

As you might recall, I made an announcement at the Masses yesterday informing those present, that we have decided to alter the Mass schedule for two of our Sunday morning Masses due to the fact that the sanitizing crew is taking less time that we first thought to prepare the worship space for the next Mass. We have changed the 11:30 am Mass to 11:00 and the Spanish 2:00 pm Mass to 1:30 pm. These changes have been made on the reservation program you can find on our website, myparish app and Facebook. We feel this is best as we have had a two hour wait between the 8:30 am Mass and the 11:30 am Mass. So, when you go to reserve a spot on the website the Mass changes are correct.

I want to thank those who joined us for Masses this weekend. We have seen a steady increase in attendance, and if it continues to do so, we should be reaching our capacity seating within the next few weekends. I am still a bit puzzled as to why more of our young families are not attending Mass on the weekend. I know it is more convenient to sit in your homes and life stream the Mass, but the dispensation is for those who are too elderly to attend, or dealing with health issues that would not permit them to come to Mass. The number 65 was first announced at the beginning of the pandemic, but if you are a healthy 65 or over, you are most welcome to come to Mass.

As long as the restrictions are in place for social distancing, it is going to be a while before we can open up all the seating in our worship space. Thank you for being so cooperative by sanitizing your hands before and after Mass, and wearing the masks. I know they are uncomfortable and hot to wear, but it is what it is for the time being.

I am most appreciative to those who have switched their online donations from eprocessing to Give Central. I hope

those who haven't will do so, as the percentage for services is a much lower percentage. I would like to eventually terminate eprocessing so we are not paying for two on line services. If you have any questions about or issues with moving from one online program to another, please call the parish office and we will assist you.

If you were using monthly contribution envelopes you will no longer receive them, which is another avenue of savings for the parish. You will maintain your parish identification number in our parish software program that has all your data we need to have in order to be of better service to you and your family.

Just a reminder about the Confirmation ceremonies. The first one will be on Friday, July 31 at 7:00 pm., and the second on Saturday, August 1st at 10:00 am. We can only accommodate the candidate, two parents and sponsor in order to keep the social distancing requirements. We will live stream both Masses, allowing your family to watch even though they cannot all be physical present. I ask for your understanding, as this not the ideal situation, but this is what we have to do.

For those interested as to when we will celebrate First Communion, again, there will be two celebrations, the first on Friday, September 11 at 7:00 pm, and Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 am. We will have to see how many will be receiving, as this will allow the parents to sit with the child. Once the numbers are known, we will see how much allowable room we will have for any other family members. If so, it will be a limited number, which will be specified, as the social distancing requirements will be in place. Thus you will have to reserve the number of seats permitted on the website once this is downloaded, and you **MUST print your reservations and bring them with you in order to be admitted for seating.**