

To: All the parishioners of St. Peter the Rock

From: Fr. Thomas Zahuta

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As of the latest update from the archdiocese, dated May 18, 2020, parishes will begin to open their doors and parish facilities gradually. For now, the public Mass will resume beginning Monday May 25th; however, there are some important stipulations from the archdiocese. They encourage us to monitor carefully and abide by the directives of federal, state and local authorities, as well as the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass extends through the weekend of June 28th. Therefore, anyone considered a high risk may remain at home. Anyone who is not feeling well should not attend. Persons are encouraged to take their temperature before leaving home and to avoid coming to church if the temperature is 99.6 or greater. We will have a non-touch thermometer available if anyone would like to have their temperature taken when they arrive.

We will continue to live-stream the Mass as long as the dispensation remains in place.

The liturgy schedule is as follows:

Monday - Mass at 8:00AM followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday - Eucharistic Adoration 5:15PM - 6:15PM (along with confessions) Mass at 6:30PM

Thursday - Mass 8:00AM followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday - Mass 8:00AM followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Note, eucharistic adoration will be for at least one hour after Mass. If people are interested in extending adoration hours, please sign up for a holy hour. We need two adorers per hour.

Saturday Vigil Mass:

- Confessions 4:45PM - 5:15PM (confessor and penitent must wear a mask)
- Mass 5:30PM

Sunday Mass —

- Confessions 9:15AM - 9:45AM
- Mass in English 10:00AM
- Mass in Spanish 12:30PM

Important Stipulations from the Archdiocese:

- The faithful are required to use a face mask
- Priest celebrant will not use a face mask
- Hand sanitizers are to be used when you enter the church and avoid touching anything or anyone
- No contact greetings
- Hand sanitizers are to be used by ushers, ministers of Holy Communion, servers, lectors, volunteers and those who clean the church.
- Temporarily remove materials from pews and chairs — hymnals, missalettes, bibles, pens, and information
- Congregational singing is discouraged.
- Cry room and nurseries are closed
- No holy water fonts, but Holy Water is available for take home, if you have a bottle to fill

- We must maintain 6 ft of space between household groups or individuals
 - Because of the spacing requirements, the number attending Mass in the main church is limited. We will fill the seating from front to back.
 - Seating for Mass, will be on a first-come, first admitted basis
 - Once full, the overflow will extend outside. People can use their mobile devices to live stream Mass while outside. Then come in to receive Holy Communion if they desire
 - There will be no procession of gifts.
 - There will be no collection, instead there will be a basket near the altar on Mary's side to place your offering
 - Indoor confessions will resume but both priest and penitent must wear a mask
 - Non-liturgical gatherings of more than 10 people on church property are not allowed at present.
 - Faith formation and Parish Schools of Religion (PSR) will follow the schedule for school re-opening and so should not have in-parish meetings at this time.
 - Funerals, weddings and baptisms may be celebrated, observing the same physical and hygiene requirements at Mass.
- The church will be open for prayer during our normal business hours.

One other note:

- Because of the limited seating and depending on how many people attend the weekend Masses, if it is too crowded, you may consider coming to daily Mass instead of Sunday. We will monitor this after the first weekend of public Masses.

You remain in my prayers especially at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. When available, Mass intentions have been offered for the people of St. Peter the Rock living and deceased.

May God keep you safe, healthy and faithful to Christ our Lord. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

In Christ,
Fr. Zahuta