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## Regular Mass Schedule

**Saturday** no live-stream..... 4:30 PM

**Sunday:** Masses in English ..... 8:00 & 10:00 AM

..... live-stream at 8:00 AM

Misa en español/Mass in Spanish..... 6:30 PM

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday** with live-stream..... 8:30 AM

**Tuesday** with live-stream ..... 5:30 PM

**Thursday** with live-stream ..... 7:30 AM

## Confession

**Saturdays,** 3:15–4:10 PM

**Sundays,** 9:00–9:50 AM

## Prayer, Devotion, and Adoration

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Monday after Mass

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Wednesday after Mass

**Morning Prayer:** Thursday after Mass

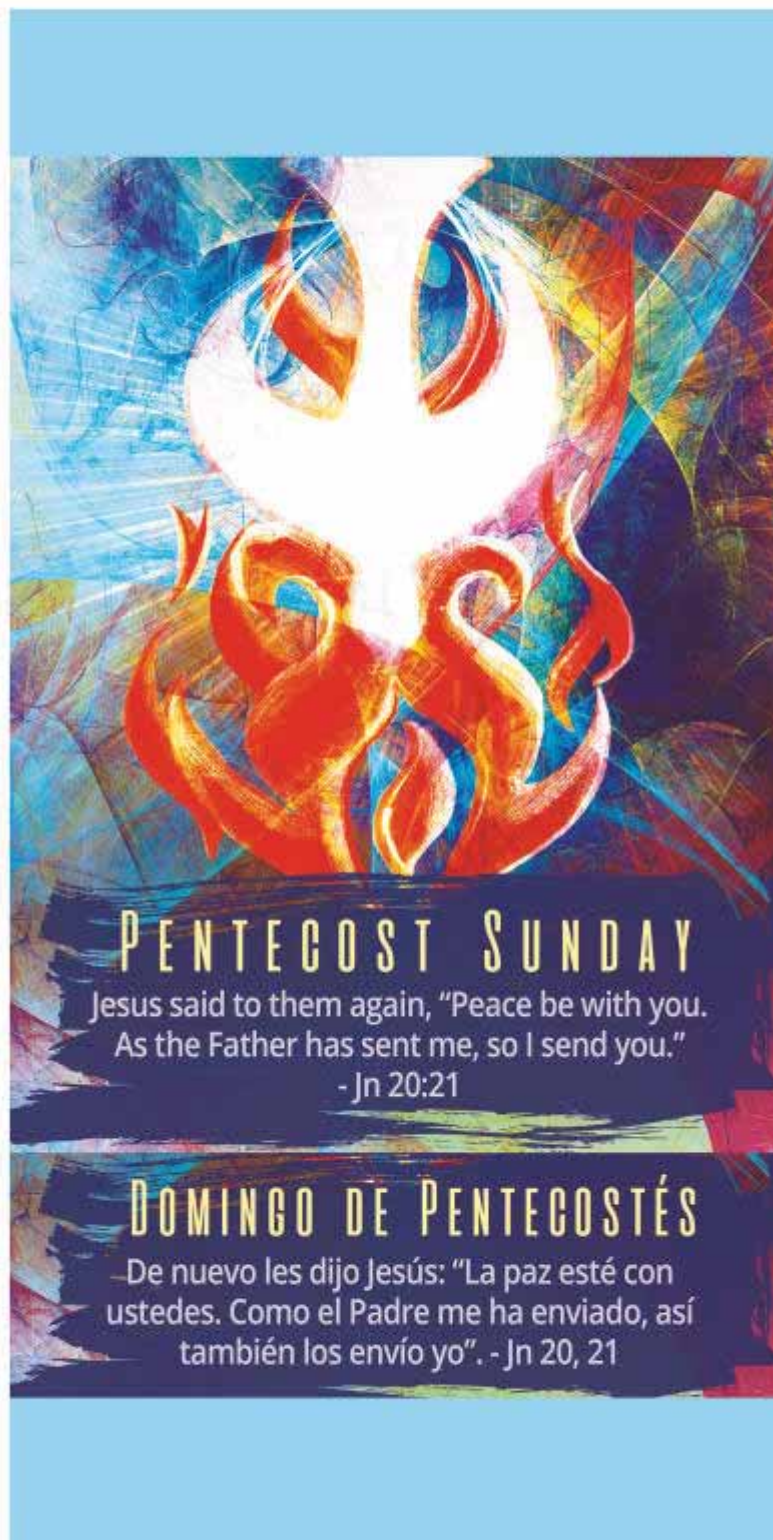
**Rosario en español:** Thursday, 6:00–7:00 PM

