



ST. PASCAL —BAYLON— CATHOLIC CHURCH

God's love knows no barriers. St. Pascal's...where all people matter.

Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Whether you are just visiting or looking for a parish home, it's great to have you with us. Whatever your life circumstances, wherever you have been or whatever has happened in your life, you are welcome here.

JULY 26, 2020 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

*The unfolding of your
words gives*
LIGHT

Ps 119:130



Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Mass Capacity of 100 people starting August 1-2. Starting next weekend, our Mass capacity will be 100 people per Mass. People from different households should continue to sit at least six feet apart. Thank you for wearing a cloth face covering (facemask) at Mass. "Face coverings help slow the spread of COVID-19 by helping to keep the person wearing the covering from infecting others. Evidence suggests that the virus causing COVID-19 can be spread by droplets released from the nose and throat of an infected person when they cough, sneeze, sing, speak, or breathe, even if the infected person is not showing symptoms." (MN Dept. of Health - Guidance for Gatherings: Faith-based Communities, Places of Worship, and Ceremonies) I know it is not comfortable to wear a mask, but I think we create a safer environment in church by wearing a facemask, and we lower the stress level for other people attending Mass with us.

How many people will come to Mass once we open for 100 people? Once we opened for 50 people per Mass a few weeks ago, our largest attendance at a Mass was 45 people. When we open for 100 people per Mass next weekend, maybe more people will come to Mass because they will not feel they are taking away a spot in church from someone else who wants to go to Mass. When our capacity was 10, 20, 30 or 50 people, I can see why some people thought they should stay away and let someone else go to Mass. When the capacity is 100, maybe more people will show up? Time will tell.

Is 100 people the limit for our church? We'll see. As of June 15, we are in Phase II of Stay Safe MN. During Phase III, church "occupancy must be reduced to allow for the required social distancing of at least 6 feet between people who do not live in the same household. For indoor worship settings, occupancy must not exceed 50% of total capacity, with a maximum of 250 people in a single self-contained space. In outdoor settings, gatherings must not exceed 250 people." (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/guidefaith.pdf) When 100 people come to Mass at St. Pascal's, I am interested to see if everyone can stay 6 feet apart if they live in different households. In our church there are 100 dots placed six feet apart in our pews to give people an idea of how far apart 6 feet really is. I believe it is good that we follow the guidance of the MN Department of Health and do our fair share as citizens of this State to maintain physical distance, wash our hands and wear face masks so that we continue to slow the spread of the Coronavirus.

Can I come to Mass if I am over age 65? Reflecting the current guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance and Archdiocesan recommendations, we encourage those who are over the age of 65 and those with serious health issues to not attend Mass at this time. These guidelines are not intended to sound harsh or unwelcoming. After you prayerfully consider these recommendations, if you decide to come to Mass, we will not turn you away.

Do I have to wear a face mask? We strongly encourage you to wear a facemask for the safety of others who are attending Mass. According to the CDC, children under age 2, or anyone who has trouble breathing or is unable to remove the mask without assistance should not wear a face mask.

We are continuing the video recording of weekday and weekend Masses from St. Pascal's. Click on the link "St. Pascal's Mass Online" at the homepage of our parish website (stpascals.org) for a connection to our parish YouTube channel.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

FAITH FORMATION

**Registration for 2020-2021 is Open
Register by August 1!**

While there is still some uncertainty as to what our faith formation process for the coming year will look like, registration for 2020-2021 faith formation for grades 1-8 is now open. Wednesday evening faith formation is open to all children of St. Pascal's who attend public schools.

Our curriculum is set up so digital access can be provided to families if needed, along with family plans for going through the lessons. Our parish team is working on guidance for parish spaces, which includes looking at room capacity and set-up in line with COVID guidelines. We will be closely monitoring guidance from the CDC, Minnesota Department of Health, and the Archdiocese.

