

**DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,**

**I AM WRITING TO SHARE SOME GOOD NEWS WITH YOU!**

**BEGINNING MAY 30, 2020 WE WILL RESUME CELEBRATING PUBLIC MASSES. WHILE THIS IS TRULY GOOD NEWS, THE BISHOP HAS ISSUED SOME LIMITATIONS THAT WILL REMAIN IN PLACE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. YOU MAY VIEW THE BISHOP'S DOCUMENT ONLINE. IT SPELLS OUT IN MINUTE DETAIL HOW MASSES ARE TO BE CELEBRATED AS WE MOVE FORWARD.**

**TO ACCESS THE DOCUMENT, GO TO [STMICHAELVICKSBURG.ORG](http://stmichaelvicksburg.org), CLICK ON "CLICK HERE" UNDER PUBLIC MASSES TO RESUME.**

**I WILL HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE MORE PRACTICAL POINTS.**

**THE BISHOP HAS SUSPENDED THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.**

**BEFORE OPENING, OUR CHURCH WILL BE SANITIZED WITH AN ANTIVIRAL SOLUTION.**

**EVERYONE TWO YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER SHOULD WEAR A MASK.**

**THE CRY ROOM IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED.**

**FOR THE MASS, IF YOU PARK IN THE PARKING LOT BY THE CHAPEL, THE HALLWAY DOOR WILL BE OPEN, HOWEVER NOT THE GLASS DOORS LEADING INTO THE CHURCH. PROCEED DOWN THE HALL AND ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN DOORS. THEY WILL BE STANDING OPEN TO PREVENT CONTACT WITH HANDLES.**

**PEWS WILL BE MARKED AND SEATING WILL TAKE PLACE IN EVERY OTHER PEW.**

**USHERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH SEATING. OBLIVIOUSLY, DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SIT IN YOUR "USUAL PEW".**

**THE COLLECTION BASKET WILL BE ON THE STAND WHERE THE BULLETINS ORDINARILY WOULD BE. PLACE YOUR OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS THERE. IF YOU ARE UNABLE/OR UNCOMFORTABLE ATTENDING MASS, YOU MAY PLACE YOUR CONTRIBUTION IN THE MAIL BOX, PUT THEM UNDER THE ROCK AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE OFFICE, OR MAIL THEM.**

**FOR THE COMMUNION PROCESSION, BLUE TAPE WILL MARK THE AISLE. COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HAND ONLY. THERE WILL BE NO PRECIOUS BLOOD.**

**TO MINIMIZE HUMAN CONTACT, THERE WILL BE NO ALTAR SERVERS.**

**JULIA WILL PLAY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO BEGIN MASS, DURING COMMUNION, AND AT THE CONCLUSION OF MASS.**

**TO CLOSE I AM HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT ON JUNE 14, THE FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, WE WILL INITIATE AND WELCOME OUR FOUR RCIA CANDIDATES INTO OUR CATHOLIC FAITH AND OUR PARISH FAMILY.**

**AS WE NAVIGATE THROUGH THESE UNCERTAIN DAYS AND WEEKS LET US RESPECT ONE ANOTHER'S SPACE, BE PATIENT WITH EACH OTHER, AND CONTINUE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**

**I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE ON THE GREAT FEAST OF PENTECOST WHEN WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR BELIEF IN THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AMONG US, COMFORTING US AND LEADING US THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT DAYS.**