



## St. Jude Church

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June 11, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

While we are praying in different circumstances, we are still offering the same prayer to the same God as the same parish family. Thanks to our ministers, including our post-Mass cleaners, who allow us to gather together with less risk. Thanks also to everyone who is following the precautions set in place.

### **Precautions in place to attend Mass**

As a reminder, these precautions include:

- Entering the building only through the main entrance underneath the carport, and not entering the building more than 30 minutes before the start of Mass, unless you come for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays at 3:30-4:00. The “Reconciliation Room” is now the new Community Center.
- Maintaining social distancing within the church itself by sitting in every-other pew and having more than 6 feet of separation within the pews between people of different households.
- Wearing masks and receiving holy Communion in the hand.

### **Catholics remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass**

Archbishop Jackels has dispensed Catholics from our obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. If one is elderly, has an existing medical condition, or is nervous about COVID-19, one should consider not attending Mass. If one is sick or has symptoms of COVID-19, do NOT attend Mass. For those who do not come to Mass, we will continue to livestream our Saturday 4:30 PM Mass on **judes.org**. The livestreamed Mass is available on Sundays as well. We are investigating the possibility of improving our livestreaming capability.

If one is curious about the number of people at Mass, below are our approximate counts:

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
May 30/31	63	81	90
June 6/7	70	95	105

### **Farewell for Brian McGee**

Last night Archbishop Jackels was at St. Jude to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 24 of our parishioners. They are now sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit as fully initiated Catholic Christians! Brian McGee, our Director of Faith Formation, assisted these young men and women in their preparation for this sacrament. Brian is leaving St. Jude at the end of this month. To say farewell to Brian, we are hosting a virtual coffee and donuts via Zoom this Sunday, June 14, at noon. Contact Michelle Tressel at [m.tressel@dbqarch.org](mailto:m.tressel@dbqarch.org) or at 319-390-

3520 by 7:00 PM on Saturday, June 13, if you want to attend this virtual farewell. You can attend via computer or phone.

This coming weekend Saint Paul, in eucharistic language, reminds us “because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body.” Whether we have returned to Mass in the church, whether we are praying from home, whether we are recently Confirmed or are preparing for our first Eucharist, we remain one body in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Father Mark Murphy