Registration forms have been mailed to families from this past year. Forms are also available on the parish website. Note that there are 3 forms to be completed:

- 1) FAMILY INFORMATION FORM—
1 per family
- 2) INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM—
1 per child enrolling
- 3) SOCIAL MEDIA AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION PERMISSION—
1 per child enrolling

REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE AUGUST 1! As we need to allocate appropriate space for each group, it is essential to have a clear picture of our faith formation numbers sooner rather than later. We also need to ensure there are enough catechists who are comfortable teaching in person if that is the route we take.

For more information, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Prayer Service for Racial Justice

Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30 PM

Join us for a prayer service at St. Pascal Baylon Church to pray for racial justice in our society. Due to COVID19 protocols, we need to limit attendance to 100 people. This prayer service will also be live streamed on our parish YouTube channel so you can join us virtually from home if you wish.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers...

Geraldine O'Hara

who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and pray for her soul's eternal peace.

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 AM + Rev. Robert Keane

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 AM + Jim Stach

Thursday, July 30

8:00 AM + Don Hensel

Friday, July 31

8:00 AM + Betty Kirchoff

Saturday, August 01

4:30 PM The People of the Parish

Sunday, July 26

8:45 AM + Jim Brown

10:30 AM The People of the Parish

**Heart Questions
Commitment**

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44

Adults: What would you happily "sell," or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

Kids: What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Readings

July 26, 2020

Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday:

Jer 13:1-11
(Ps) Dt 32:18-21
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Jer 14:17-22
Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Jer 15:10, 16-21
Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18
Jn 11:19-27

Thursday:

Jer 18:1-6
Ps 146:1b-6ab
Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Jer 26:1-9
Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

Jer 26:11-16, 24
Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 55:1-3
Ps 145:8-9, 15-18
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21

The unfolding of your words gives light—(Ps) 119:130

Stay Connected

- Watch daily and weekend Mass videos are the parish Facebook page and YouTube channel.
- Find COVID-19 updates, including Mass capacities, on the on the parish website.
- Subscribe to *Pascal's Pulse* weekly e-newsletter online at www.stpascals.org/e-newsletters.
- Would you like a copy of the bulletin mailed to your home? Please contact the parish office!

THE WEEK AHEAD

St. Pascal's is committed to help you to navigate through the upcoming weeks of COVID-19 safety measures. We have cutback programs and community gatherings in an effort to keep all in our community healthy and safe. Visit www.stpascals.org for more information and for the status of upcoming parish meetings and events.

Sunday, July 26

12:00pm Baptism (Incorvaja-family only)

Monday, July 27

No scheduled events

Tuesday, July 28

No scheduled events

Wednesday, July 29

No scheduled events

Thursday, July 30

No scheduled events

Friday, July 31

No scheduled events

Saturday, August 1

No scheduled events

Sunday, August 2

No scheduled events

Increased Capacity & Additional Mass Sign-up Option

Beginning August 1/2, we will increase our Mass sizes to 100 people per Mass. We have been very pleased with the care and respect for safety everyone has shown so far, and greatly appreciate your willingness to wear masks and keep a safe distance from others. Therefore, we feel confident that we can gather in larger groups with minimal risk.

With these increased numbers it will be most helpful if people sign up for Mass in advance. This greatly speeds up the check-in process when you arrive at church. Keeping lists of all who attend is a requirement of the state. If we learn later that someone who attended a Mass has tested positive for COVID-19, it provides the health department with a way to contact everyone else who was present. Therefore, we will be offering online sign-ups as an additional alternative to phone sign-ups, beginning the week prior to our larger Masses. Watch for more details about this next week.

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Ceremony-Marian Center St. Paul

St. Pascal's parishioners: Marian Center residents are pretty isolated right now, so any day-brighteners are great! A card or note to a resident is always welcomed!

Send to:

Marian of Saint Paul
"Share Some Love"
200 Earl Street
St. Paul, MN 55106

Emergency Food Help

Progressive Baptist Church Parking Lot—1505 Burns Avenue

If you, your family, or neighbors you know are in need of emergency food items, all are welcome to visit the food shelf curbside drive-up every Saturday from 10:30 AM – noon.