**Rosary in English:** Friday, 8:05 AM

**Adoration:** Monday, 2:00–4:00 PM

Tuesday, 4:15–5:15 PM

Friday, 9:00–10:00 AM



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

- Jn 20:21

## DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉS

De nuevo les dijo Jesús: "La paz esté con  
ustedes. Como el Padre me ha enviado, así  
también los envío yo". - Jn 20, 21

**Solemnity of Pentecost**  
May 31, 2020

**La Solemnidad de Pentecostés**  
31 de Mayo de 2020



## Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

### **Pentecost Sunday: Welcome Back! We Missed You!**

Pentecost is our annual celebration of the Holy Spirit breathed out on the world through the Church. The breath of God is given to the Church headed by Christ to guide her members into the fullness of life. That is why we receive this life giving breath: we receive the Spirit in order to be drawn in, and to draw others into, the union of Christ's Body on pilgrimage to the Father.

The celebration of Pentecost this year will be unlike any other in recent memory, and it will be so because of the tragic irony that we find ourselves contending with a virulent disease whose most notable symptom is its denial of breath. This Pentecost we find ourselves longing to be filled with God's breath in a world struggling for air.

Of course, compounding the suffering still for many is our inability to physically gather in fellowship as the Church to mark this great solemnity as we normally would. It is a positive step forward to resume our public Masses this weekend! But we are only allowed attendance of 25% of capacity, which at STA is 130 persons and many will wait until they feel it is safer for them to attend. However necessary this is, it should nevertheless be a source of great lament, for this separation is not the norm. We are inherently social creatures: creatures, who, though spirit, are also flesh. We are tactile, and the manifestation of our communion in spirit is most readily apparent in our intimate gestures of fleshly embrace. Our highest form of union is precisely when we huddle together in joy and thanksgiving to feast on the body of Christ and thereby to become ourselves one body in and through him. Since the suspension of public Mass during Lent, we are more appreciative than ever for the gift of the Eucharist and for being a part of this community of believers.

I want to thank all who are helping us gather in public today by donating masks, extra cleaning, wiping down the pews, and helping to usher and direct people. I am deeply grateful to our STA Staff for all of their planning and hard work guiding our parish through this difficult time.

Today we welcome Brett Zimmerman through the Sacraments of Initiation as the newest member of our STA Family! Due to the pandemic, we had to postpone celebrating with him at the Easter Vigil Mass last April until today. Welcome, Brett! Thanks for your witness of being a lifelong learner of the faith and for choosing Christ! Your faith is an inspiration to us all!

### **Continuing to Live Stream Masses**

We continue to live-stream our Masses to help stay connected with all of our parishioners. Even though we are beginning to have public Mass again, there are many who are part of vulnerable populations and do not feel safe joining a large group. We are grateful that we can continue with our live-stream of the Mass. Bishop Hying has extended his dispensation through at least June from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. So please stay safe at home if you feel it is too risky to join a group at Mass. Please take note of the different times now that we will return to our regular Mass Schedule. If you have any questions about how to access the live-stream of the Mass, please call the parish office.

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to all who have been so generous with the parish financially over the years and especially in these last 10 weeks. Your support has kept our mission going through this difficult time!

