

May 26, 2020

Dear Parishioners at St Cecilia's and Mary Immaculate,

**We wanted everyone to know that we are once again able to hold public MASS effective, Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

However, we are limited to a maximum of 25% of maximum capacity. I have determined the maximum number of people to be 85 at St Cecilia's and 60 at Mary Immaculate. To monitor those maximums, we are asking that you call the office (885-1126) and let us know if you would like to attend a particular weekend MASS (at this time it is not necessary for daily MASSES). If you regularly attend the same MASS, we can make your reservation for several weeks at a time.

Please understand, the **obligation** to attend MASS has still been lifted by the Bishops in the United States due to COVID-19! This is an opportunity to attend MASS; but, for your safety and others, please stay home if you are not feeling well, or have medical issues that place you at greater risk. This includes but not limited to individuals 65 or older.

We will continue to record all daily and weekend Masses on my Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/fatherjoseph.sobolik](http://www.facebook.com/fatherjoseph.sobolik)) and also on our website ([www.scmicatholic.com](http://www.scmicatholic.com)).

For those attending MASS, we have established the following protocols:

1. Hand sanitizer is at each entrance to the church.
2. Face masks are recommended especially as you enter and leave the building but not absolutely required. If you do not have one, there are disposable ones available at the entrance of the church.
3. One-time WORSHIP AIDS are available for every Mass.
4. Very limited singing by the congregation.
5. Open church pews are thoroughly sanitized on Monday's and Thursday's.
6. Pews have been marked with tape to help with social distancing (at least 6 ft between households). Individuals who live together may sit together.

Based on current guidance, we are doing everything we can to make MASS attendance as safe as possible! However, it cannot be made totally "risk free". The virus is still out there. We are asking you to use your best judgement in deciding whether you should attend. **As I've said before, God's graces are also received in a Spiritual Communion.**

Thank you for all your understanding, support and prayers during this very challenging times. Please continue to pray for me and for each other as God's love and grace is with us ALWAYS.

Sincerely

Fr Joseph Sobolik