

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

We realize that many of you are still reluctant to come together for an in-person Mass experience and prefer to continue to view online from home. We respect that decision and support it as the Archbishop has indefinitely extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

We continue to be amid the highest point of the pandemic this month; however, we feel that we need to move ahead cautiously, with common sense and with respect for those who are frightened. We have felt through the hot summer months, the incessant fire/smoke seasons, and then the bitter cold that it would not be right to ask you to sit outdoors.

Considering recent Supreme Court decisions regarding indoor religious celebrations, we are beginning once again with indoor Masses with the 9:00 am Daily Mass on Monday, Feb. 1, and an 8:30 am and 10:30 am Mass beginning Sunday, Feb. 7.

Reservations will not be required to attend these Masses. Please know that every participant MUST still wear a face covering over nose/mouth, physically distance, and sanitize their hands upon entering and exiting.

We encourage only families or persons living under the same roof to sit in proximity to one another and respectfully ask that all parishioners exercise caution, common sense, and spiritual care for those who are more susceptible to becoming ill, including our priests.

We hope and pray that while we are reopening for limited services, that those who are sick, feeling sick, have weakened immune systems, etc. would continue to celebrate with us from home.

We will continue to offer a Virtual Sunday Mass and a Drive-thru Communion Reception Line. Updated Time: The Drive-thru Communion Reception Line will move to Noon-1:00 pm beginning on Sunday, Feb. 7.

Confessions, weather permitting, will remain as a drive-thru option only at 1:00 pm on Saturdays. We will not hear confessions indoors under any circumstance until it is safer to do so.

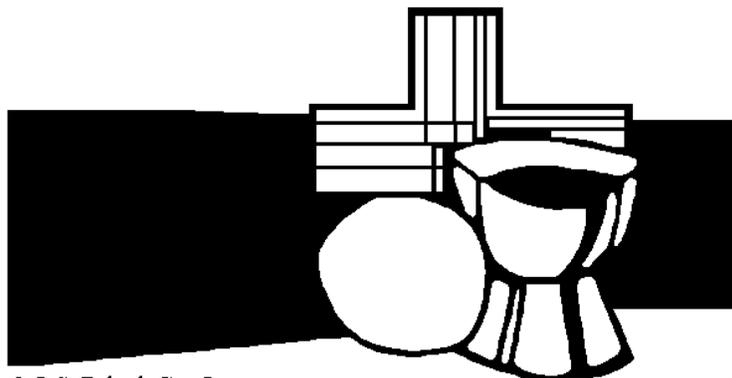
While we are opening the church for limited services, we are NOT opening the parish grounds for any group to hold meetings. This will not occur until the vaccine has been available widespread and herd immunity has occurred. We project this will not be until early Fall.

Finally, any aspect of this reopening can change at any time in accordance with ADLA guidelines and the orders of the health officials. If we were to have three cases of people testing positive for COVID-19, we would be shut down once again for quarantine. We have had a few cases already, so let's continue to proceed, supporting our community efforts rather than any negative options.

Thank you for your understanding, your prayerful support, and your patience as we have all dealt with this very difficult year behind us and the next year ahead of us.

We continue the journey...

-Fr. Mark



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