



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
A PARISH OF GOSPEL GENEROSITY

May 20, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to let you know that we are ready to resume public Masses. We will begin daily Mass Tuesday through Friday at 8:00 am starting Tuesday, May 26. Until we hear differently from the Bishop, the number for daily Mass is limited to 10 including myself. There will be a number of guidelines that will need to be followed:

1. You will need to call the parish office during normal business hours to reserve a spot in church for any particular day. Once the maximum number has been reached, you will need to pick a different day. However, you will be able to sign up for only 1 daily Mass per week at this time.
2. You will need to use the southeast entrance (door K) to enter and leave the church. We will use the pews by the Holy Family statue, and the pews are marked to help maintain proper social distance. Once the number increases, the area for seating will change.
3. You will need to wear a mask and sanitize your hands upon entering and leaving the church building. The mask is worn during Mass but removed right before you receive Holy Communion and replaced after receiving.
4. The ministries of sacristan, altar server, lector and Eucharistic Ministers will not be in place for daily Mass, at least in the beginning.
5. There will be no Sign of Peace, no Holy Communion from the cup, no water fonts, no missalettes.
6. Socializing after Mass will not be available at this time.

It is my hope, at least at this time, to begin weekend Masses on June 6/7. This is subject to what the Bishop tells us. In order to provide as safe an environment as possible, we will begin with two Masses on a weekend with a limited number of people able to attend. Mass will be on Saturday at 5 pm and Sunday at 9:30 am. We will continue to livestream the 9:30 am Mass. The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains lifted for the foreseeable future. Anyone who is sick or more vulnerable to illness should choose to stay home at this time.

In order for us to have weekend liturgies, several things need to happen. We will need to train ushers/greeters, Eucharistic Ministers and cleaning crews on the new procedures. We need volunteers to step forward. Please email or call the parish office and leave your name, number and email if you are willing and able to help. Until we have enough people to assist in these ways, we will not be able to have weekend liturgies. Once we have them in place and trained, I will send out another letter explaining the protocol for celebrating weekend liturgies.

It will be different, so I ask for your patience and prayers.

Christ's peace be with you all.

Fr. Tim