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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

May the Lord grant us his peace !

You have been hungering to receive the Eucharist since our Mass with the public has been suspended and rightly so because we are a Eucharistic Community. We have received approval from the Diocese to celebrate with the physical presence of a congregation **starting on June 13 / 14, 2020, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, with a lot of restrictions. I must tell you that this is not a general norm granted to all but a privilege depending on the changing health situation and on our compliance with the county health directives. For this reason we need to arm ourselves with flexibility and co-responsibility.

The reopening of St. Jude will be done in conformity with the health norms that are in-place during this coronavirus pandemic\*. ***The indulgent or dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass given by the Bishop on March 12, 2020 is still in place.*** This means that people who are 65 or older, those who may have chronic health issues, or simply because they feel uncomfortable to be coming to public gathering are not obliged to come. ***Those of us who may have experienced symptoms of respiratory illness like coughing, fever and colds in the past two weeks are discouraged from coming to congregate.*** These brothers and sisters may continue to pray in their homes and participate in Sunday or daily Mass using the on-line platforms.

*The love of Christ urges us (1Cor 5,14)...* The act of charity that we are urged during this time is to make sure that none of us infects anybody else. This is the general principle that we always have to bear in mind since this disease may be asymptomatic and still in that case is transmissible. This means respecting the public health norms and the following dispositions for our Parish:

**Mass Schedule** during these extraordinary circumstances will be as follows:

- **Saturday Vigil 6:30 p.m. in Spanish** - outside church at the parking space in front of main entrance.
- **Sunday 8:00 a.m. in English** - inside church building. Only eighty six (86) people will be let in; first come. I encourage that our older members be given priority for this Mass. Overflow will be asked to stay at the parking space in front of main entrance.
- **Sunday 10:00 a.m. in English** - outside church at the parking space in front of main entrance.
- **Sunday Mass in Korean - 5:00 p.m.** in church
- **Weekday Mass** 8 a.m. as usual.
- **Confession** - Saturday 5:00 p.m. under the pine tree, close to the Miraculous Virgin shrine, wearing mask while waiting will be in the porch. Also by appointment.

**Prepare to bring** with you: parasols (umbrella) and a jacket to protect from the elements during the outside celebration because weather in Marina is constantly changing. Each one is encouraged not to use toilet in the facility (except for emergency) but at home. We shall try our best that Mass would not last longer than 45 minutes.

**Parking** during the outside Mass will be restricted to the space until our Lady of Fatima shrine. We encourage you to leave this space to people who may have difficulty walking.

**As you come into the celebration premises, ushers** will be present to inform, instruct and remind you of health safety protocols.

- Ushers will be at the main entrance to take your temperature, to remind you to wear your mask or provide you one if you may have forgotten and to sanitize your hands with disinfecting gel.



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- Only the main door will be used to enter the church and the side doors as exits. Arrows on the pavement will indicate the paths of movement.

#### **During the celebration**

- Marked, distanced spaces are indicated on the pews in church and outside, which we ask everyone to respect, as well as on the corridor as you line-up for communion.
- Wearing mask will be imposed during the whole length of celebration except just before ingesting the Holy Host.
- Absolutely no physical contact with other parishioners will be allowed. Congregating before or after Mass are highly discouraged.
- Communion (only with the host) will be distributed *solely* on the hand as we have already been practicing before the lock-down.
- Responses and singing will be done in whisper if not in silence. The less we touch the pews and our faces, the safer we are.
- Collection will not be done during the offering; you may leave your donation in a box at the exits.

**After the celebration, volunteers** will be asked to disinfect pews and chairs. And also to put onto racks chairs after the outside celebrations.

All these norms will be brought to our attention before and in the course of the celebration. I will be rehearsing all these protocols with the ministers as we prepare for the 13th of June.

I thank you for your understanding, patience and collaboration. Our respectful compliance will allow us to remain open for our sacramental celebrations with your physical presence. My main concern during this period is that you can receive Holy Communion. It is everything for us, Catholics.

May our Blessed Mother protect us all and transmit us her patient waiting until we overcome this pandemic. Looking forward to see you.

Fr. Roni                  June 5, 2020

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\* <https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/administrative-office/office-of-emergency-services/response/covid-19> - <https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/administrative-office/office-of-emergency-services/response/cov>