

A Letter from Fr. Dave

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

You may have been informed that Bishop Robert Gruss has issued guidelines which would allow parishes to **slowly begin** to gather for weekday and Sunday masses.

We are studying his guidelines and working on the logistics, proper hygiene requirements and how to celebrate the mass. This will take some time to complete and **we may not** be ready to have masses on the 30th and 31st. We will communicate with you via social media and whatever means we can to make sure that the entire parish is **fully aware of the bishop's requirements and when and how we can come back to mass.**

It is very important to note that only 80 to 100 people at Standish will be allowed at a mass in the beginning. In Alger, the total will be 20 to 25.

We are not yet returning to mass as normal and will not be for quite a while. The bishop hopes that we can eventually get to 50% perhaps by fall depending in how Covid-19 is contained.

We are working on a system of invitation to that we can meet the limits set by the bishop and still welcome back our community to celebrate mass. I welcome your ideas.

I will communicate with you this week on our plans going forward.

Please continue to pray for those who have died, been sick or are sick, for caregivers and all who are working behind the scenes for all of us. Our prayers will also be welcomed by those who have suffered flood devastation.

Love,

Fr. Dave