

Dear Parishioners,

It is with joy that I write this letter to you. We have minutes ago received permission to have Mass outside with up to 100 people for this weekend, maintaining social distancing. **We continue to ask those who are vulnerable persons to this virus or who are not comfortable coming, to continue to watch the Mass online. Also, if you are feeling sick, please remain home.** We will continue to livestream the Mass on Facebook and upload it to Youtube. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass that the Archbishop gave when all this began still holds true for now. There is no sin incurred then for not attending Sunday Mass during this time.

Mass Times will return to their regular schedule. (All Masses are limited to 100 and will have signups.)

Saturday	5pm
Sunday	8am, 10am and 12pm (Spanish)
M, W, Th, F, S	8:30 am

We are asking that people would bring their own chairs for Mass, though we will have chairs in case you don't have one to bring. The Mass will be celebrated in the School Parking lot. There will be markings on the ground to ensure people are social distancing and we will be taking every precaution we can. Please use the restroom at home before coming to Mass, as we will limit the use of the restroom to one person at a time in each restroom (male and female). It is important for people who come to realize that we can not eliminate every risk, but that we will do our best to do so. Each person then assumes their own risk in attending Mass. I believe it will be far safer than making a trip to the grocery store for example, but we are not able to guarantee that you would not contract COVID-19.

How do you sign up?

**We are highly encouraging people to sign up on Calendly.com** because too many phone calls will overwhelm our ability to have you signed up in a timely fashion. Here is the link...

<https://calendly.com/stbrendan/pentecost>

If you can't do that, or don't know how, you may **call the parish office and dial extension 2646 from 10 am-1 pm tomorrow Saturday, May 30.** Facebook messenger and email will **not** be a way to request being put on the signup list for Mass. Please share this information with those you know who may not have email, are not on Facebook, or do not have access to our parish website, or My Parish App. **You will also need to arrive to Mass early because we have to check people in so that we do not go beyond our limit of 100 people. If you are not on the list, please do not come. We will have to turn you away because otherwise we endanger the ability to celebrate public Masses for the entire Archdiocese.**

We don't know how many people will be comfortable coming to Mass at this point. We are going to begin by asking people to sign up no more than every other week. We want to afford everyone who desires to come, and feels safe doing so, the opportunity to come. If we are able afford you more regular attendance, we will let you know. If we need to limit that even more because more parishioners desire to come than we initially anticipate we will also have to let you know that. Please be patient and charitable, allowing everyone an opportunity to attend Mass. The Archdiocese has told us we are to strongly encourage people to give us their information for contact tracing, but we can not be require people to do so if they don't feel comfortable. You should wear a mask while attending Mass unless you have a health reason for not doing so.

Things to bring for Mass:

- Hand sanitizer or sanitizing wipes and mask (We have some in case you don't)
- An umbrella in case of rain (We have limited covering, but we do have some)
- A chair (We have chairs, but it will help us cut down on exposure to the virus)
- Your soul to receive a drink from the Lord! Alleluia He is risen! And we have begun to!

Please note that Mass will be very simplified and kept shorter than usual. (Don't celebrate too much, it hurts my feelings! I just enjoy being with you and allowing you the time to be with the Lord!) **An email to follow will explain the details.**

In the peace of Christ,

Fr. Wichert