



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners,

It is with great joy and caution that we have been given the green light to open our parishes for public Masses. I am very grateful to God that we are able to reopen and at the same time we need to use common sense and safety as we open. With this said, we will be opening Sacred Heart Parish for public Masses beginning on Saturday, May 16th. We will go back to our regular schedule of Masses and confessions. Confessions will be in the sacristy and the small chapel with screening provided. I have enclosed an insert with all the guidelines for you to consider. We ask you to carefully read this and then decide in total freedom if you want to come. There is no judgement on anyone in what you chose to do.

We will be very careful in keeping the social distancing in the church and we will require everyone to wear masks and sanitize their hands as they come into the church. The seating will be arranged in the church to provide proper distancing for our families. This means we can only use approximately 30% of our normal space. We ask you to be patient with this process. If you do not agree with these strictures or feel uncomfortable coming to Mass you are still dispensed from the Sunday Mass obligation by the Bishop until further notice.

There will be teams of hosts that will help you be seated and you may not be able to sit in your normal place. We are asking individuals and families to disinfect the place where they will be seated. There will be supplies available for your use. This will help us make sure the seating is sanitized. It also helps us work together as a parish to keep each other safe.

A big change will be that we will provide communion for you right after the closing song at the end of Mass. We will have two stations in the church where Father Patrick and I will give out communion. We will be wearing masks and have the proper sanitation items at our station. We also will have the hall available for overflow and we will also have extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and two stations. They too will be masked. You are totally free to choose, if you want to come to communion or to leave after Mass.

These are just a few of the guidelines that we have published and again, I ask you to carefully review this insert before you come to Mass. If you are sick or in a high-risk category we ask you not to come to Mass. Again, we are grateful to God for the ability to reopen and look forward to seeing all of you and being able once again to receive our Lord in the Eucharist. Pray for one another and for those who have gotten sick or who have died from Covid-19.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Mark Lichter



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