

St. Teresa Family,

As you know, Archbishop Thompson has directed all parishes to develop a strategy for reopening parishes throughout the archdiocese. As part of his direction, the dispensation for attending Mass will continue to be in effect until August 15, 2020. I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say I am thankful that this time is finally upon us. That being said, despite my excitement of reopening St. Teresa, I still have significant concerns on how to do this safely for all who choose to attend weekend Masses. The archdiocese has offered many great suggestions on how we might proceed and what needs to be in place before we consider reopening. With this in mind, St. Teresa office will reopen on May 26th and public Mass will begin the weekend of May 30-31 with limited attendance. The following is a list of protocols that we will be using for the foreseeable future.

1. All weekend Masses will take place in the PCC. This will allow us to clean and disinfect between each Mass. Everyone will enter at the basketball court doors and will exit the side doors. Please be aware of the 6 foot social distancing protocol when entering and exiting.
2. You must be at Mass on time or you will not be able to get in.
3. **Bathrooms will not be available for use.**
4. The weekend Mass schedule will remain the same: 4:30, 8:30, and 11.
5. A reservation will be required for each person attending a given Mass. This will allow us to maintain social distancing and limit the number of people in the space. We will be using Eventbrite to manage reservations. We will publish information on how to make the reservation. If you do not have access to the internet, you may call the office and someone will assist you.
6. Social distancing will be maintained during each Mass.
7. We will not be using any extraordinary ministers, lectors, ushers, greeters or altar servers.
8. We continue to abide by all of the directions put in place last March regarding social distancing.
9. You are welcome to wear a mask to Mass, but it is not required.
10. Anyone with a fever or symptoms of illness of any kind or is caring for a sick person in their family should not be attending Mass.
11. There will be no public weekday Masses or Adoration at this time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. Randy will be offering a "drive up" Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 5:30pm in the PCC parking lot. This will begin on May 26th and 28th respectively. The process will be as follows:

1. Fr. Randy will be parked in the PCC lot in his van and you will drive up to him and confess your sins while both of you remain in your vehicles. Please maintain a 6 foot distance between the car windows.

2. If there is more than one person in the car wanting to receive the sacrament, one should remain in the vehicle and the others go sit on the bench outside the PCC. When one person is finished they should exit their vehicle so the next person may get in to receive the sacrament. This should continue until everyone in the vehicle has been to confession. I would suggest in the event of inclement weather, a group in one vehicle might want to consider a different day.
3. After one vehicle pulls away the next may move forward.
4. Please allow a generous distance between the confessing vehicle and the others in line in order to maintain privacy.

Obviously this plan does not cover all aspects of parish life. As the plan continues to develop, you will be notified via the bulletin, parish app, Facebook and email blasts. I look forward to seeing all of you once again, even under these very different circumstances.

Peace,
Fr. Randy