

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are ready to begin to slowly open church again. I know you are anxious to regather and so am I. We will do it prudently and with appropriate concern for everyone's wellbeing, especially our older parishioners who are most vulnerable. May God guides us as we begin this process.

A. REOPENING PLAN WEEK OF JUNE 2

Resurrection of the Lord will begin offering mass **NEXT WEEK**, as follows:

* Tuesday at 4:30 pm (June 2) We have room for 95 people.

*Thursday at 9 am (June 4) We have room for 95 people.

*Saturday at 4:30 pm (June 6) We have room for 95 people.

*Sunday at 10:30 am (June 7) We have room for 95 people.

B. 'WE NEED EVERYONE'S UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION INFORMATION'

1. Come to one of those four masses, especially the weekday masses.

We can only welcome 95 people according to the bishop's guidelines of 25% of church capacity. Thus, we have to **spread out** the numbers of parishioners who may want to celebrate mass over these four masses and not all come to Saturday or Sunday that way we can accommodate nearly **380 worshippers through the week!**

I understand our natural connection to weekend masses, but **please** consider coming on **Tuesday or Thursday mass to help us.**

All masses will be in the Resurrection Standish Church which affords the most space for the most folks.

Remember: You have been dispensed from the obligation to attend mass through August 30, 2020 by Bishop Robert Gruss. **There is no sin if you choose to not attend any mass at this time due to concerns over the Corona Virus and infection.**

2. What should I expect when I come to mass? Safety first! CDC guidelines will be in followed for our good health.

- a. You **must wear a mask** throughout mass. Please bring one with you.
- b. Your **temperature will be taken** before you enter church to ensure safety for fellow worshippers.
- c. We have taken out many chairs so that we only have **95 chairs** in church. You will be welcomed to sit with immediate family and other chairs will be spaced to comply with the 6 feet **social distancing requirements**.
- d. Entering church will require **patience** as we check temperatures and stay 6' apart as we leave our cars and prepare to enter for worship.
- e. **Hand sanitizers** will be available and **required** to use before mass and after mass. You are encouraged to bring your own if you wish.

C. MASS

- 1. Mass will have less singing, no touching at sign of peace and we will need to practice reverent silence before mass.
- 2. The **big change** is that Holy Communion will be distributed **after** the final blessing at new designated Communion stations. You will receive and then leave church and return home.

Thanks for your faith and love of the Eucharist. We all long to be gathered at the table of the word and Eucharist. Thanks, too, for your cooperation and patience with our plans. We will see how it goes and then evaluate to make it what we all want it to be.

Fr. Dave

NOTE: WE WILL STILL LIVE STREAM THE 10:30 AM SUNDAY MASS EVEN AFTER WE REOPEN.