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Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Patagonia

8:00am Sonoita

10:30am Patagonia

Daily Mass

Tuesday – 5:30pm

Wednesday – Friday 9:00am

Confessions

Saturday – 4:00pm to 4:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **St. Therese Parish continues to work internally and expenses continue to accumulate. The budget of our parish depends greatly on the generosity of all of you, parishioners. Our budget has suffered greatly. I kindly ask for your continued financial support to maintain the parish. May the Lord bless you always, Fr. Alexander Tigga.**

***Ramon Miranda is available Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm for any parish office matters. Cell phone #520-313-4813, or email sttheresa@dakotacom.net**

***Angel Wings Thrift shop is closed until further notice.**

***Religious Education Classes have been cancelled until further notice.**

*** Bingo has been cancelled until further notice.**

Prayer Request

Paco Moreno	Bob Bilodeau	Don Witt
Ruben Mendoza	Dr. Jesse	Art Pena
Virginia Fain	Cruz Quiroga	Delfina Madrid
Paul Mihalik, Sr.	Sadie G.	Amelia Barrios
Lucy Mihalik	Joseph Hann	Harold Swyers
Pam D.	Waclaw Wolosik	Jeannette Swyers
Steve Biddle	Pelagia Wolosik	
Walter Wolosik	Bill Swyers	
Nancy Swyers	John Swyers	

MAY 2020	Patagonia	Sonoita	Total
Regular Offering	\$758.00	\$680.00	\$1,438.00
Goal			\$1,650.00
Over /Under Goal			\$
2nd Collection- Parish Priest Salary	\$610.00	\$115.00	\$725.00

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

May 31- Parish Priest Salary
June 7- Parish Priest Salary
June 14- Poor & Needy

Parish Office News

Dear Parishioners,

Please feel free to contact me with

any parish business as I am

working from my home office.

Mass Intentions

Saturday May 30, 5:30pm
St. Philomena

Sunday May 31, 8:00am
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday May 31, 10:30am
† P.J. O’Riordan

Parish Home Office

Hours:

Contact Ramon at
520-313-4813 or
sttheresa@dakotacom.net.

Monday-Friday
9:00am-2:00pm

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Contact Parish Office one month prior to the desired date

Confirmation: Contact Parish Office for information and schedule

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the desired date

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Subject: Re-opening of our Parish:

Dear Parishioners,

May the peace and love of Risen Christ be with you all. It with great joy we are announcing the re-opening of Parish and Our Lady of Angels Mission for public masses beginning the weekend of 30-31 – Pentecost Sunday, the Birth of the Church. Bishop Weisenburger has approved our plan of re-opening viewing our Guidelines and Protocols that we are going to follow reasonably well these Guidelines and Protocols for the safety of our parishioners and priest who celebrates the Mass. These Guidelines are also posted on our parish website. Please read it carefully and abide by the Guidelines. Let each one of us play our part at this difficult time to take care of each other.

It is important to note that there is always inherent risk with any public event, including Masses. By attending Mass, you acknowledge and accept that risk. It is for this reason that the Bishop asks us to emphasize the following and strongly recommends to comply to it.

- Sunday Mass obligations for all Catholics residing in or visit the diocese of Tucson is suspended indefinitely.
- Those over the age of 65+, with secondary health issues or caring for someone at home with these circumstances should refrain from attending the Mass in person.
- Anyone who is ill in anyway, must refrain from coming on parish property and remain at home.
- We will have our regular weekend Masses- Saturday 5.30 pm, Sunday 8.00 am and 10.30 pm.
- Due to social distancing pews have been already marked and taped and chairs arranged. Please follow the marks and signs.
- Be ready to adjust all the inconvenience that may come due to lack of space or social distancing.

We appreciate your patience and understanding. Let us work together at first phase of returning to Masses. As we work together let us ask the Lord to carry us through at this difficult time.

God bless you abundantly.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Alexander Tigga.

