



May 27, 2020

Dear Holy Redeemer Parishioners,

It is with great joy that I reach out to you today to let you know we will begin a process of “re-opening” our Church to the faithful! Please see the many guidelines we will have in place to ensure as best we can the safety of our parishioners, our clergy, volunteers and ministers and most especially the vulnerable of the parish.

Please know that Bishop Barbarito emphasizes: **“All Catholics of the Diocese of Palm Beach are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and that this dispensation remains in effect until further notification.** This is meant to ensure the well-being and safety of all, not only the elderly and those who are at risk for illness, but anyone of any age who is making a prudent decision about their own well-being as well as that of others. Simply stated, as we begin and continue the process of "reopening," no one is obliged or should feel obligated to come to church. This is an individual and free decision and one may have an overriding serious obligation not to come.” **WITH THAT BEING SAID, IF YOU ARE IN ANY WAY UNCOMFORTABLE COMING TO PUBLIC MASS AND/ OR ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE ILL, PLEASE STAY HOME AT THIS TIME.**

Below are the important highlights for the "reopening" from the Bishop and then reviewed by our Clergy and Staff.

As of **Saturday & Sunday, May 30th and 31st**, Pentecost Sunday, the normal Sunday Mass schedule will resume for attendance by the faithful. **Confessions** will also resume Saturdays from **2:30pm – 3:30pm. SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS MUST BE WORN.**

MASS TIMES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

SATURDAYS-4:00PM

SUNDAYS- 7:30AM, 9:00AM, AND 10:30AM.

Please note – you will be sitting every other row and asked to keep a 6 feet distance between you and your neighbor (unless of course it’s your own family). There might be times where a particular Mass will fill up and you will be asked to come to a later Mass.

Welcome Back to Church!!

The following protocols will be carefully observed for the common good:

- ◆ Appropriate social distancing will be observed. Except for families and couples, this means a spacing of 6 feet and the use of every other pew. Ushers will assist.
- ◆ Facemasks must be utilized while in church except for the reception of Holy Communion. This is to protect yourself and also to protect the vulnerable. Gloves are not allowed for the reception of the Eucharist.
- ◆ Holy water fonts will remain empty.
- ◆ Hymnals, bulletins and other liturgical aids will not be available.
- ◆ The line for the reception of **Holy Communion** will also follow appropriate distancing. It is highly recommended, for the safety of others as well as the recipient, that the option of receiving the Eucharist in the **hand ONLY** will be employed at this time.
- ◆ Except for the celebrant, there will be no reception of the Precious Blood during this time even by the deacon.
- ◆ The priest, deacon or extraordinary minister will wear a **face mask** for the distribution of Holy Communion. **No gloves** are to be worn by the minister or recipient.
- ◆ There will be no sign of peace, greeting of peace before Mass or the holding of hands during the Our Father.
- ◆ There will be no collections taken during the Mass. However, there will be collection baskets at the entrances of the church. Online contributions are still available to you.
- ◆ Parishioners will be asked to leave the church row by row. Please follow the instructions of the Ushers.
- ◆ There can be no public gatherings before or after Mass in the Church, Parish Hall or Courtyard. Please come directly to the church and then proceed straight to your vehicle after Mass.

This has been a very trying time on all of us for so many reasons. We are excited to be able to come together again as a Parish Family. Let us continue to unite through this adjustment phase and continue to pray for all those so adversely affected by the coronavirus as well as for all those who have lost their lives.

Thank you all for your continued patience and support. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we go forward into this “New Reality” brought to us from The Corona Virus.

See you in Church!

Sincerely,



Rev. Martin B. Mulqueen,
Pastor