

Dear parish family,

I am so excited that we have been given the green light to open up our church for public liturgies! Some important things to consider:

- 1) We are only allowed to open at 25% capacity, please be patient with us.
- 2) The faithful are still dispensed from attending Mass especially if they are vulnerable or concerned about COVID-19
- 3) You **SHOULD NOT ATTEND MASS** if you, or an immediate family member, are ill.
- 4) Weekend Masses will be live-streamed whenever possible, based on our ability to safely staff volunteers for this ministry.
- 5) Daily Mass will continue to be live-streamed at 10am for the unforeseeable future. Beginning June 9th, this daily 10am Mass will be a public liturgy (up to 25% capacity in the church).

In order to attend a weekend Mass, families must abide by the following:

- Families/individuals **must** register to attend Mass
 - o You will need to call the office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday during office hours to register to attend Mass that weekend
 - o We will do our best to accommodate everyone's preferences
 - If space is not available, families will be invited to register for a different Mass in the church or offered overflow seating in the gym where Mass will be live streamed and Holy Communion will be distributed
- Families are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer to use upon entering the church, as needed, and prior to the reception of Holy Communion
- Families must bring masks which are to be worn properly by anyone over the age of two for the duration of Mass
- Please arrive for Mass 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass
- Families will check in at their assigned entrances and be escorted to their pews
 - o Families registered for accessible seating or pews 1, 4 or 7 will enter and exit through the side parking lot entrance
 - o Families registered for pews 10, 13, 16 or 19 will enter and exit through the main doors of the vestibule
- Congregation will be asked to refrain from singing
- There will be no contact at the sign of peace

- Ushers will direct procession for reception of Holy Communion
 - o Process forward by way of the side aisle, receive Holy Communion on the hand*, step towards center of the sanctuary, remove mask, consume Holy Communion, replace mask, continue on to pew by way of the center aisle
 - *Distribution on the tongue is suspended. If you do not prefer to receive on the hand, you are welcome to make an Act of Spiritual Communion from your pew
 - o Distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended
- As always leaving after receiving Holy Communion and before the dismissal is not permitted. Families will be dismissed in an orderly fashion at the end of Mass. Please wait for an usher to direct you.
- Once you have exited the church, please proceed immediately to your vehicles to prevent groups from forming and to ensure everyone can exit in enough time for us to disinfect the space to prepare for the next Mass.

Parish family, I understand these measures may seem a bit extreme, but we have to work within the guidelines given to us by the diocese and the state. We have an opportunity to pray together again. If, as a parish, we are not able to abide by all the guidelines I have committed to on our parish's behalf, we will have to cease public liturgy until we are able to comply. Thank you in advance for helping me open our church up, and keep it open.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,

Fr Dave