## Prayer for Life

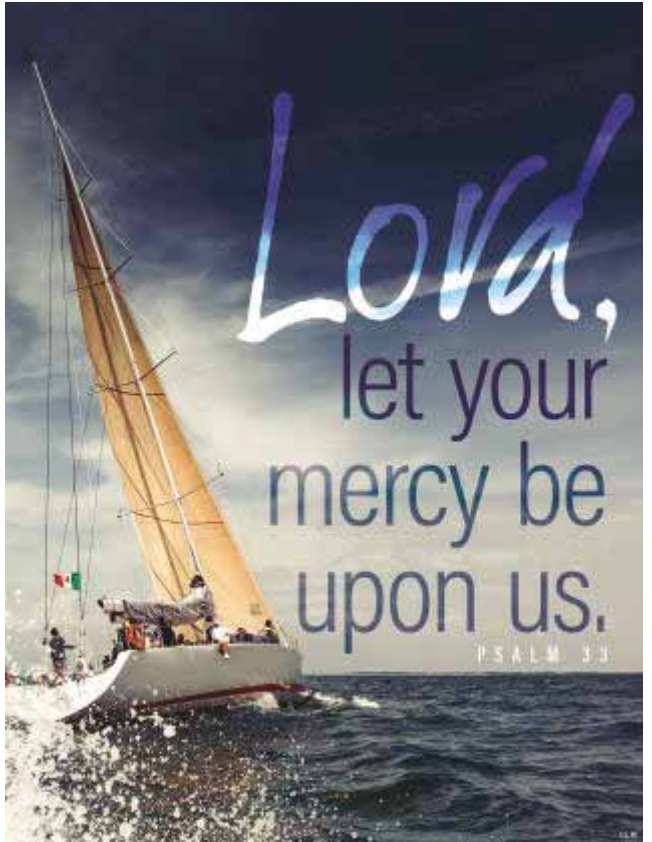
May the Holy Spirit strengthen God's people to embrace and protect the precious gift of human life; We pray to the Lord:



## Prayer for Justice

For all Catholics:

That we may hear the voice of the Spirit and be emboldened to act for justice; We pray to the Lord:



## Bishop Hying Accepts Invitation to Sit in on Parish Journey Group

Our weekly Friday Journey group is still meeting through the pandemic. We're watching and discussing Bishop Hying's "Anima" series (found on [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)) We decided to invite the Bishop to join us a few weeks ago, and in the midst of all that was going on, he was able to join us for awhile. He has a great sense of humor and was easy to talk to. He asked if he could join our group in person whenever we start meeting again.



## Returning to Mass With NO Singing!

As we have been directed by the Diocese, there will be no singing by choirs or our assemblies at our Masses when we gather for prayer... for now.

Music – At this time, there is to be no congregational singing. A cantor and organist/pianist may be present, and simpler music with fewer musicians should be preferred. Choirs may not rehearse or sing at Mass until further notice. Choir members cannot maintain physical distancing and cannot wear masks while singing. They also are “super secretors” and easily infect those around them far beyond 6 feet. Several choirs in the USA that rehearsed and sang during the pandemic infected more than half of the members, some of which were fatalities. In addition, national singing organizations advise that choirs do not meet until further notice.

Our assembly singing together essentially acts like one large choir, and has the potential to infect a lot of people very quickly. While wearing masks *does* reduce the spread of this virus, they do not reduce or control things enough to be effective when worn by someone who is singing.

But do not despair! Do not lose heart! Our shared voice will be once again heard, as we lift our hearts and voices together in praise and thanks to God!

A colleague of mine wrote the following words, which I have borrowed with permission. They are good for us to hold in our thoughts at this time:

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept  
when we remembered Zion.

There on the poplars  
we hung our harps -

How can we sing the songs of the Lord  
while in a foreign land? - *Psalm 137*

The world we live in - for now - is a foreign land indeed.  
The pandemic has brought devastation and calamity on

many fronts, and one casualty—for now—is singing together. It’s been well established that choir rehearsals and congregational singing are among the riskiest activities for infection; singers, even amateurs, are ‘super spreaders’ because of their athletic breathing and projection. Simply put, as long as we must have social distancing, we cannot have ensemble singing. This is a tragedy for now—but it is for now.

Nothing keeps us from singing together in family circles.  
Nothing keeps us from singing along to recordings.  
Nothing keeps us from singing along with our  
livestreamed services.

Nothing keeps us from singing when on our walks  
outside.

