

November 4, 2020

Dear friends,

First, I can't thank you enough for all your cards, thoughts and prayers for my dear mother, Monica Jean Shea, who passed away last Sunday, November 1st—the Feast of All Saints. Mom was a great lady who died on a great day. **Her funeral will be here at St. Rose of Lima Parish on Friday, November 13, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.** We will start with a rosary and then celebrate her funeral Mass, followed by a reception on the large grass field. People can socially distance as they eat.

Please don't spend money sending flowers. Mom was allergic to flowers. Just send your prayers or donate to our parish in memory of mom. Thanks!

This coming Sunday, November 8, 2020, we will be honoring all our veterans at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. If you are a veteran or have a veteran in your family (and he/she is physically able to attend), we would love to have them at this Mass so that we can honor and pray for them. We hope Fr. James Maher, a veteran himself, will be able to be the main celebrant at the Sunday Mass.

We invite all who are physically able to join us at Church for Sunday Masses. Since we can only have 100 people in the church building, our Masses are live streamed to other alternate sites—the patio and the parish hall.

For those who have compromised health issues, we have added another feature. If you want, you can come and sit in your cars and tune into the Mass on 91.7 FM and follow the Mass. After the Masses, you can drive to the west side of the Church and receive Holy Communion in your car.

Or you can watch the Mass on live stream at home and then, at the time of the Our Father, you can drive to the west side of the Church and receive Holy Communion in your car.

As with last week, please take note of the Mass times, the locations and the protocols for the Masses and Confessions.

WEEKEND MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday Confessions: 3:00—5:00 pm (outside on the east side of Church)

Saturday Masses: 8:30 AM, Vigil 5:00 PM (English) & 7:00 PM.

Sunday Masses: 6:00, 7:00, 9:00 (live stream to homes), 11:00 AM, 1:00 p.m. (Spanish live stream to homes), 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: there will be Eucharistic Adoration for Teens in the Church after the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM

DAILY CONFESSION SCHEDULE (outside):

Monday and Wednesday: 9:00—10:00 AM on west side patio of the Church

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 4:00—5:00 PM on east side of the Church

BEFORE ATTENDING MASS AT ST. ROSE OF LIMA, HERE ARE A FEW ITEMS YOU NEED TO REMEMBER:

MASS ATTENDANCE

Since only a 100 people can be in the Church at any given time, rather than have people make reservations and take numbers, the parish has decided to do the following:

1) All people who desire to go to Mass in the Church can only enter the church building by the front doors of the Church (Royal Avenue side)—all other doors will be locked with signs on them directing them to the front doors.

2) There will be SIGNS on the front of the church reminding the people:

- a. Only 100 people will be admitted
- b. Must wear a mask (masks will be provided if people don't have one)
- c. Sanitize hands with hand sanitizers at the doors.
- d. Sit in designated areas to maintain social distancing (the church building has been taped off to provide for social distancing).
- e. At Communion, maintain social distance and receive communion in the hand.

3) There will be sanitizers and extra masks at the front doors of the church.

4) Ushers with masks and gloves will be at the front door to greet the people.

They will kindly ask each person if they have any cough or fever. If anyone does, they will be asked not to enter the Church. The ushers also will make sure that everyone will be wearing a mask. Masks will be provided for them if they did not bring one.

5) The ushers will count the people entering. When the number reaches 100, the ushers will offer the people wishing to attend Mass two options:

- a. Go to the patio on the west side of the Church where chairs will be set up with proper social distancing and they can listen to the Mass; or
- b. Go to the parish hall where the Mass will be live streamed.
 - i. Again, ushers there will make sure that everyone is wearing a mask and that the people will sit in chairs that are arranged for the proper social distancing.

c. For the alternative locations, an E.M. will bring communion to the people at communion time.

LEASE BE EARLY

Please plan to arrive early. We recommend arriving 20 minutes early for Sunday Mass, and 20 minutes for daily Mass to ensure Mass can start on time. The doors of the Church will be closed and locked once 100 people have entered the Church.

