

St. Joseph on the Brazos Catholic Church
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April 29, 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I pray that each of you is in good health and ready to return to the celebration of the Mass.

I received instructions from the Cardinal that he is permitting the celebration of public Masses beginning this weekend. This change does not allow for “business as usual”, but allows us to resume public celebration of the Mass. This can only happen if we follow the guidelines outlined by the Governor’s Office. These outlines include:

- No church may exceed 25% of its capacity.
- All people coming into church should wear masks to cover their noses and mouths.
- Distance of 6’ between people sitting in pews – one empty pew in front of you and one empty pew behind you.
- Only one set of doors should primarily be allowed for entrance into the church.
- Collections should not be taken up during Mass but put in a basket at the entrance of the church.
- Holy Communion is to be distributed only by the priest. People will hold their hands so that the host can be lightly dropped on the palm without having to touch hands. The faithful should also keep their mask on when receiving the host. After receiving the host they may step aside and lower their mask to consume the host.
- Areas in church must be disinfected after each service.

I am asking our Pastoral Council to help each week to assure we stay within the guidelines.

Just as a reminder, the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is still lifted by the Cardinal. You may consider attending a weekday Mass until things get back to normal. Whatever your decision, I look forward to seeing each of you soon back in our church.

Thank you again for your support and prayers.

In Christ,

Rev. Tin Pham, Pastor

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