

ST JOSEPH



CATHOLIC CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Brownsville

May 11, 2020

Good Afternoon RCIA Students:

I am happy to inform you that Bishop Flores along with Diocese of Brownsville have begun the first stages to reopening the churches. WE STILL DO NOT HAVE AN OFFICIAL DAY, but Bishop Flores has released a list of protocols that every church, including St. Joseph, must meet before they may reopen. In order to comply with this strict protocol and the city, county, and state ordinance, it has been suggested for each church to form a team of volunteers. These volunteers are the ones to help Father Greg and parish employees to organize, clean, disinfect, and keep a certain sense of order during the celebration of Masses.

We need your help, without a team we will not be able to comply, therefore we will not be able to reopen St. Joseph Church. Although we are grateful for all types of different volunteers, we must be very clear. The volunteers that we are seeking must be in good health, with no signs of illness, and no medical vulnerabilities.

Medical Vulnerabilities are as follows:

- People over the age of 65
- People who live or work in a nursing home or long-term care facility
- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who are immunocompromised
 - which includes but is not limited to including cancer treatments, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications.
- People with severe obesity (BMI of 40 or Higher)
- People with Diabetes
- People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- People with liver disease
- People who take care of a person with any of the above conditions
- People who have been exposed to or have been in contact with someone exposed to COVID-19.

If you would like to help but fall under any of the above categories, thank you, but under the CDC guidelines it would be best to stay home.

If you do not have any medical vulnerabilities and would like to help, please submit your name, telephone, and email address to your coordinator, Carmen Flores, or directly to

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me and we will inform Father Greg that you would like to help. Please state which Mass or Masses you would be willing to serve at as well, and if you are open to helping in more than one Mass. We need all volunteer information by Tuesday, May 13 for we are already setting up the first training later next week.

We hope to hear from you soon, and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (956) 383-3728, option 4. Thank you and have a blessed day!

Fiat Voluntas Tua,

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