

Pastor's Corner



My Brothers and Sisters:

With the relaxing of public mandates regarding social distancing, Archbishop Charles Thompson is allowing us to reintroduce some of our pre-COVID practices as we see fit. An announcement has come out stating: "...with the decrease of cases in our state, the widespread availability of vaccines and following the guidance of public health officials, we are now able to safely accommodate more parishioners for Masses. Therefore, effective June 11, the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is hereby lifted throughout the state of Indiana."

Included in the next column is the announcement from the Archdiocese. It spends the majority of space and words explaining, or reminding us, of the common-sense reasons one might in good conscience need to refrain from being around large numbers of people.

After this coming weekend of June 6-7, we will be removing the Pew-ribbons in three of the four sections. The section by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will still have ribbons up, for those who feel the need to be cautious.

As we begin to return to "normal" Mass practices, I encourage everyone to respect the needs of those around you if they choose to wear masks and take care regarding touching others for a while.

I remind all of you again that our daily Masses have few people attending in comparison to the size of the church. If you need to be extra cautious, please consider a weekday Mass until you can come to a Sunday Mass.

It is a joyous announcement to write this. Recently I have been having a few parishioners come up and say that they were now ready to get to Mass, and hadn't been able to come for a year. May we all grow in our excitement – and renew our Love for God and our appreciation that we are allowed to be as close to Christ as He has made it possible.

In Prayer,

Fa. Tom