The following updates have been made concerning lifting of restrictions and openings:

1. Churches may operate at full capacity without social distancing.
2. Masks are not required for fully-vaccinated individuals.
3. A separate COVID-restrictive section or a separate Mass is requested to accommodate those who are not/cannot be vaccinated; these would adhere to social distancing/masking restrictions as have been followed over the last year. Please be considerate to those who are still wary of the virus.
4. Communion on the tongue and the sign of peace may be restored per pastors’ judgment. Please announce that some may still be uncomfortable with the sign of peace and physical contact is optional, else a nod to one’s neighbors is sufficient.
5. The Mass obligation remains suspended. Per statistics, there are still over a third of the state which is not vaccinated. Also, many persons will still be fearful for selves and immune-compromised family and friends to whom they want to protect from COVID, as well as uncertainly towards potentially-virulent variants. Obviously, however, pastors should encourage attendance at Mass if people do not have such concerns.
6. Streaming/broadcast of Masses may continue at pastors’ discretion. It is recommended regardless so as to accommodate the sick or homebound.
7. Fiestas may be planned as normal, but need to be ready to adhere to the state guidance for group settings then in place when they actually occur.
8. The increased sanitization of facilities practiced during the pandemic may be discontinued at pastors’ discretion, remembering charity for those who still have reservations/concerns about safety.
9. Likewise, Holy Communion under both species may be reinstated at pastors’ discretion.
10. Catechesis and classes may still fall under stricter guidelines per the state health order. Faith Formation Office will provide guidance as conditions change (see page 3).

In all considerations please emphasize safety for your flock. We’re all weary of COVID restrictions and extra measures, but we should be wary of recklessness stemming from impatience.

For an update on the bankruptcy and the pending auction of properties, please see this [LINK](#).

For questions regarding the lifting of COVID restrictions, please contact the Office of Worship at dthillet@archdiosf.org or 505-831-8128, or the Vicar General's Office at stetrick@archdiosf.org or 505-831-8158.
RACISM AND EDUCATION

In the November 2018 Pastoral Letter Against Racism, Open Wide Our Hearts, the Catholic bishops of the United States urge all Catholics to acknowledge “the scourge of racism” that still exists in our hearts, words, actions, and institutions. Racism can be individual, when persons fail to recognize certain groups as created in the image of God and equal in dignity, or it can be systemic, where practices or policies treat certain groups of people unjustly. One area of systemic racism is lack of access to quality education for persons of color.

As children of God, all persons have a God-given right to flourish and develop their potential, so they may lead lives of dignity and contribute to the common good. The right to education has been cited in Papal encyclicals for over a century.

Unfortunately, millions in the U.S. were denied that right. Before Emancipation in 1863, teaching enslaved black people to read and write was illegal. After slavery ended, for the next century, almost every public school in the U.S. was segregated. Further, public schools for minorities were given segregated and underfunded majority of African public schools for minorities were given schooling. Most colleges had few, if any, minority students.

During the Civil Rights Movement of the late 1950s and the 60s, school desegregation was a major issue, causing bitter, sometimes violent, struggles. In 1954, the Supreme Court ruled in Brown v Board of Education of Topeka that all U.S. schools be integrated.

Regrettably, recent studies have shown that after initial gains, schools are now as segregated as they were before the Brown decision. Today in schools located in high-poverty areas, the majority of the students are African American, Hispanic and Latino. Because public schools chiefly depend on local real estate taxes for funding, schools in areas with high housing values can offer more to students, often leaving many minority students out of the equation.

The U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights has studied the critical gaps of these unequitable funding structures. The recent data from that office shows consistent problems for minority students, such as limited access to early learning, lack of teacher equity, limited access to courses and programs that lead to college and career readiness, and low rates of teacher retention. Schools on Native American reservations face a host of additional barriers to student success.

Without quality pre-school programs, many minority students start grade school at a disadvantage. Inexperienced teachers and teachers with limited professional development opportunities are twice as likely to teach in minority public schools. Many African Americans and Latinos attend schools that do not offer the intensive writing classes and upper level math courses needed for college admission, and these schools do not offer adequate college and career counseling. Without resources, consistent support and mentoring, minority students drop out of school at much higher rates than white students—recent statistics show that while 62% of white students get a college degree in 4-6 years, only 38% of Black students, 45% of Latino students and 13% of Native Americans do.

