

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH REOPENING PLAN

In accordance with directives from both Bishop Curtis Guillory, Presbyteral Council, College of Consultors, and Episcopal Vicars, and for the benefit of everyone in our parish family, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will begin the process of a gradual reopening for Mass and Sacraments on Sunday, May 30.

Safely reopening a parish is quite complex and requires the cooperation of everyone involved: clergy, staff, and all the great people who make up our parish.

Please understand that all decisions are made with the best information and inspiration at the time. This is a novel virus and we will continue to be responsive to new information that could alter the current plan. So, thank you for your cooperation, understanding, adaptability and patience.

Following are details for the safe and gradual reopening of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish:

SUNDAY MASS

- We will re-open Sunday Mass on May 30-31
- This follows Gov. Abbott's Phase II announcement on May 18
- Parishioners' safety remains our top priority in reopening Mass and expanding parish life
- We will be sanitizing between Masses; Mass times will remain the same.
- **The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is dispensed;** you are welcome to stay safely home if you are immune compromised, over 65, anxious, not ready to return
- Please do not come to Mass if you are sick or have a fever
- No Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers or Altar Servers at this time.
- No one allowed in Sacristy except Priest and Deacon.

DAILY MASS

- Father Paul will continue to celebrate daily Mass privately in the Church (without congregation) Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

- Please call for appointment

CHURCH HOURS

- The parish office is open Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm (12 – 1p.m. lunch)

SAFE PRACTICE: MASKS

- **Everyone must wear a mask** at Mass. If you do not have a mask on at ALL times, Father Paul will CANCEL Mass.

EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES

- Please put on your mask when you exit your car
- Wear masks to show your respect and care for the safety of others
- Clergy will be wearing a mask.

SAFE PRACTICE: SANITIZING

- The church (pews, doors, handles, bathrooms) are sanitized between Masses
- Hand sanitizer is available at the church doors; thank you for bringing along your own hand sanitizer, as well
- Hymnals & Missals have been removed; bulletins available at table for you to take.

SAFE PRACTICE: 50% CAPACITY IN CHURCH

- At this time, the maximum number of people permitted in the church at any one time is (50% capacity)

SAFE PRACTICE: DISTANCING

- Only every other pew is available for seating
- Please sit 6-feet away from others; a family group may sit together
- No physical contact during the Lord's Prayer and no handshaking during the Sign of Peace
- Please, no congregating before or after Mass

CHOIR

- Choirs and singing of the congregation will be avoided.

SAFE PRACTICE: HOLY COMMUNION

- Only priest & deacon may distribute Holy Communion
- **Communion is distributed in the hand only**
- To receive Communion: wear your mask, receive in the hand, step to the side, lower your mask, consume, replace your mask as you return to your seat

A successful reopening of the parish is a safe and gradual reopening. It depends on the cooperation of all who come to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, especially in these early days. **Meetings and congregating of any kind is not permitted at this time**, but we are hopeful that opening for Mass and Confession will bring comfort to our flock during this difficult time.

STEWARDSHIP: 2020 BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL

- If you have not made your gift to BFA, please prayerfully consider doing so. **Mail your gift to Attention: Bishop's Faith Appeal, Diocese of Beaumont, P.O. Box 3948 Beaumont Texas 77704-3948.** We thank everyone who has pledged to the 2020 Appeal. Our Lady of Lourdes Goal: \$40,329.00. BFA Goals are based on annual total Parish Income.

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Your regular financial contributions is very much appreciated. Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you! When not attending Mass, you can drop your collection in the mail to **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1600 North Main Street, Vidor, Texas 77662** Please note: **In order to protect the church and to insure integrity and positive stewardship, procedures are in place handling the sacrificial offering. The collection is placed in bank depository; therefore, there is no money on church premise.** Thank you and may God bless you and keep you safe. *Our giving reflects a true measure of thankfulness and*

gratitude to God.

Our Lady of Lourdes, *pray for us!*