During this holiday season, COVID cases have increased as never before both in our parish and among the general public. The current Omicron variant is known to be extremely contagious, although producing mild symptoms in most people. It has recently become clear that even vaccinated persons can become infected and transmit the virus. Most of the current cases in the parish are mild, although there have been a couple cases of serious illness. Therefore we once again recommend that parishioners and our guests mask while in church to lessen the potential for spread, until this present wave of infections has passed.