Singing will continue, and when we come together again there will be a joyful noise of gratitude heard all over the world as we blend our voices in a chorus of wonder, love, and praise. These words were never more true...

My life flows on in endless song;  
Above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing  
It finds an echo in my soul  
How can I keep from singing?  
No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that rock I'm clinging  
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing?

For more information, please visit: <https://stamadison.org/mass-without-song/>.

**Greg Buchberger**

## Bishop Hying on “Go Make Disciples”

*Coupled with Jesus’ call to, “Follow me!” is the other imperative, “Go forth!” Jesus sends both the Twelve, and then the Seventy-Two, on missionary journeys, commanding them to preach the Good News of God’s merciful love, to heal the sick, raise the dead and be witnesses of the Kingdom, while stressing the need for conversion and change....In this going forth, we see the second part of missionary discipleship. Even as we are deeply formed in our identity as followers of Christ, we must take the Gospel forth, inviting others to become disciples through our loving witness and joyous service.*

*From Go Make Disciples: A Common Vision For Evangelization, as Proposed By The Most Reverend Donald J Hying, Bishop of Madison, March 2020*

The Holy Spirit propels the early Church—and us—into the public to proclaim the death and resurrection of Christ, to preach and baptize, heal and bless, to live the new communion of love and thanksgiving in the formative power of the Eucharist. What a joyful blessing and a serious obligation for each one of us!



## An Attitude of Gratitude

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish appreciates the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have left bequests to the parish. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for future generations. Thank you!

## Being a Disciple

Sharing our faith with others is not easy. I think it takes a lot of courage and practice. When my adult children were in their twenties and I brought up God, my children looked at me like I was an alien. Unfortunately, I haven’t made great strides in bringing them back to the Church, but when I bring up faith or God, I feel they may be listening. I also have witnessed a few things that have given me hope! The jury is still out, but I have faith!

**Holly Irving**

## Construction Update

A special word of thanks to everyone who has contributed to our Make Disciples Capital Campaign for making these projects possible. We are proud and excited about all the wonderful improvements which we will all enjoy because of your generosity. We are making steady progress on our construction work, and look forward to seeing the finished product in a few months! Thanks for your patience while we are under construction.

Last week, with the organ platform taken apart, we were able to make some final decisions and get final measurements. The steel tie-rods have now been ordered, which will support the entire pipe and speaker platform above the choir, and will allow us to remove the support column. The new tie-rods will be hidden behind the organ pipes, so that we can maintain the beautiful pipe facade in our church. We will resume work on the organ platform in the church once they arrive.

This week the construction crew is focusing on the confessionals and the sacristy. Framing was started last week on the confessionals, and they should be completely framed-in this week. We had a Zoom meeting Tuesday morning to discuss some final woodwork and trim details, so that work can stay on schedule. Plywood will be installed on the top of the confessionals, so that there is a study floor surface to support the skylights that will be installed later to allow natural light into the confessionals. As we want the new confessionals to be comfortable and accessible for everyone, the current HVAC in the Chapel will be modified so that there are vents going into each of the confessionals for both heat and air conditioning. You may remember that the old confessional was very cold in the winter months, and so we are looking forward to a much more comfortable space.

The sacristy is currently missing a rather large section of the floor, so that plumbing can begin for the addition of the new

bathroom, as well as the water and drain lines for the sink that is used to wash and care for our sacred vessels. We will also be seeing more of our electricians this week, as the sacristy gets new electrical conduits installed. The ceiling lights are being re-located to accommodate a number of changes, including the new bathroom and moving the attic access ladder to be more accessible for maintenance of lighting and HVAC systems which are located in the attic space above the sacristy ceiling. The new sound and video system in the church will receive two new dedicated circuits to run all of the equipment, and the new countertop in the sacristy will have receptacles installed, as well as countertop lighting.

The new conduits for the sound system into the music area of the church will be installed as well. This will allow us to start pouring the concrete to extend the sanctuary platform toward the new music area. This change came with a lot of discussion. While this takes a little space away from the music area, it provides about 3-4 extra feet on the left side of the sanctuary platform for the altar servers and the credence table. You may have noticed how crowded it was directly behind the ambo previously, and this will give us more space for everyone to move around. This change also centers the sanctuary platform between the two main pillars and beams that go up the front of the church wall... which provides for more focus and architectural attention being drawn to the sanctuary platform itself, where we are centered on the Altar, Ambo, and Priest Celebrant during our celebrations of the Sacred Liturgy.

