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Stockton CA., - Yesterday Governor Newsom announced new directives for various counties throughout California due to an increase in COVID-19 deaths and hospitalizations. San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties were included in the list of counties who received the directives.

The Governor stated that our parishes within San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties must discontinue *indoor* Masses and other liturgical services. **Masses and liturgical services within these two counties are allowed and encouraged to continue outdoors.** Parishioners must continue to follow safety guidelines, practice social distancing and wear masks outdoors when social distancing isn't feasible. **The celebration of Weddings, First Communions, Confirmations, Confessions and Funerals may continue outdoors on parish grounds.**

While the directive from the Governor is disheartening, the Diocese of Stockton wants to remind all of our parishioners that the threat from COVID-19 is still very imminent. Please continue to care for one another by praying and doing your part in following safety protocols.

Thank you for your continued patience and compassion through these turbulent times.

For interviews and other inquires please contact Chandler Marquez.

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