

May 9, 2021

Dear friends,

First, thank you to all who contributed to the funeral of Michelle Keilty and to all who sent cards of condolences and prayers! Your kindness is overwhelming. I know that her daughter Amy and other relatives are deeply grateful.

The rosary for Michelle Keilty will be on Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Her funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021.

Second, Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers! We thank you, honor you and pray for you in a special way today! There will be a gift for each mother at the doors of the Church.

Third, thanks be to God that the numbers of Covid infections and deaths are decreasing. Hopefully, in the summer, we will be able to return to a more normal life. In anticipation of opening up our church community more and more, the pastoral leadership team felt it would be important for us to start a process of re-connecting with one another after fifteen months of isolation and disconnect.

So, we are planning some socially-distanced activities to start *St. Rose of Lima Reconnect*. The first two are:

- **The first will be on Saturday, May 15, at 6:00 pm on the school patio for a *Meet & Greet/Trivia Night*.** For all who want to join us, form your Trivia team of 8. The trivia will be both religious and secular so get a good variety of players on your team. There will be delicious ice cream for all who attend. We ask all to wear masks and to socially distance.
- **Second, on Saturday, May 29, 2021, at 6:00 pm., on the school patio, we will be hosting a *Meet and Greet BBQ*.** Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus who will be cooking the BBQ. All food will be pre-packaged for safety; ice cream for dessert. We ask all to wear masks and to socially distance.

Please mark your calendars and join us in reconnecting!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF May 9-15, 2021

WEEKEND MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Saturday Confessions: 3:00—4:45 PM (outside the church)

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

Sunday Masses: 6:00, 7:00, **9:00 (live streamed to homes and patio)**,
11:00 AM, 1:00 (Spanish) and 5:00 PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (inside Church)

Monday—Friday: 8:30AM & 5:30 PM

DAILY CONFESSION SCHEDULE (outside the church):

Monday and Wednesday: 9:00—10:00 AM

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 4:00—5:00 PM

SOME HELPFUL REMINDERS

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MASS ATTENDANCE

Since only a 400 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 400 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.
 - 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 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 400, **the ushers will offer the people 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 watch and listen to the Mass on a large screen TV; or
 - b. **Sit in their cars and listen to the Mass on the radio (91.7 FM from the Church and 89.7 from the parish hall)** and then drive up to receive communion at the end of the Mass
- 6) For the alternative location, an E.M. will bring communion to the people at communion time.

PLEASE COME EARLY

Please plan to arrive early. We recommend arriving 15 minutes early for Sunday Mass, and 15 minutes for daily Mass to ensure Mass can start on time. The doors of the Church will be closed and locked once 400 people have entered the Church.

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 400 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) 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.

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FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN THE HIGH RISK GROUP

Please note that Archbishop Jose Gomez's dispensation of the Sunday Mass obligation is still in effect for any person who does not feel comfortable or safe attending Mass. 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 in the church. An option is that they can sit in their cars and listen to the Mass, then drive up to receive Holy Communion. We will live stream our Sunday 9 am Mass to those at home, those on the patio and those in the parish hall, and transmit on radio from the church and from the parish hall (91.7 FM from the Church and 89.7 from the parish hall).

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Thank you and may God bless you.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Joseph Shea