

May 8, 2020

Greetings everyone!

The good news is we will begin celebrating Mass again! That being said, it breaks my heart to limit Mass to 25 souls at a time. There are many who desperately want to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist. In fact many will not be able to attend Mass because of social distancing guidelines. I ask for your patience and flexibility. Pastors were asked to keep Mass short, to have a plan of entering and exiting the church, to clean the church after every gathering, to enforce social distancing and many other requirements. Because of these restrictions, we will not be ready on Mother's Day, May 10, 2020.

Sign-ups for the masses begin Monday, May 11, 2020 at 9am. You can sign up by calling the office and scheduling you and your family with Lorena the Parish Secretary at 503-469-9044 or by emailing the parish secretary at [parishsecretary@seas-aloha.org](mailto:parishsecretary@seas-aloha.org). Occasionally another staff member will be reaching out to you so that we can have music ministers, altar servers, and readers for the Sunday liturgy.

To accommodate more parishioners, I will offer two masses Monday through Friday. The 5pm will be in English and the 7pm will be in Spanish. On Saturday I will offer two vigil Masses. The 5:30pm will be in Spanish (also live-streamed) and the 6:30pm will be in English. On Sunday I will offer four masses. The 8am (also live-streamed) will be in English along with the 11am Mass. Both the 1pm and 2:30pm will be in Spanish.

Remember, love is patient, kind, not jealous or proud. Please practice the spiritual fruits of humility, patience, kindness and generosity during your registration. When the Archbishop increases the number of those who can gather for Mass, we will do the same. At this time the Archbishop has reaffirmed me that there is no obligation to attend Sunday mass at this time, so don't feel guilty if you do not attend. You're not going to hell or anything. If you are not able to attend, you can join us for a live-streamed Mass.

I will continue to send out the blessing of Almighty God from the Church to your homes daily so that as you walk with the Lord Jesus during our extended quarantine, you may continue to grow with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. This is the time where Jesus will continue to fulfill his Easter promise to be with us always and send us the Holy Spirit. That's good news.

Sincerely in Christ,

Your pastor striving to be a good shepherd,

Fr. Jeff