

**Well, the first weekend of reopening our churches for public masses has come and gone. The attendance was low in comparison to the usual weekend attendance. One of the reasons might be that people are still a bit apprehensive about coming to Mass. This is understandable, especially for those who are vulnerable due to health issues. The suggestion that those over 65 should stay at home does not limit those in and beyond that age bracket who are healthy and would like to come to Mass. For those whose health does not permit them to attend, they can watch the Mass being live streamed at the 11:30 am and 2:00 pm Spanish Masses. So, if you are healthy I hope you will make a concerted effort to join us.**

**One of the precautions we are taking is having the worship space, restrooms and hallways professionally sanitized between each Mass. This is for the safety for all of us. With this being stated, and realizing it is required to wear a mask, that should alleviate some of the fear some might have. In addition, the social distancing has been implemented, again to make sure that people are not too close to each other.**

**We now have a reservation form on our website, Facebook and My Parish app. You can download the form, fill it out, print the ticket(s) for admission to the church. Each person MUST bring the printed ticket with them as this is the only way we will know you have made a reservation. You CANNOT use that ticket(s) for any other Mass-only the Mass you made your reservation. On that form, you will indicate which Mass you wish to attend. It might be necessary to reserve another Mass if the reservations are closed. There will be a 'waiting list' if the number of seats is full. If someone drops their reservation, you will receive a notice to print your ticket. If you are coming as a family, based on the number of seats available, you might have to be separated due to the seating chart. We will do our best to accommodate you, but please be patient with us as we are doing our best to observe the guidelines we have from the Archdiocese.**

**If you have no computer, or do not know how to operate a computer, you can call the parish office (210) 497-6101 and we will make your reservation and print the ticket and have it at the entrance door.**

**I want to thank those who have been bringing in your donations to the parish, or doing them on line. This past week I emailed letters to those who are using envelopes that are mailed each month, asking that you consider switching to our 'Give Central on line giving'. Many of you have already elected to use this new form of electronic giving, and for that I am deeply grateful. Once you begin this new process, we will delete the monthly mailing of envelopes, saving the parish around \$ 9,000.00 a year. I would hope more of you would go electronic as it reassures us of an approximate income on line. In addition, to 'on line giving' is the loose cash and checks that are dropped in the collection baskets that are now at the exit doors of the church. We cannot 'pass the basket' as this is not recommended to have it passed from hand to hand.**

**We ask that no babies and small children attend Mass at this time. Since they cannot be out in the hallways it is best for them to stay at home for the time being. This might mean that families have to attend different Masses. I know it is inconvenient but it is a safety measure that we need to take. Thank you for your understanding.**

**I do hope to see more of you this coming weekend, as it is not the same without you. If there is anything we can do for you, please call the parish office Monday thru Thursday between the hours of 8:00 am until Noon. We are closed on Friday. If the office is closed and you have an emergency that number is on the recording.**