Catholic schools, in fulfillment of their mission on behalf of all children of God, must strive to increase enrollment of underserved populations, including Hispanic/Latino and African American students, in order to ensure that high-quality educational opportunity is available to all students. We must work together as people of faith to improve educational opportunities for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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COMING SOON! WEBINAR SERIES ON THE PASTORAL LETTER AGAINST RACISM, PART 4: WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD: A DIALOGUE

Join us for the fourth dialogue in a series exploring the Pastoral Letter Against Racism, “Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love” by the U.S. Catholic bishops. Sponsored by ASF Office of Social Justice and Respect Life, African American Catholic Community of the ASF, ASF Ad Hoc Committee on Racism, with support from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Details below:

Open Wide Our Hearts, Part 4: “Walk Humbly with God: A Dialogue.” Coming soon! This event is free. Questions? Please contact the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life at 505-831-8205. Look for more information and details coming soon on our Facebook page @ASFJandRL.

Webinar Series:
Part 3: Love Goodness: The Urgent Call of Love (April 26, 2021) Click here to view.
Part 4: “Walk Humbly with God: A Dialogue“ (Date TBA)
IN-PERSON FAITH FORMATION/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR THE 2021-2022 CATECHETICAL YEAR  
July 9, 2021

Parishes of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe may, at this time, plan on gathered (in-person) Faith Formation/Religious Education for the 2021-2022 Catechetical Year. Since the pandemic has not yet come to an end, there is still unpredictability with regards to future modifications to the Public Health Orders. Every parish should be ready to make changes in accordance with any promulgated health orders in the future. As of now and out of an abundance of caution for the unvaccinated and vulnerable among us, please abide by the following directives and attached best practices.

• For face-to-face, gathered instruction all protocols are to be followed:
  - 6-foot social distancing
  - masks must be worn by all
  - regular cleaning and disinfecting of the environment
  - frequent hand, washing opportunities should be available
  - hand sanitizers must be available (for older children who can safely use it)
  - should restrictions again be enforced, the percentage of those gathered or in attendance will not exceed the percentage allowed by the State of New Mexico Public Health Order and, where applicable, those of the Pueblo Governors.

• Remote learning (non-gathered/virtual) methods are to be made available to the families, particularly if parents have concerns or are fearful about sending their child to in-person classes.
  - Children may not be required to attend gathered formation classes against the parents’ wishes or be penalized for their parents’ decision.

For a list of recommendations and best practices for safely resuming in-person formation classes, visit the following link: http://asfoff.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Best-Practice-Recomentation-21-22-OFF.pdf

Please remember that the parents are the primary catechists of their children and it is our responsibility as Catechetical Leaders to help, support, and make resources available to strengthen and inform the faith of parents. “The Church is called to cooperate with parents through suitable pastoral initiatives, assisting them in the fulfillment of their educational mission to become above all the first catechists of their own children.” (2020 Directory for Catechesis, #124)

UPCOMING DEANERY MEETINGS
For Parish Catechetical Leaders/Youth Ministers, etc. (via Zoom)

• Monday, July 26, 2021: NE Deanery 10:00am (changed from 7/28)
• Tuesday, July 27, 2021: A Deanery 10:00am, Santa Fe Deanery 1:30p, Northwest Deanery 6:00pm
• Wednesday, July 28, 2021: B Deanery 10:00am, Southeast Deanery 6:00pm
• Thursday, July 29, 2021: C Deanery 10:00am, Southwest Deanery 1:30 pm

CIRCLE OF GRACE TRAINING
We will be offering a Circle of Grace Training on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm via zoom. The deadline to register is Wednesday August 11th. The link will be sent once the registration has been completed. Please register by calling Della at 505-831-8142 or email dmontano@archdiosf.org.

QUINCEÑERA FAMILY RETREATS
(Presented in Spanish with Bilingual Material Available)

Now that parishes can increase Mass capacity, there is growing interest in scheduling Quinceañera celebrations for young people.

Celebrating a Quinceañera Mass offers the opportunity as a family to learn and reflect on this cultural and religious celebration. For this reason, the Offices of Faith Formation and Hispanic Ministry will soon offer two family Quinceañera retreats via the Zoom platform:

• Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 8:45am-2:30pm. Space is limited and the registration deadline is Wednesday, August 11, 2021.
• Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 8:45am-2:30pm. Space is limited and the registration deadline is Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

Please register by calling Della at 505-831-8142 or email dmontano@archdiosf.org. For updated information on these retreats, please call the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 505-831-8147.
MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREAT “NOS VAMOS A CASAR” (PRESENTED IN SPANISH)

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Now that the capacity of the churches and the celebration of the sacraments is gradually expanding, there has been a great demand for Marriage Preparation Retreats. The next retreat will take place October 30-31, 2021. (Normally these retreats are held only four times during the year.)

