



# Pastor's Message

June 15, 2020

Unquestionably, the most common, heartfelt comment I heard from the parishioners of St. James after participating in Sunday mass this weekend was “It’s so good to be back in church!”

I am sure if you are a parishioner of any church, your sentiment is the same! Three months was too long for not being permitted to pray in His House of Worship. So thankful to the Lord we are for the opportunity to be together, especially on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ!

We are “back in church.” But, it is important, if a brother and/or sister parishioner feels hesitant to return, we should do our best to support him/her. Give him/her time, until he/she does feel ready.

Nonetheless, gently encourage all people to return soon. We miss them! And, share that the precautions done inside of the church have increased the safety of all from becoming ill.

Moreover, communicate the return to church will also provide the opportunity to receive the Holy Eucharist again! Indeed, the Most Blessed Sacrament is the spiritual food we desperately need in our lives. Yet, even if that form of encouragement doesn’t quite persuade a brother/sister, ask him/her if one of the parish priests may bring Holy Communion to him/her, if it is desired.

So, as of the past weekend, we’re back in business inside of our church. The business of God, of course!

Peace,  
Fr. Marc