

Pastor's Corner



My Brothers and Sisters:

I am pleased to write about how Masses are beginning! Some of you have been able to get to the weekday Masses, which we started a week ago Tuesday. It has been a joy being with you again.

Parishes in Marion County can start having Masses on the weekends starting June 6-7, which is the Feast of the Holy Trinity. I believe we are ready.

We have taped off pews so that every 3rd pew is open. With social distancing between households, that should give us space for about 100 parishioners. That is about half of how many show up at most of our Masses.

I am asking you to come every other weekend. Many parishes are choosing to do this, and in very creative ways. I think the simplest way is the following:

If your Last Name begins with A-K, please come June 6-7.

If your Last Name begins with L-Z, please come June 13-14.

And then come every other weekend.

After a month we will have an idea of how that is working. But presently let us assume this through the summer.

Please come with face masks and hand sanitizer. Collections can be dropped in a box at the main doors going into Church, so we don't have to be handling a basket everyone else is touching. We have a short video on this at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qa6V3ZyW8SA>

When you go to that video, then check out the other videos on the [Saint Lawrence Catholic Church-Indianapolis](#) channel. For instance, Fr. Martin graciously sent us a short video with an update on how he is doing.

The past few weeks would have seen Confirmations, graduations, and May Crowning.

On the May Crowning – as late in the month as it is to suggest this, you can always say some prayers and have a May Crowning in your Home.

From my talks with many of you – people have had different kinds of blessings and challenges during this “lock-down” time. In terms of the challenges, this is tough for financial reasons. And it is tough for interpersonal reasons. There is more being alone. There is less ability to be in the physical presence of loved ones when someone is sick, or has died.

Please continue to pray for each other, and reach out to others as you are able.

And please let us know of your needs.

In Christ the Risen One,

Handwritten signature of Fr. Tom