Couples interested in participating in an upcoming marriage preparation retreat are asked to contact the Hispanic Ministry Office directly for the most recent information (see box).

MASS IN SPANISH IS BROADCASTED EVERY SUNDAY ON CHANNEL 50 (MY50TV-KASY)

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Recordings of these masses can also be viewed from 4:30pm on Saturday (pre-Sunday mass) via the Internet by visiting the following link: http://hispanicministryasf.org/tv-and-radio-programs/video-collection/

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ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN MASS

The 31st Annual Native American Mass will be Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 4:00pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi (131 Cathedral Pl, Santa Fe, NM 87501). Traditional dress is encouraged!

For more information on this event please contact Charla at 505-831-8151 or cbecerra@archdiosf.org.

Our goal is to celebrate in a way that is safe for all, but especially the Pueblo communities.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

RETROUVAILLE, a lifeline for troubled marriages. Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? We believe RETROUVAILLE can help. RETROUVAILLE will teach you a method to re-establish communication. This three phase program consists of a weekend experience, a series of 12 follow-up sessions over twelve week period, and a monthly meeting for lifelong support. For more information or to locate a virtual weekend, please call 505-890-3495 in Albuquerque. You can also find us on the web at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

Opportunities to grow in faith and love await you at www.familylifenm.org. There you will find Ministry Resources and Trainings on: The Marriage Preparation, Marriage Support & Enrichment, The ASF Therapist Referral Network, Natural Family Planning (NFP) Information, Parenting Support, Divorce Recovery, Grief Support Groups and more.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Evenings for the Engaged Virtual Events are from 7-9 pm for two weeks. Couples must attend all six classes. Please visit www.familylifenm.org to register for one of the events. The cost is $20.00 per couple. Dates are as follows: August 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27 or October 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29

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DEAF CIRCLE TRAINING
The Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Pastoral Outreach Deaf Circle is hosting a weekly zoom meeting designed to assist interpreters who are currently interpreting the Roman Catholic Mass. This weekly training/meeting is designed for interpreters of all levels. We are fortunate to have a deaf priest from the Diocese of Milwaukee (Fr. Christopher Klusman) who will assist with the spiritual guidance involved in the training. We will study the readings together for each of the Sunday Liturgies and alternate interpreting using linguistic tactics and peer reasoning.

Time will be allotted for discussion questions related to that interpreter’s sign choice as we analyze the grammatical structure presented. This type of training/meeting is structured for continued individual growth related to interpreting in a Roman Catholic setting. Please share this information with anyone who is interested in participating. You will receive the zoom access link once registered. The meeting will be hosted by Charles Griego, ASL Deaf Ministry Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. If you have any questions you can reach him at charlesgriego@gmail.com or (505) 429-1068.

THE ECUMENICAL CORNER
July 2021

With this hot weather, it is a blessing to get out of the heat and into the somewhat cooler shade of one’s home. Last Saturday afternoon, I had the rare opportunity to sit and open a book that was sitting on my shelf for the past year. The title is *Formation and Struggles – The Birth of the Church AD 33-200* by an Orthodox professor of New Testament, Veselin Kesich. Professor Kesich writes well and describes the challenges from both inside and outside of the early Christian communities. They are many of the same challenges that we face today.

Reading Kesich’s book from an ecumenist’s perspective, one realizes how much common ground and history we share with our Protestant and Orthodox faith communities. Ecumenism begins with what unites us as Christians, not that we are unaware of our differences, but so many of those differences are the result of the weaker sides of our humanity and histories, not what Christ intended. Our Lord’s prayer today, as on the night before He died, is “Holy Father...that they may be one, even as we are one.” (Jon 17:11)

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe has an active Ecumenical Commission dedicated to the ministry of unity among those of different Christian traditions and faiths. If you or your parish would like to know more about this Catholic ministry, please contact Msgr. Voorhies at bvoorhies@archdiosf.org or Jim Gilroy at gilroy@unm.edu or 575-776-8450. We look forward to sharing presentations on Ecumenism with you and your parish community.

