

Dear Immaculate Heart of Mary Family:

I was praying that I would have good news today, but that will not be the case. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulty the booking/ticketing site is not ready. So as a result, **we will not begin public attended mass this weekend**. In light of this and with the increase of Covid-19 cases reported yesterday, I feel God is telling me to step back. Your safety is my utmost concern and without this booking/ticketing process, there could be some risk. Several people worked very hard this week to make this weekend happen and I know they too are disappointed. I know you like me are frustrated with this Covid-19 pandemic but we have to be patient and make sure we take the necessary steps to be safe.

This weekend we will proceed as usual mass recorded and uploaded. Just as a note, even when we return to public attended mass we will continue to record and upload the mass as we have done since the beginning of the pandemic. I realize some still do not want to attempt to attend mass because of age and health. Moreover, with limited seating it will probably take a month for everyone who wishes to attend to be able too. I will publish the change in the Mass Schedule, below, to give you some time to plan what you wish to do. Please realize that you will only be able to book a spot once a month for the time being, you will be notified should this change.

Today is the Feast of St. Rita of Cascia, patron saint of desperate situations, let us pray asking St. Rita to pray and intercede for us during this pandemic.

**Future Mass Schedule:**

**Monday and Friday 8:30 am**

**Wednesday 6:00 pm**

**Thursday 10:00 am**

**Saturday and Sunday our normal mass times.**

**Remember you are DISPENSED from the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass and if you are 65 years of age or older or have a chronic health issues you should stay home.**

May God Bless You!

Love and Miss You!

Fr. Rick

Places to view Mass:

[www.ihmarychurch.org](http://www.ihmarychurch.org)

YouTube – Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tioga, LA

Facebook – Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church