

Reopening of St. Paul's for Weekend Masses June 13th & 14th

We are blessed to announce the resumption of weekend and weekday Masses at St. Paul's **with** the reception of HOLY COMMUNION.

One's physical presence at the celebration of Holy Mass, if they are able and comfortable, is immeasurably efficacious. To be physically present to our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament is of tremendous benefit to us.

Please see all the details below that will allow us to worship safely. Although we will resume being a community once again and gathering to "catch up" with fellow parishioners and friends as we are accustomed, we must be considerate of the well-being of all present.

-all Masses, weekend and weekday, will be celebrated in the CHURCH with a MAXIMUM of 25% CAPACITY-approximately 175 people per Mass.

-this weekend schedule will be Saturday 5:00pm and Sunday 10:00am. More will be added as needed in future weeks.

-initially weekday Masses will be at 9:00am on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday ONLY** until further notice.

-all in attendance **MUST** bring and wear masks or face coverings for the entire Mass when inside.

NOTE: Masks or facial coverings should not be worn by children under two years of age or by anyone with breathing difficulties. This should be widely understood so as to prevent conflicts between parishioners.

-all should bring their own hand sanitizers and if, they wish, gloves as well.

-seating will be in designated pews **ONLY** with proper 6 foot social distancing. Families/couples may sit together if they have been residing together during the "shelter at home period".

-physical contact, handshaking, etc. is to be avoided and small cluster gatherings **MUST** take place outside the Church doors. Again, use caution and social distancing practices.

- Holy Communion **WILL** be distributed immediately at the end of Mass per the latest directive of June 10th from the Bishop's office. Instructions will be given at each Mass.

-anyone who is recently recovered from the corona virus, anyone who has been recently exposed to the virus, anyone who has symptoms or feels ill **MUST REMAIN HOME.**

-those who wish to be extra cautious, those caring for the elderly and vulnerable, those most vulnerable and the elderly are encouraged to remain in the comfort and safety of their homes and watch Mass on television or via digital video streaming.

-although we will **NOT** have our formal collections, we would be most grateful if Parishioners could drop their envelopes into the collection baskets as they enter or exit.

-please follow the instructions of the ushers and volunteers as they are there to assist us and keep everyone safe.

Important information

The dispensation for the obligation to attend Sunday Mass REMAINS IN EFFECT.

Confessions will be heard from 4.00PM until 4.45PM on Saturday.

We will continue to digitally stream the Mass as we have done these past two weeks on You Tube. See the Parish website, our Facebook page or FLOCKNOTE.COM for the link

The Church will be completely sanitized before this weekend with disinfectant and fogging agents.

The pews, entrances and bathroom will be sanitized after each of the Masses.

Please bring a copy of your own worship aid (i.e. Magnificat, Give Us This Day, etc.) as all missalettes have been removed from the pews. You may wish to also bring a copy of the ***Spiritual Communion*** prayer if you choose not to remain to receive Holy Communion. Bulletins will not be available however you may view the weekly bulletin on the Parish website.

All are asked to use ONLY the Main Parking area at the side of the Church and enter ONLY through the FRONT DOORS. Once inside the Church, other exits will be clearly marked.

Handicapped Parking remains at the front of the Church

While some of these measures are necessary for everyone's safety and may seem an inconvenience, we must remember how spiritually painful it was to be without Mass and Holy Communion for so many weeks. How blessed we truly are to come together once again on the Corpus Christi Sunday.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;

whoever eats this bread will live forever..."