Thanks to all of you for your patience! We are all looking forward to the day when we can come together as one community of faith and pray together. Blessings! Greg

## Thank You from CareNet

Dear Fr. Timmerman

We are operating at top efficiency, thanks to you! Katie, our case manager and educational coordinator, now has a new computer to properly track and organize the patients and clients she sees daily because of your \$600 gift.

A computer may not seem like an important item—but it is. Because with it, we can enter confidential information safely and securely. Katie can access that information any time she needs to contact and track the progress of the women and families who need our help.

For His Glory,  
Sara Patterson, Chief Executive Officer

## Dish Pick-Up

If you brought a dish for a March event and have been unable to get your dish please do so now. We have lots of items both with and without names on them that we are looking to return home.

All items are on either a table or metal cart in the hallway by the elevator door.

## Baptism Prep. Sessions and Baptism Ritual Update

Good news! Baptism Preparation Sessions are still happening and so is the celebration of Baptisms! If you are looking to baptize your first child, please contact Lorianne Aubut at [lorianne@stamadison.org](mailto:lorianne@stamadison.org) to learn how to attend an online Baptism Preparation session.

Regarding the Baptisms: although public celebrations of Masses are not being held, Father Bart can still celebrate the ritual of Baptism without a Mass. There are specific guidelines to follow if you choose to baptize your child during these moments of the pandemic. Please contact Lorianne to start the conversation. Praying for all our young families!





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Thank you to all active and non active military members and their families that serve our country. We hold you in our heart and thank you for your service.

Please let Clarice (833-2600) know if there has been a change to the status of your family member.

**Weekly Stewardship of Treasure**

**May 23/24**

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**Counters Schedule**

Due to Mass suspension and safety measures for COVID-19 counters are on hold until the public Mass schedule resumes.

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Thank you for your generous support of our Make Disciples Capital Campaign.

As of May 12:

- Campaign Goal .....\$3,500,000
- Amount Pledged to Date .....\$3,038,344
- Received to Date .....\$1,120,392
- Number of Households Participating .....434

**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**Saturday, May 30**

4:30 PM Rosemary Johnson ☩

**Sunday, May 31: Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 AM Carol Kronfuss ☩

10:00 AM Mildred Adler ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

**Monday, June 1: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

8:30 AM Michael Sorge ☩

**Tuesday, June 2: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs**

5:30 PM Angelo Tuccinardi ☩

**Wednesday, June 3: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**

8:30 AM John Kreul ☩

**Thursday, June 4**

7:30 AM Rita Wilk ☩

**Friday, June 5: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**

8:30 AM Duane Bartnick and Jerry Lauber ☩

**Saturday, June 6**

4:30 PM Anfilóquio Leão Bezerra ☩

**Sunday, June 7: The Most Holy Trinity**

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Nielsen & Laufenberg Families ☩

10:00 AM Vic and Mary Elsinger ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

**Readings for the Week of May 31**

**Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday:** 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34

**Friday:** 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday:** 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44

**Next Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

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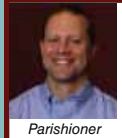


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# Parroquia Santo Tomás de Aquino

## Ama a Dios. Ama a los Demás. Haz Discípulos!

Somos una parroquia Católica donde las personas presencian a Jesucristo de una manera que cambia la manera en la que viven.



### Padre Bart Timmerman, Párroco

#### Domingo de Pentecostés: ¡Bienvenidos de Regreso - Los hemos extrañado!



Pentecostés es la celebración anual cuando el Espíritu Santo es traído al mundo en la Iglesia. El respiro de Dios es dado a la Iglesia encabezada por Cristo para guiar a los miembros a una vida completa. Es por eso que recibimos al Espíritu Santo para que en espíritu podamos estar unidos al Cuerpo de Cristo en la jornada hacia al Padre.

