



Dear Parishioner,

I am writing to pass on some important information regarding the New Mass schedule and the re-opening of the Adoration Chapel.

I am excited that we will be able to return to having our Sunday Masses in our Churches this coming weekend – July 11 and 12. The Saturday evening Vigil Mass at St. Joseph will continue to be held outside for the time being. The Sunday 10:30 am Mass at St. Mary's will be live streamed. Because of many factors, the Mass schedule will not be the same as it was prior to the stay at home order in March. We will be trying something new, and it will be an adjustment for everyone. I understand that change is always hard, so I ask for your patience and understanding. For the time being, we will be at 50% capacity in our Church buildings. Masks are recommended while in Church. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Mass is still in effect.

Every other pew will be open for seating, and will have a clean/dirty sign in them to be flipped at the end of Mass. This is so we can make sure all the pews that are used during Mass are disinfected. The remaining pews will be marked off with tape. The restrooms will be available for use during the weekend Masses.

**Please note: Because of social distancing protocols and disinfecting procedures, there will no longer be seating in the choir lofts of the Churches. The choir loft will be for music ministry only. Also the cry rooms will no longer be available for use during Mass.**

The New Mass Schedule is as follows:

Day	Time	Place
Tuesday	6:00 pm	St. Joseph
Wednesday	6:00 pm	St. Mary
Thursday	8:30 am	St. Mary
Friday	6:00 pm	St. Ann
Saturday	8:30 am	St. Joseph
Saturday	6:00 pm	St. Joseph
Sunday	7:30 am	St. Mary
Sunday	9:00 am	St. Ann
Sunday	10:30 am	St. Mary

The Adoration Chapel of the Good Shepherd will re-open on Sunday July 26, following the 10:30 am Mass. There will no longer be books, rosaries, or CD's available in the Chapel. Please bring your own devotional items for your Adoration Hour, and take them with you when your hour is finished. Any items left in the chapel will be removed. Please remember that the chapel is a place for silent individual prayer with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Conversations with other adorers is discouraged. There will be more information forth coming regarding the re-opening of the Adoration Chapel.

Pax,

Fr. Byrd