



*Our Lady of Victory Church*  
*4414 Wilkens Ave*  
*Baltimore MD 21229*

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SPECIAL NOTIFICATION REGARDING COVID-19 CASE

Dear UMBC Catholic Community,

During the ongoing pandemic, our parish and campus ministries have strived to keep the wellbeing of our parish and UMBC campus community at the center of all our planning and decisions. As challenging as these times are, we are committed to proper safety measures, transparent communication, and responsibly adapting to emerging circumstances.

It has come to our attention that an individual in attendance at Adoration and Mass on Sunday evening in the ITE building on the UMBC campus on December 19, 2021, has since tested positive for the coronavirus (COVID-19). We have been in touch with this individual and understand that they are currently in a non-critical condition and are quarantining. This person remained socially distanced from others and was wearing a facemask the entire time they were in the ITE building. Our parish leadership has been in communication with archdiocesan officials to ensure that all necessary follow-up procedures are undertaken in an efficient manner.

We encourage those who attended the period of Adoration and Mass on December 19<sup>th</sup> at UMBC's ITE building, especially those who fall into a vulnerable category and are at greater risk for exposure to COVID-19, to actively monitor their health and be alert to any of the major symptoms of the virus, including, but not limited to, fever, cough, sore throat, and shortness of breath. Should any concerning symptoms appear, please do not hesitate to contact your medical professional or, if severe, call 911. Should you or a member of your household who was at the 4:15 Adoration period or the 5:15 pm Mass on December 19<sup>th</sup> receive a positive coronavirus test, please alert the Our Lady of Victory parish office at 410-242-0131 so that appropriate action can be taken.

We recognize that this news may generate concern, anxiety, and hesitation for our parishioners, even those who may not have attended the Mass/ceremony in question. We encourage everyone to wisely assess their own personal situation and to make decisions that will protect the health of all involved. The coronavirus remains a significant public health risk, and each of us has a responsibility to act safely based upon the most current information on hand. Once more, please recall that the Archbishop has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

We ask that our parish and UMBC campus community continue to hold in prayer and solidarity all those suffering from COVID-19, most particularly those within our community.

In Christ's peace,

Fr. Bill Keown

Cc: Archdiocese of Baltimore Office of Risk Management