

Just a reminder: our building will be in lockdown all day Friday as we will have a professional company sanitizing our entire building as requested by the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Since they will be using strong disinfectants, they asked that no one other than the crew be present in the building during the day. This means NO ADORATION on Friday.

We have been asked if we will resume Mass on the 18th of May, which is a Monday. I can assure you this is not likely to happen. There are many logistical things we have to work out before we start having people attending Mass. On this coming Monday, when the deans meet with the Archbishop, we will have a better understanding of how we are going to merge slowly into bringing a certain percentage of people for our weekday and weekend Masses. So, let's not jump too fast, as we have to think of the well-being of our parishioners as we move forward.

Again, as difficult as it is going to be, we need to ask that seniors, over 65, and most especially those who are vulnerable, to stay home. You are most susceptible to this virus. This will allow more of the younger generation of people to attend Mass, on perhaps a rotating basis, or by alphabet or by making reservations on our website. These are still in conversation as to what would be the best option for us to take.

We are also placing hand sanitizing stations in various locations in our building so people can sanitize as they come to Mass and do so as they leave. We are taking every precaution to create the safest place for our public worship. In this vein, you will be required to wear a mask at Mass. The rule of thumb is that children under 10 do not need a mask, but all others do. I would strongly suggest that babies not be brought to Mass.

You will need to furnish your own mask. The social distancing is going to be the greatest challenge. But we MUST observe this. If you are a family living under one roof, you may sit next to each other. This does not mean that extended family can sit with you as they are not living under the same roof. We are going to find out how many we can have at each Mass and attempt to make that social distancing work. Once the Masses resume, children WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE IN THE HALLWAYS during Mass. This is not going to be easy, but this is what it will have to be.

Once we begin Masses, with the 25% attendance, I will remind you that once the Mass begins the outer doors will be locked. So, it is imperative that you be on time for Mass. Even with the locked doors, people can have access to leave the building, but cannot enter the building.

Once the building is sanitized, the back portion of the building will be roped off as no one will be permitted in this area.

This is a lot to throw at you at one time, but please read these announcements as they are on the website and Facebook.