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Dear Friends,

In light of Governor Dunleavy's press conference on Tuesday evening outlining the combined phases 3 and 4 of his "Open Alaska Responsible", I wanted to make you aware of what we are planning at St. Andrew. First, a few important factors:

- 1) The Municipality of Anchorage has not yet adopted the State's more liberal standards. We are obligated to follow the municipalities guidelines.
- 2) We are still morally obligated to assure, to the best of our abilities, a safe environment for those who are on the property. It will follow that while we are anxious to begin mass, we must do so with safeguards in place. This will include masks, social distancing and limited congregations when we CAN gather.
- 3) Our church building is not in a state that can be used because of the earthquake restoration. The good news is that we should be able to celebrate mass in the church by mid-June. Please keep in mind this date could change but it is currently our plan.

We are planning on celebrating a "parking lot" Mass this Sunday, May 24 at 10am. We are anticipating that our plan will be approved by the Archdiocese. If it is not approved, we will have live-stream mass as we have done for the past couple of months. This will be our plan until the church building is available.

What do you need to know about a "Parking Lot" Mass?

- 1) Attendees will need to stay in their cars for the duration of the Mass.
- 2) Communion will be distributed after mass AS YOU DRIVE OUT. (We will have instructions about this when you arrive.) Please back into your parking space.
- 3) Communion on the tongue is available but will take place after distribution to the departing cars has ended. It will take place under the portico at the entrance of the church building.
- 4) Audio for the mass will be available via a web app called: "waveCAST-reciever" by Williams. You are encouraged to download the app ahead of time. Further instructions will be provided soon.
- 5) It is weather dependent. Even though we are planning to have a covering over the altar, inclement weather could still make it too challenging for mass. If this is the case, we will resort to online-streaming mass as we've done for two months.
- 6) Streaming of the "parking lot" Mass will be available. Distribution of Holy Communion for those who watch it online will be available at the church building until noon on Sunday.
- 7) More details will follow.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday.

In Christ,

Fr. Arthur  
Pastor