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2021 Annual Catholic Appeal - Archdiocese of Santa Fe

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
The Annual Catholic Appeal raises funds to support the Archdiocesan ministries and services including Community Outreach, Pastoral Services, Education and Evangelization, Clergy Education and Long-term Care, so that all parishes may develop as vibrant Catholic communities and support the needs of the wider Archdiocesan Church. ACA remains a significant source of funding for the ministries, services and programs of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe throughout this process and beyond. Please consider making a donation or pledge, the smallest contribution makes a difference. This could not be accomplished without your generous support. Thank you!

For more information on how to donate or pledge, please call 505-831-8239 or visit the link below:
https://archdiocesesantafegiving.org/annual-catholic-appeal-foundation

Regarding the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Chapter 11 Reorganization:
The Archdiocese of Santa Fe entered into Chapter 11 reorganization during the first week of December 2018. The utmost concern is for the victims of abuse. Our prayers are with them. The Annual Catholic Appeal Foundation is NOT part of the Chapter 11 filing. ACA is separately incorporated and funding is not available for legal claims.
YOU CAN STILL EMPTY YOUR CRS RICE BOWL, AND GIVE ONLINE OR MAIL A CHECK!

Through CRS Rice Bowl, our Catholic community in the United States does something amazing each Lent. We come together to practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving—and by doing so we help lift families and communities out of poverty. Rice Bowl helps us to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. “Empty” your Rice Bowl online! Remember, 100% of CRS Rice Bowl contributions support projects for the poor both overseas and here in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. 25% of the contributions fund local poverty and hunger alleviation programs in dioceses across the United States.

Don’t worry if you cannot return your CRS Rice Bowl to your parish or school. We have two ways you can give!

Give your 2021 Lenten Rice Bowl Contribution online here: https://archdiocesesantafegiving.org/virtual-crss-rice-bowl or Mail in a check to: Archdiocese of Santa Fe Social Justice and Respect Life Office – 4000 St. Joseph Pl. NW Albuquerque, NM 87120. Please make the check out to Archdiocese of Santa Fe and put “CRS Rice Bowl” in the memo line. Watch the Thank You Video.

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a ministry of the Catholic Church, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. It is a ministry of healing and mercy for post abortive men and women who grieve the loss of an infant to abortion. Do you know someone who has been involved in the abortion decision that they regret? Are you suffering from such a decision or the decision made by someone you love? There is hope for healing and reconciliation with the child, the family and God. For more information about Project Rachel, Call 505-831-8238.

USCCB’S CAMPAIGN TO SAVE THE HYDE AMENDMENT

Some in Congress are trying to force tax dollars to pay for abortion. Congress’ process of determining where money goes takes months, it is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. This amendment carries incredibly high stakes and urgency is needed! The primary goal of the campaign is for millions of Catholics to sign the petition on NoTaxpayerAbortion.com.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH FROM POPE FRANCIS

“May the Holy Spirit teach us to view the world with God’s eyes and to treat our brothers and sisters with the gentleness of His heart.”

Pope Francis, Twitter, May 28, 2021
**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

“I am with you always” are the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly: the whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

**JULY 25, 2021: 1ST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY**

This year the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and Pope Francis established the first annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly to be marked on July 25, 2021. This will be held annually on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is “I am with you always”. Watch Pope Francis’ message for this day! A Pastoral Resource can be found here: [http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/pastoral-resources-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly21.html](http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/pastoral-resources-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly21.html).

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**

For the last five decades, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has supported community organizations throughout the country, working to tackle many dimensions of the complex social and environmental crisis facing our world. Read this latest blog post to explore the importance of environmental justice in the Portland, OR area, and the campaigns and organizations they have partnered with to address these environmental issues. #CCHD50 [http://povertyusa.org/stories/environmental-justice-portland](http://povertyusa.org/stories/environmental-justice-portland). Find more CCHD information at [povertyusa.org](http://povertyusa.org).

**PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.

Amen.
PRAYER FOR THE SUMMER

O God of light,
We are thankful for these longer days,
For new ways of being present
After long isolation and difficult distances.
Bless our summer sabbatical time,
Renew our hearts, revive our energy
So we may be restored, made whole again,
Ready again for the work of justice and peace.
O God of light,
Let us absorb your shining grace
As growing things absorb the sun’s energy,
So we too may know
A season of slow and steady growth.
Bless these weeks ahead:
May they be a time of ripening
So we can take in your gifts
And move towards the harvest time,
To share with compassion and courage.
Amen.

Jane Deren, Ph.D.

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