



Returning to Public Mass at Saint Monica Catholic Church June 22nd, 2020

My dear parishioners,

It is my great pleasure to share with you St. Monica Catholic Church's implementation of Phase III of Bishop Burn's Diocesan Reopening Plan ([you may read a copy of his June 17th decree here](#)). The resumption of public Sunday Masses is the most important change of Phase III. To help prepare our parishioners for the return to these Masses, [please watch this video produced by our parish staff](#). Please also carefully read this letter, as it offers more detailed information about these preparations.

- 1. Sunday Masses resume with the 5 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 27th.**
 - a. Even after public Sunday Masses begin, Catholics of the Diocese of Dallas remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice.
 - b. Vulnerable populations are encouraged to not attend Mass at this time.
 - c. Those with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should not attend Mass.

- 2. Sunday Masses have a new schedule. **Schedule changes are highlighted below:****
 - a. Saturday
 - i. 8 AM (English)
 - ii. 5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass (English)
 - b. Sunday
 - i. **TIME CHANGE: 7:30 AM (English)**
 - ii. **TIME CHANGE: 9 AM (English)**
 - iii. 11 AM (English; Livestreamed)
 - iv. 2 PM (Spanish; Livestreamed)
 - v. 5 PM (English)
 - vi. **NEW MASS TIME: 7 PM (Spanish)**

- 3. Safe social distancing procedures**
 - a. Congregations may not exceed 50% of posted church capacity and also must maintain strict social distancing requirements (six feet of separation).
 - b. Visitors arriving after capacity has been reached will not be permitted to enter the church and will be directed to attend a later Mass.

- 4. Ushers will follow an ordered process to both seat and dismiss the congregation.**
 - a. The only entrance into the church will be through the doors by the parish office that lead into Angel Hall (all other doors may of course be used as emergency exits).
 - b. Parishioners will be ushered to their pews by ushers before Mass begins and ushered to select exits from back to front at the conclusion of Mass.
 - c. Those who wish to be seated together should arrive together.



5. Masks are required for all people inside the church.

- a. Throughout Phase III, visitors must wear a mask whenever they are inside the church – both during Mass and after Mass.
- b. Those who choose not to wear a mask during Phase III may not enter the church but are welcome to pray outside.

6. Special confession times continue throughout Phase III.

- a. Mondays and Fridays 10-10:30 AM; 2-2:30 PM; 4-4:30 PM
- b. Saturdays 3:30-4:30 PM

Brothers and sisters, the return to the public celebration of Sunday Mass is a joy. Once again, we will receive the Eucharist, the fruit of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, on the day of the Resurrection! Each and every Sunday, we remember with Saint Paul that “just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life” (Romans 6:4).

In Christ,

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