

July 7, 2020

My Dear Parishioners,

I trust that you are doing well and keeping your faith strong during these challenging times. We heard last Sunday our Lord saying to us, "Come to me all who are weary, and I will give you rest." I pray that you are bringing your concerns and worries to our Lord Jesus who wants to walk this journey with us. I have to reflect on this daily. Every day I ask our Lord to help me to continue to trust in him and to rely on his love and guidance so that I can do what needs to be done.

I can't tell you how happy I have been to see you at Mass once again. Unfortunately, there have also been some challenges. One of them is that we cannot have more than 100 people in the church at a time. I wish we could have more, but we have a responsibility to one another to try to keep safe. I invite you to continue to watch our livestreamed Masses. The livestream link is on the homepage of the website.

Another challenge is that some are not following the guidelines to sit at least 6 feet apart. Our monitors have had to ask these people to please move over. I have had to do this as well, and instead of cooperating, some people want to argue about not having to move. I am saddened by this because I want to keep our church open and safe. If you are asked to move so that we are maintaining a safe distance, I ask you to be cooperative.

The good news is that 99.9 percent of you are coming to Mass wearing a mask. Thank you so much for that. We have had to give masks to very few parishioners who simply forgot to bring a mask. We are happy to provide the mask if you forget.

We are looking to start hearing confessions within the next week or so. We will have to have confessions outdoors and are working out the logistics. I thank you for your patience. Please visit this website for details.

Let us continue to pray for one another. If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know. You can call the Parish Center office, or call me directly at (424) 219-2932. In the meantime, I urge you all to follow the guidelines of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Stay home as much as possible. Avoid gathering with anyone outside your household. If you must go out, wear a mask. Wash your hands frequently and pray for one another.

Know that you are in my prayers daily.

Fr. Beto