Pastor

GUIDELINES FOR PARISH RE-OPENING AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Dear St. Theresa's Parishioner,

You may have already heard the news that the churches & missions of the Tucson Diocese will shortly begin the process of re-opening our churches for limited masses, including receiving the Eucharist. Please understand that this is a gradual re-opening of the church, each phase will be evaluated and we will go step by gradually in all the parishes in the Diocese. We know that the whole world is facing this problem. This problem is not ours' alone. Let us then co-operate with the world and join the world in this fight of preventing the spread of the Covid 19 and do on our part what we can do. Though we may be very eager to live up our faith and to practice it our primary concern at this moment should be of health and safety of our own and the others. Thus we need to take all the necessary precautions that is needed to take by following the guidelines given by the Diocese and the government.

We all need to play a part to assure safety of everyone. These are the guidelines for us as to how we are to go about as we re-open our church. Please read it carefully and be familiar with the guidelines to implement it strictly. These guidelines are prepared to keep safe all the parishioners who participate in the Mass. We should take a personal responsibility of our own safety and of the others.

As we go by there will be regular updates on our safety protocols and on our progress towards resumption of normal masses and schedules. Updates may be posted at Mass, sent via electronic channels email, parish web, Facebook, etc. or through the instructions or notices during the mass. We request you to share with others who might have missed it. The process of moving forward will be gradual, step by step. Please keep yourselves updated with regards to guidelines and instructions that are given by the parish and the Diocese.

When we begin we will have our normal 3 weekend regular masses. We are a small community number is not a big problem for us. We have enough space to accommodate the community. At this time of the year winter visitors have gone back to their place some people also may refrain from attending the public Masses so our number will be still less. On Saturday evening Vigil Mass we have really a very small crowd. So it is my advice to those parishioners who are 60+ and want to attend the Mass please opt for this Mass. Others too those who want to avoid the bigger crowd are encouraged to opt for this Mass as the number of participants in this Mass is very small.

Safe distancing measures be maintained during Mass:

There will be specific guidelines for each location to keep the safe distancing . Volunteer staff will be responsible for implementing our safety precautions and assisting parishioners. Sitting arrangements will be marked and indicated. You are requested to follow the signs and indications. We will follow the directions give by the Diocese and government entities. So to say all reasonable precautions will be taken for the safety of the parishioners. That is, a seating radius of 6 foot must be maintained between a single person, or a couple of the same household or a family of same household. Blocking of every other pew(row) should make this easier to accomplish.

Offertory Collection:

Collection will be taken either by dropping it in a basket on a pole held by usher or by dropping it in a receptacle near the exit/entrance point. The method will depend on at father's discretion. No basket will be passed for collection.

Distribution of Holy Communion:

For the initial phase, the Diocese is strongly recommending that Holy Communion be offered out-of-doors and following the final blessing and dismissal, as you are leaving. Discretion is however left up to Pastor as each church and situation is different and things may change rapidly. Please pay attention to Father's announcements before or during Mass as to the current method. However it is received, we all should remember that we are receiving our Lord into our bodies and that we try to observe the same reverence for the sacrament , as best as we can under the circumstances.

In this early phase, the Holy communion will be given **only in the hand** and Parishioners are requested to hold their hands in a form of cup so that Holy communion can be gently dropped into the cupped hands without having any contact with the recipient. Please pay attention to instruction given by the father how to receive Holy communion during the Mass.

Use of Leaflets, prayer cards and Hymnals:

Parish will not provide any leaflets, prayer cards or hymnals during this time. The congregational singing is suspended as singing puts an infinitely greater number of contagion droplets in the air. Changes with regard to this will be informed.

Cleaning of the Church before the Mass:

Every surface exposed to common use is cleaned and disinfected before the Mass. This is done before every Mass or public service of any kind. There will be no weekday masses. The church will be thoroughly cleaned. Church will be entirely closed on Monday through Friday to allow any potential contagion left behind on a surface to die.

