

**Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Green Valley, Arizona**  
**CERTIFIED PARISH PLAN FOR OPENING PENTECOST WEEKEND**

We welcome our parishioners back beginning Pentecost Sunday (May 29-June 1). It is a gift to receive the sacraments. Through the Diocesan Guidelines, the Center for Disease Control, for public safety, the common good and with a delicate balance, Our Lady of the Valley Parish will be observing the following guidelines. Please note that guidelines can be changed at any time to ensure reasonable safety of our parishioners, ministers and priests.

Sunday Mass obligation is suspended indefinitely **for all persons** living in or visiting in the Tucson Diocese.

Vulnerable parishioners (age 65+ or with a chronic health condition) are strongly urged to remain at home. Likewise those feeling ill in any way are advised in the strongest sense to remain home and view the Mass online and receive Spiritual Communion.

Please be aware that there is an inherent risk, regardless of age or health in attending any public event, including religious service. While we strive to reduce risks, **a parishioner's presence at Mass constitutes their understanding and acceptance of this essential level of risk.**

**The use of masks is required by all parishioners attending mass.** This is a sign of our desire to do our part in helping to prevent others from potential contagion. In the words of Bishop Weisenburger, **"The use of a mask is an especially strong sign of your support for your priests and ministers."** Only the church will be utilized for Mass. Please be respectful of closed areas.

There will be no collections taken in the pew. There will be baskets present at the end of Mass at each exit. Please drop your donation into the basket without touching the basket.

We will refrain from the use of Holy Water, Missalettes and hymnals. At this time there will be no singing during Mass.

During the Our Father, there will be no holding of hands, and the Sign of Peace should be shared without human touch, such as a small bow or wave.

Holy Communion will be distributed **ONLY** in the hand after the final blessing by the ministers who will be outside as you exit the church. There will be no distribution of the Chalice. We will be following social distancing guidelines.

Masks will be required for all Eucharist Ministers and sanitizing of hands before, during and after Communion.

Restrooms in the narthex will be available for use.

Frequently touched surfaces and areas will be cleaned between all Masses.

Mass Schedule is as follows: Friday 10:00 a.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. (live in church and on Facebook), Sunday 1:00 p.m. (Spanish – Live in church and on Facebook), Monday 10:00 a.m.

Confessions will be done on Fridays from 8:30am to 9:30am, Saturdays 8:30am to 9:30am or by appointment in room 213.

The Church will be closed Tuesday through Thursday to allow any potential contagion left behind on surfaces to die. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Daily Masses will be broadcast on Facebook from the Chapel.

We are grateful for and thank everyone for their patience, prayers, and cooperation during this most unusual time.

God Bless,

Rev. Francisco R. Maldonado