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## ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL

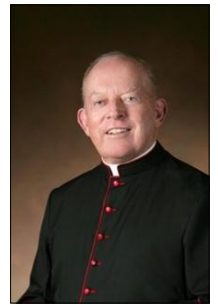
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My Dear Parishioners:

Well, long last, we are preparing for the first in a series of steps to once again begin the celebration of public Masses in our Cathedral Parish & Diocese. The first step which allows only 100 people at each outside Mass begins this coming weekend with our usual Mass times plus one at 7:00PM on Saturday in Spanish.



1. First of all: **A GENERAL DISPENSATION FROM THE SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION REMAINS IN PLACE. NO ONE IS OBLIGED TO RESUME PARTICIPATION IN WEEKEND MASS.**
2. **VULNERABLE AT-RISK & OTHERWISE-CONCERNED PERSONS SHOULD REMAIN HOME.**
3. **ANYONE WHO HAS EVEN THE SLIGHTEST SYMPTOMS OR FEELINGS OF SICKNESS MUST REMAIN HOME.**
4. **SOCIAL DISTANCING** (at least 6 feet) must be practiced at all times on Church property (except members of the same household).
5. Presently **ONLY 100 PERSONS ARE ALLOWED AT ANY CHURCH GATHERING. PEOPLE MUST SIGN UP BEFOREHAND FOR PARTICIPATION IN EACH MASS.** If less than 100 show up for Mass, extras might be admitted, but registrations will be required. This is done just in case there is an outbreak of the Virus and the Health Department needs to follow up. For the first week, because there are only 2 days left to sign up beforehand, up to 100 persons will be permitted for each Mass. Subsequently, we will have to sign up each week for the present time (phone, email, text, mail or drop off request at the office).
6. For the time being-Masses will be offered at the **EAST ENTRANCE OF OUR SCHOOL BUILDING** with chairs set up in the driveway, upper & lower levels (near the grotto). **EVERYONE IS REQUESTED TO BRING:**
  - **A CHAIR**
  - **AN UMBRELLA OR HAT (for sun)**
  - **A MASK-COVERING NOSE & MOUTH**

NO one will be admitted without a mask, which must be continually worn, except for the reception of the Holy Communion, which will follow the final blessing of Mass. None of us likes the new

requirements but we undertake them, prompted by love & care of one another & it's only temporary (how long that might be). Sanitizing liquid, a few extra masks and some chairs will be available.

We will still be streaming our daily and Sunday Masses at the usual 11:00AM, Sunday 1:00PM Spanish. Outdoor Mass will be also offered on Tuesdays at 7:00PM with streaming. If you are not confused enough by now (I've done my best) know that we're happy at least to get started on celebrating public Masses.

7. COLLECTION BASKETS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE PASSED BUT, A BASKET WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FOOT OF THE STAIRS IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR FOR YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIFTS. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you who have continued your generous financial support during this crisis! It has enabled us to ride out this storm.

Know we miss you, are concerned & praying for you daily. **DON'T GIVE UP!**

God bless & keep you safe and healthy.  
Devotedly In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John A. Ecker". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

Rev. Msgr. John A. Ecker-VG  
Pastor