

My dear parishioners,

I sincerely hope that you are well and trusting in Jesus' love and mercy. Thanks to our Bishop's wise and prudent measures, we are preparing to open up public participation in Holy Mass. I have begun celebrating weekday Mass at 8am at Holy Ghost beginning June 1. This means Monday-Friday at 8am. The weekend of June 6-7, public Mass will be celebrated in both Churches. The TENTATIVE schedule will be SATURDAY at 4pm at HOLY GHOST and INCARNATION of OUR LORD. SUNDAY at 10 am at HOLY GHOST and INCARNATION of OUR LORD please note this is by all means a TEMPORARY SCHEDULE. Please be advised that all these measures are meant to bring you back to the Sacramental Presence of our Lord Jesus. Many of you have been deprived of Holy Communion for a long time and your spirits are hungering to have Him close. During this liturgical season, let us remember that EVERY SUNDAY is a little Easter, celebrating Jesus triumph over sin and death. This opening phase is the first step in returning to sacramental life and bringing you closer to Jesus. Please follow the guidelines enclosed. Your cooperation is essential to avoid going backwards. Be sure that these measures are in the interest of your health and well-being.

Jesus has seen us through some very tough times and is leading us into an improving Prayer life in our Church. Please reject any temptation leading to fear and anxiety and let us continue trust in the Divine Mercy of Jesus and the protection of Mary, His Mother.

Please continue to pray for me as I will for you.

Sincerely your pastor and friend,

Fr. David Kozak

The following guidelines are in place in order to protect the health of the clergy and faithful and are REQUIRED to be followed without exception. We ask your patience, cooperation and support through this process.

Our Church will be open for the public celebration of the Eucharist, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Communion beginning Monday, June 1.

These are some of the initial guidelines, please pay close attention to each one, as they will be modified moving forward as we are instructed to do so:

+You do not have to attend Mass in the Yellow Phase if you feel uncomfortable, worried about crowds, ill or high risk, etc. The obligation to attend Mass is suspended until we enter the Green Phase.

+You MUST wear a face covering (mask) while in the Church. This is for your safety and everyone else's safety. The COVID-19 virus has not gone away; it is still here and searching for victims to infect.

+You must sanitize your hands before entering church and upon leaving.

+Please maintain social distance in the pews and aisles. Keep the 6 feet of separation. Blue tape will indicate where you can sit. Families/same households can sit together. Please follow the directions of the ushers. We are allowed 25% of capacity (about 112 people) at each Mass. If we start getting more than 112, adjustments will be made.

+All Hymnals have been removed from the pews. Please DO NOT leave anything in the pews.

+There is to be NO gathering of any kind in the vestibules or around the parking areas.

+Do not pick-up bulletins; an usher will distribute them, when bulletins are available.

+Live stream recording of the Mass will continue for those who are more comfortable to remain safely at home 4PM at Holy Ghost Church and 10:00am at Incarnation of Our Lord Church.

+There will be no offertory procession or basket collection. That's right; the basket will not be passed. Instead, you are asked to place your offering (envelopes, check or cash) in the basket in the front of the Church, clearly visible, where you can place your offering envelopes at the end of Mass during communion.

+Communion will not be distributed at the usual time. Rather Communion will be distributed after Mass. Why? It is safer for everyone. The celebrant will take off his vestment so that it does not get in the way. Everyone will approach the altar by the center aisle, keeping social distance and leave Church immediately thereafter-receiving Holy Communion.

+When receiving Communion, you will move your mask aside. Receiving Communion in the hand is the preferred method. However, if you wish to receive in the traditional way on the tongue please follow these guidelines. 1. Open your mouth as wide as you can. 2. Stick out your tongue as far as you can. 3. Tilt your head back. 4. Do not move your head; keep it still. 5. Do not close your mouth fast and lick my fingers. (This does happen.)

+Please no congregating in the vestibules of the Church. Please Leave. You can socialize outside with masks on.

Weekend Masses are Saturdays 4pm & Sundays 10am in Both Parish Churches. Please note that this Mass Schedule is TEMPORARY in Nature. We will resume our Normal Mass Schedule when we go to Green Phase.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the rectory office.