

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We will open the public mass at St. Paul church in a very unusual circumstance. This is the time when Christ calls us to truly live the gospel, to practice what we claim to believe. We are called to sacrifice our own will and put others first. The measures that we take to open the public masses are not just to comply with what the civil authority and the bishop specify, but above all, they have the purpose of safety for everyone as much as possible.

I would like to emphasize what the bishop wrote in his pastoral letter. The dispensation from the obligation of Sunday and holy day masses is still in place. Those who are over 65 years old or having some medical conditions are strongly encouraged to stay home. If you have a fever, even a mild one, you need to stay home. Parents with young children should not bring them to mass at this time. Please stay home, say the Rosary together and attending mass online.

The new schedule for mass is following:

- Tuesday, Wednesday (in Spanish), Thursday and Friday at 6:30 pm in the church.
- Saturday at 5 pm in the church
- Sunday 10 am online only

This schedule is effective beginning this Saturday, May 9. All the masses are in English, except on Wednesday. Everyone is required to wear face mask to enter and stay in the church. At the entrance of the church, two ushers will stand by to spray your hands with alcohol base sanitizer. If somehow ushers are not there, sanitizer is available on the table, please use it. Every other pew in the church will be blocked by ropes. Please sit on the open pews and keep a distance of six feet if you are not family. Avoid sitting at either end of the a pew because people can walk by. There is a limit of 50 people allowed in the church. An usher will keep track of the number. If you come when the limit is reached and you are asked to go home, please don't feel bad because you are doing it for the safety of others and yourself. Leaving is more pleasing to God than insisting to stay and causing trouble. The bishop invites us to consider attending mass on weekday as an alternative. After mass, you are welcome to stay to pray. However, if you want to talk please step outside the church to do so.

All these steps are taken to ensure the safety of everyone attending mass. It does not mean to take away your freedom. If you choose to go to mass at the church, please accept the requirements for the love of Jesus. Thank you for your cooperation. We continue to pray for the improvement and the solution for this crisis. We pray that those who are suffering from illness may have the gift of healing and protection for all of us. Trying time is when we can become better or worse. Please choose to become better.

Fr. Bernard Hung
Pastor