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Rejoice!!

As I am sure you have heard, Masses are allowed to resume again. It is important to note that the Sunday obligation has been suspended until August. We will try to celebrate Mass every day so that if you are worried about coming on a Sunday, maybe you can come on a different day. We will have music at weekday Masses to enhance our liturgies.

To have Mass and keep everyone safe, there will be many changes. Please be understanding with us during this time.

The Archdiocese has recommended we start with having only one Mass per day. Because we are a large parish and have Masses in two languages, we don't know if that is possible. We have set the temporary schedule of having two Masses on Saturday and Sunday. Please check with the office after Pentecost, May 31, to see what the future weekend Masses will be. We will not have Holy Hour at this time.

Here is our current St. Boniface Mass schedule:

Monday, May 25 – 9 AM (English or bilingual)

Tuesday, May 26 – 7 PM (bilingual)

Wednesday, May 27 – 7:30 AM (English or bilingual)

Thursday, May 28 – 7 PM (bilingual)

Friday, May 29 – 7:30 AM (English or bilingual)

Saturday, May 30 – 4 PM (English)

- 6 PM (Spanish)

Sunday, May 31 – 9 AM (Bilingual)

- 11 AM (Bilingual)

Monday, June 1 - 7:30 AM

Tuesday, June 2 - 7 PM

Wednesday, June 3 - 7:30 AM

Thursday, June 4 - 7 PM

Friday, June 5 - 7:30 AM

You are welcome to attend Mass at St. Leo if this is more convenient for you. All their Masses are English or bilingual depending on who is in attendance.

The St. Leo Mass schedule will be:

Wednesday – 11:30 AM

Thursday -7 PM

Saturday – 6 PM

Sunday – 10:30 AM

## What will be different?

- Due to the requirement of 6-foot social distancing, many pews will be blocked off. This limits the number of people who can come to Mass to 225 per Mass. We are sorry, but once we reach our capacity, we will stop allowing people to come in.
- We have removed all water from the Holy Water fonts.
- We will not be distributing the Precious Blood.
- Communion must be received in the hand only.
- We will not be offering the Sign of Peace.
- We cannot hold hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- The doors to church will be locked between Masses so that we can wipe down everything. Once the church is ready, we will unlock the door. If you arrive early and the door is still locked, please maintain a 6-foot distance outside of church.
- We have removed the Communion Minister and Server albs from church. We do not have a way to sanitize them between Masses and cannot allow people to share them.
- Everyone must enter church through the door closest to the parking lot. This is the side of church where the statue of Mary is. We ask everyone to use hand sanitizer upon entering church. We will provide this.
- We strongly encourage you to wear a mask at Mass.
- All books and missalettes have been removed from the pews.
- The floor will be marked with 6-foot spacing so everyone can maintain a 6-foot distance while processing forward during Communion.

## How can you help us during this time?

- If you are sick or have been exposed to Covid-19, PLEASE do not come to church. Our mission is to celebrate Mass and keep everyone safe.
- We will need someone at the door of church to guide everyone and make sure people use the hand sanitizer.
- We will need ushers at every Mass to guide people to open seats and to help people process to Communion in a single line.
- Please avoid using the restroom, if at all possible. This is a higher-risk area for spreading the virus.
- We will need people to stay after the weekend Masses and help us wipe down everything in the church. The more people we have, the faster it will be. We will provide a checklist of what needs to be done, the cleaning solution, gloves and a mask if you do not already have one.
- Please be patient with us as we figure out how to make all of this work.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our Parish community.

Fr. Jim Schutte Pastor