

Pastor's Corner – November 8, 2020

So, Christmas is coming – undoubtedly a Christmas like we've never experienced before. As a result, we are asking you to consider your plans for Christmas Mass **now**, so we can plan appropriately.

As with most things in this time of pandemic, changes occur with little advanced warning, and frequently, but, we would like to put a plan in place, and make changes if they are needed/when they are needed.

Archbishop Blair has extended the dispensation for attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days until Ash Wednesday. So, there is no obligation to attend Mass in person on Christmas. We will livestream at least one Christmas Mass, and, as we have been doing right along, will post that on our website for you to watch at your convenience.

Archbishop Blair has also granted permission for Christmas Vigil Masses to begin as early as 1:00pm on Christmas Eve. This will allow for more people to attend in person, even with the restrictions for size of gatherings.

That being said, Fr. George and I will preside over Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve at 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, and 5:00 pm, the Mass at Night at 10:00 pm, and the Mass during the Day at 10:00 am. Because of logistics for seating and sanitizing, all Masses will be at Corpus Christi Church this year.

This is where we need your help. **In-person attendance will only be for pre-registered people.** There will **not** be any unregistered people allowed in at the door. And once a Mass has reached its maximum registration, no additional people will be able to join us in church for that timeslot.

Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis, and can be done in the same way you currently register for weekend Mass: go to our website (www.christthekingparishct.org), click on register for weekend Mass, select the date (December 24 or 25) and follow the prompts; or, call the rectory during business hours (M-F 8:00-4:00).

I thank you for your patience and understanding. With the Lord's help, we will still be able to celebrate Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives this Christmas, to walk with us throughout whatever we will have to face in 2021!