Good Afternoon Everyone,

As you know, on Sunday I had a little episode at Mass and felt very weak. Yesterday I went to the doctor to have blood work done and had a Covid antibody test. My doctor called me later that night and informed me that I had tested positive for the acute antibodies meaning that I had been exposed in the last 3-5 days. That is why Mass was cancelled this morning as I was isolating until I could get tested.

This afternoon, I got a rapid test and it came back positive. My doctor said that my episode on Sunday could have been a symptom, but since then, I have been asymptomatic and have not had a fever. As I do most days out of precaution, I took my temperature on Sunday morning before the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses and was not running a fever. Following current CDC guidelines, my doctor has instructed me to isolate for 10 days following the last sign of symptoms. Having had no fever or respiratory issues, the only known symptom was that of Sunday's episode. Therefore, I will be in isolation through at least Tuesday the 15th of next week as long as I remain asymptomatic.

For those who were at the wedding this past weekend, If you were around me at the rehearsal or reception, you could have been exposed. For those who attended Sunday mass at St. Clare, exposure was unlikely as I was masked during communion and the time of interaction was well below the 15 minutes of exposure. The same is true of anyone who came to confession or Mass on Monday morning. Please follow CDC guidelines, your doctor's recommendations, and your judgement to determine whether you should be tested or if you are at all weary, please isolate yourself for at least ten days.

The office staff will be tested and in the meantime, the office will remain closed. In person masses will be suspended for the time being. I will celebrate mass and stream it from the rectory at the normal times as long as I am able to.

Know of my prayers for you, and please keep me in your prayers.

Fr. Tim