



# DIOCESE OF DALLAS

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## DECREE LIFTING DISPENSATION

In March of 2020, all Catholics of the Diocese of Dallas were dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation (canon 1247) as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

After consultation with the priests of the Diocese of Dallas, and in light of the greatly improved conditions of the Diocese and the nation, I intend for this dispensation to be lifted on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Feast of the Assumption.

Therefore, **I hereby revoke the March, 2020 dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation, effective Sunday, August 15, 2021.**

The faithful are reminded that for a just cause the pastor of a parish can dispense in individual cases the faithful of the parish and anyone actually present in the parish from the obligation to attend Mass or may commute the obligation to some other pious work (canon 1245).

The faithful should also remember that all who are incapable of attending Mass are excused from the obligation, as we can never be required to do the impossible.

All other requirements of the Decree of April 21, 2021 remain in effect.

Given on July 15, 2021 in the Diocese of Dallas.

Most Reverend Edward J. Burns  
Bishop of Dallas

Gregory Caridi  
Chancellor