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Dear Parishioners,

I am asking you to pray to St. Roch at 8 o'clock each evening until we are clear of this pandemic. Imagine if each parishioner of St. Francis would pause their evening activity at 8 o'clock and take a few moments and pray to St. Roch for his intercession, what wonderful events could happen!

The statue of St. Roch is in the back of church, right next to the statue and shrine of the pieta.

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From late September to November 25, 1918 both St. Francis Church and our school were closed. Only one parish Mass was read outside during that time. There were over 600 serious cases of "Spanish Influenza" in the parish during this time. The epidemic entered a lull at the end of 1918 but again reached a serious level in the summer and fall of 1919. In the back of church a statue of St. Roch stands to testify that parishioners gave the saint some credit for interceding to mitigate the damage.



O Blessed Saint Roch, patron of the sick, have pity on those who lie upon a bed of suffering.

Your power was so great when you were in this world that by the Sign of the Cross many were healed of their diseases.

Now that you are in heaven your power is not less. Offer, then, to God our sighs and tears and obtain for us that health we seek.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

[Repeat the following three times:]

St. Roch, pray for us, that we may be preserved from all diseases of body and soul.