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Memo

TO: Pastors

FROM: Dcn. Greg McAvoy-Jensen

DATE: December 18, 2020

RE: World Day of the Sick 2021

We have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 World Day of the Sick Mass as normally celebrated at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Due to the restrictions created by the pandemic, it would not be prudent to gather the sick of the diocese for a large-scale event. In lieu of this, parishes are encouraged to make a special outreach to the sick on Thursday, February 11, 2021, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the day dedicated by the Holy Father as the World Day of the Sick.

Bishop Soto will provide a video message on the diocesan website for the occasion. The Office of Worship will also provide additional resources through its *Liturgy Matters* newsletter (<u>https://www.scd.org/worship/liturgy-matters-newsletter</u>) closer to the date.