Este año la Celebración de Pentecostés será como ninguna otra, ya que nos encontramos en la trágica ironía de estar rodeados de una enfermedad que tiene como síntoma afectar nuestra respiración. Este Pentecostés nos encontramos queriendo estar llenos del respiro de Dios y no del mundo.

Lamentablemente no podemos reunirnos como quisiéramos, pero nos estamos moviendo hacia una dirección positiva al continuar las Misas este fin de semana. Por ahora solo podemos tener un 25% de la capacidad, el cual es 130 personas dentro de la Iglesia y muchos esperarán a sentirse más seguros antes de asistir. Sabemos que dentro de nuestra humanidad es importante la manifestación de nuestra comunión en espíritu y usualmente la presentamos con gestos de abrazos. Y aunque por ahora tengamos que mantener la distancia, vivamos en la alegría y gratitud de que podemos celebrar el cuerpo de Cristo y ser un solo cuerpo en Él. Ya que las Misas fueron suspendidas en medio de la Cuaresma, apreciamos más que nunca el regalo de recibir la Eucaristía y ser parte de esta comunidad de creyentes.

Este domingo, en especial, le damos la bienvenida a Brett Zimmerman en los Sacramentos de la Iniciación como el nuevo miembro de nuestra familia de STA. Tuvimos que posponer la celebración de sus Sacramentos que iban a ocurrir en la Vigilia Pascual, pero ahora le decimos Bienvenido a Brett—gracias por ser un testigo de la fe y escoger a Cristo en tu vida. ¡Tu fe es una inspiración para todos!

#### ¡Muchas gracias!

Quiero agradecer a todos los que nos ayudaron a crear máscaras para los voluntarios, a los que hicieron limpieza extra, y a todos los que nos ayudaron a dirigir a las personas este fin de semana. Estoy muy agradecido a nuestro equipo de trabajo por su planificación y fuerte trabajo en nuestra parroquia durante estos tiempos.

También, muchas gracias a todos los que han sido tan generosos financieramente con nuestra parroquia por todos estos años y en especial por las últimas 10 semanas. Su generosidad nos ha ayudado a mantener nuestra misión durante estos tiempos difíciles.

### Misa en español

Domingos 6:30 PM

### Confesiones

Sábados 3:15 - 4:10 PM y por cita con el párroco

### Adoración al Santísimo

Lunes 2:00 - 4:00 PM en la capilla

Martes 4:15 - 5:25 PM en la capilla

Viernes 9:00 - 10:00 AM en la capilla

### Rosarios en español

Jueves 6:00 PM

### Estudio Bíblico en español

Jueves 7:00 PM

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# Welcome Back to Mass!

## What YOU Can Do



**Please stay home if:**

- a) you are vulnerable due to age or underlying health conditions.
- b) you have any symptoms of COVID-19.
- c) you had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 and are waiting to be cleared by a medical professional.

**For Mass, please:**



**Wear a mask. If you need a mask, ask a Greeter.**



**Observe social distancing of 6 feet apart.**



**When you arrive, use hand sanitizer in the entry area or in the church.**



**Only sit in the pews that do NOT have a ribbon.**



**Avoid shaking hands during the Sign of Peace. Wave instead.**



**Follow directions by the ushers for communion and at time of dismissal.**



**Use hand sanitizer as you leave.**



**Avoid socializing.**



**Contact Holly to volunteer to sanitize after Mass.**

# **What WE Are Doing & Things to Know**

- **Entering and leaving church without parishioners having to touch doors.**
- **Increased sanitizing of pews and restrooms between Masses.**
- **Hand sanitizer available at all entrances.**
- **Seats are spaced further apart and some pews are marked off to help maintain social distancing.**
- **More signs to guide and help maintain social distancing.**
- **Ministers of hospitality will guide our movements when arriving and leaving and when going to communion to maintain safe separation.**
- **No congregational singing and no music at some Masses.**
- **Baskets will not be passed at the offertory. There will be a place to leave your offerings as you arrive or as you leave.**
- **Gifts will not be presented at the offertory.**
- **Holy Communion will only be distributed under the form of hosts, and encouraged to receive by hand.**