

MEMO  
TO: ST EUGENE PARISH  
FROM: FR PAT  
RE: Reopening June 6/7

*Please Read this Carefully*

- **We are thrilled to gather again IN CHRIST. It is truly a blessing to be together!**
- These procedures are in place in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Parishioners will be guided to enter Church ONLY THROUGH FRONT WOODEN DOORS and exit via those same doors at the conclusion of Mass, as guided by a Hospitality Minister (HM). (All other entrances will be closed! The section of the parking lot by the side/back/nursery/playground will be blocked off to direct people into the front doors). We will prop open doors to minimize contact with surfaces.
- Elevator can accommodate **only one person at a time, or the same family.**
- HMs will provide masks and hand sanitizer will be made available **before** entering the Sanctuary if you forget your own. Please wear your own mask and bring your own hand sanitizer. Wearing a mask is not comfortable and admittedly annoying. However, **wearing a mask is an act of charity and kindness to others.** Even seemingly healthy people can infect others.
- HMs will guide everyone past two tables set in front of the pole & also guide them to their seats inside the. (The middle doors will remain closed!)
- HMs will seat parishioners spaced 6' apart already marked; families to be seated in short rows if possible
- Sanctuary's LEFT section (not the wall section with the Stations) is split in half for Communion
- A cantor will sing sparingly & the congregation should not participate in singing. Singing presents a large risk (we would need more than six feet separation).
- HMs will direct parishioners from the RIGHT and LEFT HALF pews, **one side at a time** to receive Communion in ONE LINE down center aisle & return to the **right** of the presider via the **"piano" aisle**. HMs will direct parishioners from LEFT HALF pews & LEFT FRONT pews to walk down the left **wall aisle** to receive Communion & return via the **second left aisle (This procedure is still being worked out so we ask for your flexibility and cooperation)**. If parishioners do not wish to receive Communion, they should either come up with arms crossed for a blessing or sit where they won't interfere with social distancing norms when others return from Communion. Receive Holy Communion on the hand after using hand sanitizer.
- **NOTE:** *Father Pat may initially do a "spiritual communion" (especially that first weekend) with the congregation and skip the Communion Rite altogether. This may serve to ease us back into the celebration of the mass with a congregation and also limit his exposure at the three masses that weekend.*
- Two large collection baskets are on the two tables outside the sanctuary will be used for offertory. Baskets will not be passed. Instructions on E-giving will be made available. E-giving is the more Eco-Friendly, no-touch, safer giving option than physical paper.

- HMs will guide parishioners to follow the same path out to the parking lot row by row, with **no socializing** in Gathering Space
- The Social Hall space will be used for seating with two large TV's used. A Eucharistic Minister (EM) will eventually be serving Communion there. HM's will guide persons to the EM.
- IF parishioners choose not to enter church and watch a live stream from their own device in the parking lot, Eucharistic Ministers will eventually serve Communion in parking lot (not our first weekend back..... probably after seeing how things are going. This may be a Phase Two of our opening).

Other:

1. Remember the three "W's" – WEAR a mask. WAIT six feet apart. WASH your hands regularly.
2. Do not come to mass if you are sick.
3. Masses will be live streamed at 5:30pm on Saturday and on Sunday at 7:30am (Spanish) and 9:00am. The recordings will be available almost immediately after that.
4. Two restrooms are only available for emergencies in back hallway by the kitchen in the social hall and "ONE WAY" signs will be marked on the floor; the ones closest to the sanctuary will be closed. Why? They do not provide adequate social distancing and we don't have enough time to clean all eight toilets and four sinks after every single mass.
5. Seniors, who normally park in back, should park in the front since the back entrances/exits will be closed and that section of the parking lot will be blocked off.
6. Signs will be posted at other access doors/bathrooms and elevator
7. All hymnals & other paper have been removed from the pews as well as holy water in the font.
8. A cleaning crew will sanitize the sanctuary after each Mass. Volunteers to wipe down surfaces are needed (especially for after the 7:30am Mass).
9. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass in person is still lifted per the bishop, so it is not a sin to miss mass in person. This is especially true for anyone "at risk." Our seating capacity according to the new social distancing norms is approximately 200 people (depending on children/families present), so it is possible we have to ask you to live stream outside of the church if we fill to capacity.
10. We will continue to evaluate and monitor how it is going and ask your continued prayers and patience.