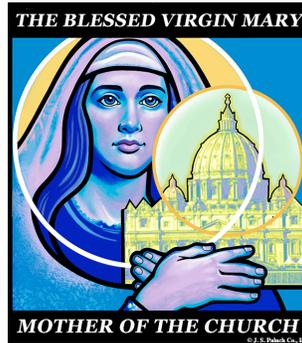




St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community

Reflections with Fr. Mark

June 1, 2020



Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate a new Memorial in the Church introduced by Pope Francis in 2017: Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. We hear in our Gospel today the tender love as Jesus presents His Mother to John: "Behold, your Mother." Mothers have the image of being loving, tender and merciful. Often, as children, we would run to our mothers when we were afraid or hurt for comfort and safety. Perhaps this is an appropriate day then for Mother Church to open the doors to the faithful after these 11 weeks of pandemic lockdown.

St. Luke will open the parish church for individual private prayer for three hours per day operating under the safety protocols provided by the state, county, city and Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Parishioners who would like a 20-minute visit in the church must [sign up online](#) through our Parish Website or call the Pastoral Office to reserve a space.

We are only allowed to have 25% occupancy or maximum of 100 people while observing physical distancing, facial covering and sanitization procedures in place. The next three weeks will be a test to see if the authorities will further relax safety measures by the beginning of July. We will maintain very strict protocols as we slowly unfold the plan for our community, and we ask for your patience and understanding as we have agreed to follow all directives and protocols in place.

Our re-opening plans were outlined yesterday. Please [click here](#) to read the updates and a view a video message. At this point, all plans are fluid and may change daily depending upon need and ability. We ask you to keep yourself informed as we move out of lockdown and proceed slowly down a long path to recovery.

May the Mother of the Church, Mary, welcome and watch over her children as we celebrate our partial opening under the guidance of the Holy Spirit leading us to the truth found in Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark

Watch Sunday Mass from St. Luke at Home: The recordings are available on our Parish website, www.stluketemplecity.org, and sent through our e-communications. The services will remain posted so you may view at your convenience.

Please visit our Parish Website for continued COVID-19 information related to parish activities and previous e-communications: <https://stluketemplecity.org/covid-19>.