

May 28, 2020

Dear Friend in Christ,

Greetings to you! How are you doing today? I hope that you are well and staying safe. You might be aware that Archbishop Hebda had announced that at the end of the Shelter-in-Place Directive we would be returning to Public Masses within the Archdiocese. Be that as it may, it is also worth noting that the dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass is still in effect until everyone can safely return to worshipping in church.

The plan here at Immaculate Conception is to have Daily Masses on Tuesday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. and then our regularly scheduled Masses on the weekends with Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. in Spanish. Adoration will take place in the church from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Monday through Friday. We resumed Daily Masses here as of Wednesday, May 27^{th} and will have weekend Masses on the $30^{th}/31^{st}$.

So as to ensure the health and safety of our entire faith community there are going to be some significant modifications to what has been our normal experience of the Mass:

- Those who are sick or not feeling well are expected to stay home
- Parishioners 65 and older and those with underlying health conditions are encouraged to stay home
- You are encouraged to wear a mask while in church
- We ask that you receive Holy Communion on the hand
- Spacing throughout the church so that it will not be more than 1/4 full
- Ushers will assist in seating parishioners in designated spots
- There will be no Sign of Peace
- Congregational singing will be minimized and there will be no hymnals in the pews
- Masses with more than ten people will have the distribution of Holy Communion immediately after Mass concludes
- We will be sanitizing the church space in between Masses and prayer opportunities such as Adoration
- Please consider attending a Daily Mass rather than a Weekend Mass

Please stay tuned for further updates on our parish website: iccsonline.org. You can also call the Parish Office (763-788-9062) where one of our staff members will be present from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. each weekday. Thank you very much for your patience and perseverance in the midst of this difficult time. The Grace and Mercy of our Risen Lord will continue to sustain us and lead us onward. May our Blessed Mother continue to pray for us!

Christ be Our Light,

Father Jones Petozson

Fr. James