



**ST. ANTHONY ON THE DESERT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MINISTRIES FOR CHRIST CENTERED SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING**

January 12, 2021

Dear People of St. Anthony,

A recent rise in the number of people in and around our community infected, or potentially infected, with the COVID-19 virus requires the parish to return temporarily to Phase 1 worship restrictions.

Under these restrictions, which will begin with the 9 am service on this coming Sunday, January 17, and last through at least the 9 am service on Sunday, January 24, no in-person worship will be offered. In its place will be online worship available through live-stream transmission at 9 am on these Sundays. The service will be the "Liturgy of the Word" with Scripture readings and a sermon, but no communion. Only members of the altar party and video communications team may be inside the church at these times. A link to the online services may be found at the parish website at <https://www.st-anthony.net/doing-church-online.html>.

We will review the need for these Phase 1 restrictions after two weeks and, if a decline in the infection rate warrants, we will consider when and how to resume our Phase 2 in-person worship.

As we know you understand, these restrictions are needed to keep those who worship here as safe as possible. Please also keep in your prayers all who have been afflicted by this virus and those who care for them.

In Christ,

The Rev. Bruce Jackson, Interim Rector
Dan Austin, Senior Warden
Claudia Johnson, Junior Warden