



June 15, 2020

Dear Friends,

We will begin a gradual resumption of Sunday Mass by celebrating our first public Mass since lockdown began on Sunday, June 28, at 10:30 a.m. Be assured that our staff, parish leadership, preparation team, and I seek to ensure a safe and reverent environment for everyone. Please also understand that Mass will look and feel different than what we are used to, and out of care for your fellow parishioners, we expect all those in attendance to follow the policies we put in place.

A few of these include:

- Registering ahead of time (for contact tracing in the event someone who has attended Mass becomes ill)
- Following crowd control measures to ensure social distancing
- Wearing a covering over your nose and mouth
- Being ushered to a seat based on size of your household and capacity limits
- Using hand sanitizer stations upon entering and exiting the church
- No congregational singing
- Refraining from shaking hands or holding hands
- Dropping your offering in a basket at the door to eliminate passing the collection basket
- Receiving Communion at the end of Mass prior to exiting

You can register for Sunday Mass in one of two ways:

1. Go to the home page of our website (www.churchofsttimothy.com) and click the link for the sign up page.
2. Call the parish office at 763.784.1329 and the receptionist will take the pertinent information.

By registering online or over the phone you are agreeing to the above policies. **Registration for Mass on June 28 will open at 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 22, and will go until noon on Friday, June 26, or until maximum capacity is reached.** This will be the registration timeframe for each Sunday Mass going forward.

State health officials, the Archdiocese, Catholic Mutual, and I strongly discourage anyone over 65 or with preexisting health conditions to not attend Mass. In support of this, Archbishop Hebda has extended the dispensation from Sunday Mass indefinitely for everyone. No one should feel pressured or morally guilty if you are uncomfortable returning to Mass. We will continue to stream a recorded weekly Mass via Facebook and YouTube, and are also looking at options to possibly upgrade our capability to livestream Sunday morning mass as well. By participating in the streamed Mass, you are fulfilling your Sunday obligation.

I realize you may have many questions at this time. Know that we will share additional information as we get closer to the date of June 28. In the meantime, if you are not receiving our electronic emails and would like to, please call the parish office with your email address.

Thank you, God bless you, and I look forward to celebrating Mass with the St. Timothy community again.

Fr. Joe Whalen, Pastor