

**Well, this is the weekend we have all been waiting for! We can now begin to have public Masses with a limited number of participants based on 25% of our seating capacity, which amounts to 142. Now, I know what you are thinking, "Will I ever have a chance to attend?" Well, it is going to be based on a first come, first serve basis for this weekend only. We are working on developing a reservation program whereby you can go on line and register. If you do not have a computer, or the skill to use one, you can call the parish office and leave your reservation with us. This will allow all parish families the opportunity to register.**

**Once the number reaches our seating capacity, we will no longer be able to take reservations. For those attending the 4:30 Mass, the doors will open for Confessions beginning at 3:30 pm. The doors will be locked once we reach our seating capacity.**

**On Sunday, because there will be a professional cleaning crew coming to sanitize the worship space and the restrooms after all Masses. This will take about an hour and a half. With that being the case we are going to have to alter our Mass schedule as follows: Saturday will remain at 4:30 pm. Sunday 8:30 Mass will remain as scheduled. The 10:30 Mass will be moved to 11:30 and the 1:00 pm Mass will be moved to 2:00 pm.**

**With that being stated, no one can come into the building until the cleaning crew is finished.**

**Once you are permitted to come for the next Mass, you will enter in the designated double doors on the west side of the building. There will be hand sanitizers as you must sanitize your hands before entering the worship space. Those at the doors keeping count will note when the seating capacity has been reached, at which time no one**

**else can be admitted. At that time the doors will be locked. This will be the practice at all Masses.**

**There will be markers in the floor to assure social distancing. You will come to the entrance doors of the worship space and wait for an usher to lead you to your seat. In many cases you will not be able to sit together as this is the configuration of the seating chart. You may not choose where you want to sit, but follow the usher for proper seating.**

**You must wear a mask at all times, with exception of the reception of Communion. The ushers will bring you out row by row, and follow the markers on the floor for proper distancing. If you wish you could have a small bottle of sanitizer to sanitize your hands before coming to receive Communion. Please note you will be ushered in single file for Communion. The flow will go from one section to another, until all have received Communion.**

**When receiving Communion, you may not receive it on the tongue, but in the hand only. Please extend your hands away from your body to receive. When you come to the marker in front of the one who is preparing to receive, bow and proceed to receive. For the first week or so, I will be the only one distributing Communion.**

**There will be no collection taken up at the usual time. There will be baskets at the exit doors for you to place your church support. There will be an usher to monitor this. Likewise, there will be no offertory procession.**

**The altar will be set up for Mass, with the gifts, water and wine on the side of the main altar before Mass. We will not have altar servers for the time being. I will have the deacon as my server for the time being.**

**There will no choir. We will have a cantor for the responsorial psalm and the alleluia verse, and a song during Communion.**

**There will be no Children's Liturgy.**

**After Mass, once the presider and deacon exit the ushers will begin to lead the people row by row to the exit doors on the east side of the building. You may not exit except through those doors. You may not congregate in the vestibule area, and you must depart the parking lot immediately. No one may be in the hallways during Mass. Please note the wing to the chapel, kitchen and classrooms, as well as the hallway to the parish office and classrooms will be blocked off at all times.**

**Please be advised that we recommend that those over 65, especially those who have ongoing health issues should stay at home as we will live stream the Mass. We recommend no babies and small children. This might mean you will have to attend different Masses.**

**I apologize for all the rules and regulations, but this pandemic is far from being over, and we are concerned about keeping our families safe by following these regulations that have been passed on to us by the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Let us be patient and sensitive to each other as these times are difficult for all of us.**

**Thank you.**