LIMITED ATTENDANCE IN THE CHURCH

For weekday Masses, everyone will enter through the sacristy door on the west side of the building (the rest of the church doors will be locked) to control the numbers of people attending (no more than 100).

For Sunday Masses, only the front doors of the church building on Royal Ave. will be open as a point of entry and only 100 people will be admitted. However, we do have alternative worship spaces.

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SPACES

If more than 100 people show up for Mass, they will be directed to go either to the patio on the west side of the Church where chairs will be set up under tents with proper social distancing and the Mass will be live streamed on a large screen TV with sound; **OR** they can go to the parish hall where the Mass also will be live streamed on TVs. Again, ushers at both alternative places will make sure that everyone sanitizes their hands and wear a mask. People will sit in chairs with the proper social distancing. For the alternative locations, an E.M. will bring communion to the people at communion time.

LIMITED RESTROOM FACILITIES

The restrooms inside of the Church will be available, but only in a case of urgent need. Please plan accordingly. All others can go to the parish hall and use those bathroom facilities.

SAFETY IS OUR TOP CONCERN

At all Masses, we will be strictly observing safety precautions, including:

- 1) The church has undergone a thorough cleaning and disinfecting process prior to opening.
- 2) The congregation at each Mass in the church building and the alternative locations will be limited to 100 people.
- 3) Face masks will be required (no one will be admitted without a face mask).
- 4) Proper social distancing inside and outside the church will be enforced.
- 5) We are cleaning the church and the alternative worship spaces after EVERY Mass. So, we will need everyone to leave promptly after service to allow time to do so.

For the safety of all, we are committed to following the guidelines set for us by the City, County and State. These, together with directives from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, form the basis of our plan.

NO OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS PHYSICALLY IF....

Please note that Archbishop Jose Gomez's dispensation of the Sunday Mass obligation is still in effect. Any person, who does not feel comfortable or safe attending Mass, is not required to attend Mass physically. In fact, anyone, who is not well or is in a high-risk group (those 65 years of age or older as well as those with preexisting medical conditions), should NOT yet return to Mass. We will live stream our Sunday 9 AM Mass in English and 1:00 p.m. in Spanish for those at home.

OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS OF INFORMATION

The Beauty of the Mass: I continue with the next installment of “The Beauty of the Mass” which speaks about Sufficient Preparation for Mass.

“Current Event:” Check out this week’s article by Msgr. Charles Pope in our "Current Event" section on our website.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Grade School—all our classes (K-8) are back. For Information, please call the school at 805-526-5304 or go on the St. Rose of Lima School website: srls.org

Religious Education: For those children who are not attending a Catholic School, parents should enroll their children in our wonderful Religious Education Program to assist the parents in giving their children a great Catholic education/formation. This year we have restored Grades 3-5 Religious Education. To register your child(ren), please go to the RE website dre@strosesv.com or contact **Pauline Simpson** at 805-526-5513.

Confirmation: For our high school young people who have not received their Confirmation, we are starting on-line registration for Confirmation preparation. To register, please go to RE website dre@strosesv.com or contact Pauline Simpson at 805-526-5513.

St. Rose of Lima Christian Service: Our Christian Service is in real need of canned goods and other basic supplies (diapers, baby wipes, etc). If you have fruit trees in your yard with extra fruit, please bring the fruit to the Christian Service garage.

Votive Candles: Votive Candles are available for purchase at the rectory or in the Mother Cabrini Gift Shop in the Church vestibule. Since Governor's Newsom's restrictions are still in effect, once a candle is purchased, a priest can bless the candle(s) and a staff member will take the candle(s) to the Church, light the candle(s) and place them in the candles holders in front of the Blessed Mother or Sacred Heart Shrines. The sale of our votive candles helps fund the Msgr. Sylvester Ryan Scholarship Fund.

For any Baptism, Marriage, or Funeral, please contact the rectory (805-526-1732) to make arrangements.

For any sick calls, please call the rectory: 805-526-1732

Always know that we are praying for you, especially those who can't join us physically because of age or compromised health issues. May God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Shea