

## ST. MARIANA DE PAREDES CHURCH

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Dear St. Mariana Faithful:

### PHASE 1 PLAN TO REOPEN ST. MARIANA DE PAREDES CHURCH

This letter is to provide you an update as well as other important information that you will need to know as we enter Phase 1 of the plan to reopen St. Mariana de Paredes. Our plan was submitted to the Bishop's office today. The plan anticipates having our Phase 1 reopening on June 13-14, 2020. However, we will not be able to move forward to open the church until our plan is approved.

Upon approval, these are the important facts you must be aware of:

1. If you are sick or recently recovering from any illness, please stay home. Your health and safety is our top priority!
2. Mass times have been changed as follows: Saturday – 5:00 pm (English) & 7:00 pm (Spanish); Sunday – 8:00 am (English), 9:45 am (Spanish), 11:30 am (English) and 1:15 pm (Spanish).
3. Weekday Masses will resume during Phase 2 (no date at this time). Daily Mass as well as Sunday's 9:45 am and 11:30 am Masses will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook.
4. Including the priest, seminarians, choir director and Ministers of Hospitality, there is a limit of 100 attendees total at each Mass.
5. You must make a reservation, in advance, to come to Mass during Phase 1. Please call the Parish Office to make your reservation starting Wednesday, June 10, 2020. Please be patient as there are only 2 phone lines available to assist everyone. Not everyone will be able to reserve space for the first weekend but we will work to ensure that spaces are rotated so the same families are not monopolizing the reservations. Reservations will close at 12 noon on Friday each week or before if all spaces have been reserved.
6. It is highly recommended that parishioners age 65+ as well as anyone who may be immunocompromised attend one of the Saturday liturgies.
7. You must wear a mask to attend Mass. Please do not wear gloves!
8. Church doors will remain open at all times during Mass so please wear a sweater if you tend to be cold. The air conditioning system will not be used during Phase 1.
9. All entry to the church will be through the doors on the north side (by the Plaza). There will be a check-in process. The doors on Passons will be closed as will the pedestrian gate so do not park or drop off in front of the church.
10. Exit from the church will be through doors on the south side (by the railroad tracks).
11. Parking will be allowed 30 minutes before Mass starts and should be spaced out; please follow the directions of the Parking Lot Ministers. No drop-offs in the driveway as these are exit doors only. (Also, the gates to the Parking Lot will be closed during Mass.)
12. Please arrive at least 15-30 minutes before Mass starts. You will be directed to a check-in line and all members of your party must be present for you to be seated in the church. Your reservation will be cancelled 10 minutes before Mass starts if you are not here. No late attendees will be allowed into the church.
13. There will be a "stand-by" line with a limit of 10 persons for each Mass. These persons will be allowed into the church if a reserved party does not show up on time.
14. Pews, doors, etc. will be cleaned and sanitized after each Mass.
15. More information and instructions will be provided at Mass.
16. The church will be open for private prayer starting Monday, June 15, 2020. The times available are 9:00-11:00 am and 4:00-6:00 pm.
17. Confessions will be heard in the Plaza from 3:00-4:00 pm on Friday and 10:00-11:00 am on Saturday. Please follow the lines and keep social distancing as marked on the ground.
18. During Phase 1, there will be no baptisms, weddings or quinceañeras scheduled. There will also be no Mass blessings.

I know this is a big change and there is a lot to consider; but it is temporary. I ask for your patience, your cooperation and your prayers to make the reopening not just possible but successful. As we are allowed, we will increase the number of Mass attendees. We will continue to communicate changes as necessary. We look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks.

In Christ,

  
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