

# SPCC Happenings



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## Diocesan Protocols In Place At Church And Parish Office

Following the diocesan protocols during the current pandemic can sometimes seem overwhelming as parishioners—not only in the Diocese of Reno but throughout the nation and the world—adapt to the mandates of their government officials and church leaders. However, the requirements are a small sacrifice in order to protect our fellow human beings and ourselves from contracting the coronavirus and experiencing its deleterious effects.

### Information on Public Masses and Reconciliation/Adoration:

Public Masses during the weekend and on Wednesday and Friday at St. Patrick’s resumed in early June after being shut down for more than two months. Reconciliation and Adoration on Thursday afternoons also started up again although St. Pat’s pastor, Father Tony, hears confession in a new location: the old offices on the east side of the church building and adjacent to the Rose Room. This area was adapted with a specially constructed door installed between the penitent and priest to allow for communication but also keep them both protected.

Parishioners are reminded that, when they attend Mass, they are required to enter information on a “sign in” list so that, should one or more of the attendees contract the virus, contact tracing can take place to notify others who were present at the Mass of the situation. Self-quarantine may then be necessary. Hand sanitizers are readily available to use once a person has used the pen to sign in.

In addition, facial coverings or masks and social distancing are mandatory while attending Mass. The

parish can provide a mask if an individual comes to the church without one. Every other pew in the sanctuary is blocked, and chairs in the Rose Room spaced at six or more feet from each other, to assist parishioners in maintaining social distancing.

A maximum of 50 individuals at each Mass is allowed entrance to the church.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Bishop Calvo has granted a dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass in the Diocese of Reno to anyone who should not attend Mass for health reasons or who do not feel safe in coming to the church. This dispensation continues until further notice. The Diocese of Reno hosts a Catholic Mass on KOLO TV, Channel 8, on Sunday at 9 a.m. EWTN also provides several opportunities on Sunday to view a Catholic Mass.

### Gratitude for the Volunteers:

We are grateful to the volunteers who greet parishioners at the beginning of Mass and ensure they sign in and are wearing masks, and also the volunteers who, using a fogger, sanitize the church, its pews, and the Rose Room—including door knobs or handles—after each service. If you would like to volunteer as a greeter, or someone to help sanitize the church and Rose Room (the effort takes about 15-20 minutes once the simple process is learned), call the parish office at 423-2846. More volunteers would allow for greater flexibility in scheduling among all.

### Parish Office Closure:

The parish office remains closed during the pandemic until instructions come from Bishop Calvo of the Dio-

cese of Reno to re-open to the public. However, the staff continues to work within its confines and according to the normal work schedule. Parishioners can call the parish office at 423-2846 to conduct business or to let the staff know if they have a pressing need to stop by and be allowed access. Visitors must wear facial coverings, or masks, upon entering and during their visit, observe social distancing, and sign a Visitor’s Log at the front counter for contact tracing purposes.

### Ministry Activities:

Basically, St. Patrick’s ministries or activities are suspended until such time as Bishop Calvo indicates they can become operational. Parishioners are asked to periodically check the parish website located at [www.stpatrickparish.org](http://www.stpatrickparish.org) for updates on the resumption of ministries or activities and for messages or notices from the bishop or St. Pat’s pastor. The church bulletin under “News and Events”) as well as the monthly parish newsletter (on the home page) are also posted on the parish website.

**Thank  
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to all in the parish who have willingly and lovingly adapted to “the new normal” at St. Patrick’s due to the pandemic and the required diocesan protocols. We know and understand it may not always be an easy thing to do. God bless you for your patience and cooperation!

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**Catholic Biblical School Possibly Starts 3rd Year**

*The following information concerning the start of the third year of the Catholic Bible School (CBS) being offered by the University of Dallas in the Diocese of Reno is based on the assumption that the instruction can take place in person with the wearing of masks and observing social distancing (according to a Diocese of Reno flyer) Please check St. Pat's website for information on whether it is a "go" or not or contact Dr. Reinhart at the diocese (email mentioned below).*



Adults of all education levels are invited to enroll in the third year of CBS. Participants will learn how to interpret the Bible in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic church and in light of modern Biblical scholarship.

The focus of this year's CBS is "Exile and Restoration: Prophets, Lamentations, Ruth, Song of Songs, Psalms."

CBS will meet on Thurs., beginning Sept. 10, from 6-8 p.m., at three different sites: Our Lady of Sorrows in Reno, St. Robert Bellarmine in Fernley, and St. Joseph's in Elko.

Although a four-year program, individuals may attend any year or all four years.

Brochures and registration forms can be downloaded at the diocesan website at renodiocese.org under Our Works, followed by the Lay Ministry tab. Interested persons may also contact Dr. Lauri Anne Reinhart at laurianner@catholicreno.org for a brochure and registration form to be mailed to them. A book list to cover the upcoming instructional year is also available on the diocesan website.

Registration forms should be completed and submitted to the Diocese of Reno by Mon., August 24, so that the number of enrollees at each instructional site may be determined.

Because this is a college-level class, and whether taking it for credit or audit, the annual cost is \$550 each plus books. Full tuition must be paid by Sept. 19.

As a CBS flyer states, "Let the Word of God transform you!"

**More Humor So We Can Laugh During The Pandemic**

*These jokes are especially appropriate for those who still "stay sheltered," or even self-quarantined, at home::*

I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.

2019: Stay away from negative people.  
 2020: Stay away from positive people.

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids or grandkids are yelling at them to stay indoors.

Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?

Me: Alexa, what's the weather outside?  
 Alexa: It doesn't matter. You're not going anywhere.

I swear my fridge just said, "What do you want now?"

Can everyone please just follow the government instructions so we can knock out this coronavirus and be done? I feel like a kindergartner who keeps losing more recess time because one or two kids can't follow directions.

RCIA registration and start date are delayed until diocesan churches including St. Patrick's are instructed they can re-open more fully.



**Joanie's Food Pantry remains closed until further notice due to the pandemic.**

**First Communion Photos**

If you have a child who made his/her First Communion on July 12 of this year and haven't picked up your photo of the event, you may do so at the parish office. Because the doors are locked, it would be helpful if you called the parish office at 423-2846 ahead of your visit to let the staff know you are planning on coming. Please wear your mask and knock strongly on the door to alert the staff when you arrive. You may also be asked to sign the visitor's log on the front counter per diocesan protocols.

Congratulations to your child and enjoy the photo of this momentous occasion of sacramental grace!