All public use missals, hymnals, prayer cards etc. will be removed. The fonts will also remain unfilled at this time.

Other safety measures and precautions:

Eucharistic ministers, ushers, set-up and clean up volunteers will all wear masks and will be instructed with regard to safety measures. According to Diocese guidelines Eucharistic ministers will not be wearing gloves and will be dropping the Host into the recipients outstretched cupped hands if they are needed for help.

Diocese guidelines state that priests do not need to wear a mask while he celebrates the Mass. There should be no minister close to him as he will be alone at the altar.

Other Liturgical Practices:

Sign of Peace: Parishioners to express the "Sign of Peace" at Mass in a way that does not involve human touch, such as a small bow.

The Lord,s Prayer: You are to suspend holding hands during the praying of our father.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

We will continue to celebrate sacrament of Penance outdoors keeping a healthy social distance.

Funerals and Weddings:

There are to be no gathering or events at parish church other than Weekend Masses, funerals or weddings with attendance limited according to social distancing standards.

The Points to Highlight and to remember:

- Please remember that **The Sunday Mass Obligation** is suspended indefinitely for all persons living in or visiting in the Tucson Diocese.
- Those over the Age of 65+ with secondary health issues or caring for someone at home with these circumstances should refrain from attending Mass in person.
- Please remember that there is **inherent risk, regardless of age or health, in attending public event. This includes religious services. While we are working to reduce the risk**, there are no risk free situations. A parishioner's presence at a public event constitutes his or her understanding and acceptance of this essential level of risk.
- Those who are **feeling ill in any way** are urged, in the strongest sense, to remain at home and not come onto parish property.
- Please respect any **sign posted at the church entrance indicating the church is full** and you need to return for later scheduled Mass.
- Please make use of a **mask**. The use of a face mask is a sign of our desire to do our part in helping to prevent others from potential contagion. As clergy are repeatedly in our churches, in the words of Bishop Weisenburger, the use of a mask is an especially strong sign of your support for your priests and ministers. So everyone should wear mask.
- The church main doors and windows will be left open for ventilation and air circulation with AC running.
- We are going to have our regular weekend Masses that is on Saturday at 5.30 pm at St. Theresa parish, at 8.00 am at Our Lady of Angels mission Sonoita and at 10.30 am at St. Theresa parish.
- All the parishioners attending any Mass should use hand sanitizer when they come in and leave the church and should wash their hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds when they return home.

Conclusion:

Please read it carefully and be familiar with it so that you are familiar with it to follow it when you come for the public Mass. The whole world is fighting against this Pandemic. Let us join the world in this fight against this Pandemic. So let us take all the necessary precautions that we need to take to stop the spread of the disease. Praying for you and for your good health. God bless you.

Fr. Alexander Tigga, Pastor

THE RICHNESS OF THE SPIRIT

Students, and most adults recalling their school days, are familiar with the phrase “compare and contrast” that shows up from time to time on tests. Today we hear two different accounts of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church. Let’s contrast, then compare. Luke’s account from Acts is filled with arresting details: the mighty wind from heaven, the tongues of flame, the miracle of different languages. John’s account seems timid: fearful disciples, the wounded Christ, the expelling of breath from his risen body, not from the sky. Our literal, modern minds wonder which way it happened; our noisy culture probably makes us prefer the former. But if we compare the two, we find that the dazzling richness of the Spirit fills both accounts, for it is the very breath of the risen Christ, ascended to the sky in Luke, that appears to his disciples in John and sends his followers forth to carry on his mission of forgiving sin and proclaiming the mighty acts of God.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16;
Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2;
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165,
166, 168; 1-6; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22;
Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55;
2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

PENTECOST

Unless the eye catch fire,

God will not be seen.

Unless the ear catch fire,

God will not be heard.

Unless the tongue catch fire,

God will not be named.

Unless the heart catch fire,

God will not be loved.

Unless the mind catch fire,

God will not be known.