

WELCOME!

Our Lady of the Mountains and All Saints Catholic School



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 9, 2020



PETER SAID TO JESUS,
"LORD, IF IT IS YOU,
COMMAND ME TO COME
TO YOU ON THE WATER."

MATTHEW 14:28

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Mass Times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00am

Wednesday 5:30pm

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Spanish) & 5:00pm

All daily Masses are cancelled until further notice. Weekday Mass at 10am is livestreamed at
www.standrewsv.org

Other Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick ~ After Mass on First Friday or by Appointment

Baptism ~ By appointment only. Registration & Baptism classes required. Please call Parish Office.

Marriage ~ Minimum 6 months advance notice. Please call Parish Office.

Confessions ~ Saturday 4p.m. or anytime by appointment.



August 8, 2020 ~ Saturday

5:00p.m. ☩ Brooke Coates by Monica Whitlock

August 9, 2020 ~ Sunday

7:30a.m. ☩ John & Philbena Bickler Family by Gloria Bickler

9:30a.m. For the intention of the Pastor

11:30a.m. ☩ Santiago Cruz by The Avitia Family

5:00p.m. For the people of the Parish

August 10, 2020 ~ Monday

8:00a.m. For all souls in purgatory

August 11, 2020 ~ Tuesday

8:00a.m. For those with Covid

August 12, 2020 ~ Wednesday

5:30p.m. ☩ John Kimbell by St. Vincent de Paul

August 13, 2020 ~ Thursday

8:00a.m. For the deceased of the Parish

August 14, 2020 ~ Friday

8:00a.m.

August 15, 2020 ~ Saturday

5:00p.m. ☩ Cliff Bondarek, Barbara & Kelly O'Brien by RayAnn Bondarek

August 16, 2020 ~ Sunday

7:30a.m. ☩ Richard Casper by Edelgard Casper

9:30a.m. For the people of the Parish

11:30a.m.

5:00p.m. ☩ John Kimbell by Knights of Columbus



Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

24 hour Adoration is the Thursday before First Friday of each month. Come and spend an hour with our Lord. Adoration is postponed until further notice.



The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the home of Sylvia Camarillo until August 16th.

Weekly Calendar



All meetings, prayer groups & activities have been cancelled until further notice. We hope to have more information soon.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Nagasaki Memorial Day
Monday: St. Lawrence
Tuesday: St. Clare
Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Thursday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Friday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
Saturday: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Masses will begin this weekend in church.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am,
11:30 (Spanish) & 5:00pm

Please note that 50 people are allowed in for each Mass. Once Mass is full we ask that you return for another Mass.

Face masks are required & please adhere to social distancing. No missals, song books or bulletins will be available. Communion will be distributed as you leave Mass. God Bless you all.

During this Phase 1 opening of the Church, there will be no meetings, prayer groups, gatherings, or receptions at this time. Hopefully as things get better with the Covid pandemic, we can move forward to the next phase and be able to be completely back to normal. We will keep you informed of the latest changes. Thank you for your patience.

SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN) (1891-1942)

August 9

"Come," Edith gently whispered, taking her sister Rosa's hand, "let us go for our people!" These were Edith Stein's last words as the Nazis, enraged at the Dutch bishops' condemnation of their genocide, took into custody all Catholic converts from Judaism. Born Jewish, but non-practicing from her teens, Edith's search for truth led to a doctorate in philosophy, a brilliant career as professor and author and, finally, to the *Autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila*, which she read in one sitting, then declared, "That is the Truth!" Baptized on January 1, 1922, observed then as the feast of Jesus' initiation into the covenant of Abraham, confirmed on February 2, the feast of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple, Edith entered the cloistered Carmelites in Cologne, transferring to a convent in Holland when she realized that, because of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, her presence could imperil the safety of the other nuns. She died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz as a daughter of Israel and of the Church.



Schedule for Next Weekend

August 15/16

Altar Servers

Sat, 5:00p.m. Christie & Caelan Jensen
Sun, 7:30a.m. Autumn Young
Sun, 9:30a.m. Isaac & Lucia Kjolsrud
Sun, 5:00p.m. Aidan & Nadia Valeri, Krista Valenzuela

Lectors

Sat, 5:00p.m. (1) (2)
Sun, 7:30a.m. (1) (2)
Sun, 9:30a.m. (1) (2)
Sun, 5:00p.m. (1) (2)

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, 5:00p.m.
Sun, 7:30a.m.
Sun, 9:30a.m.
Sun, 5:00p.m.

Ushers

Sat, 5:00p.m.
Sun, 7:30a.m.
Sun, 9:30a.m.
Sun, 5:00p.m.



MINISTRIES AND CONTACTS

Adoration, Liz Nelson 378-6836
 Phyllis Ballard 378-3192
All Saints Catholic School 378-7012
Altar Servers, Barry & Tess Nelson 803-7089
Arts & Environment,
 Nicole Shelton 508-3705
AVE Neighbor, Jan Ross 378-1754
Baptism Class, Kathleen Shilson 378-2720
 Dcn. Reynaldo Romo (Sp) 559-2400
Bereavement, Dcn. Jim Schaff 378-2332
Blanket Ministry, Phyllis Ballard 378-3192
Bulletin Folding, Pat Jensen 803-1052
Compliance Officer, Christine Unrein 378-2720
Charismatic Prayer, Parish office 378-2720
Dancers Etc., Doris Sims 417-0092
Divine Mercy Cenacle, Liz Nelson 378-6836
Eucharistic Ministers, Dave Gilcreest 458-7135
 Justa Valles 378-1837
Gift Shop, Juvylyn Wilson 378-2720
Hispanic Spiritual Dir, Dcn. Romo 559-2400
Hospital Euch. Ministers, Judy Tritz 803-1728
 Betsey Hartwigsen 249-3887
Jail Ministry, Margarita Fate 227-1194
Knights of Columbus, Aeneas Anderson 249- 9820
Lectors, Mark Lobner 458-5609
 Mayra Velasquez 236-7134
 Monica McCall 378-2720
Linens, Laura Gilcreest 458-7135
Liturgy Committee Barbara Brown 378-2720
Marriage Preparation,
 Parish office 378-2720
Money Counters, Susan Lydakis 732-939-9199
Music Ministry, Vacant (call Parish ofc) 378-2720
Parish Project Mgr., Keith Mullen 266-4230
Prayer Garden, Doris Sims 417-0092
Religious Education, Kathleen Shilson 378-2720
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
 Kathleen Shilson 378-2720
St. Vincent de Paul 378-2720
Ushers/Greeters, Melissa Unger 378-1578
 5pm Sat, 730am & 930am Sun
 11:30 am Sun, Gloria Dutton 378-3486
 5 pm Sun, Mo Pryor 335-6056
You Are Not Alone, Suzanne DeRosier 456-7140



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS...

If we become Available and Vulnerable,
we can Expect great things!

We welcome the addition of names of parishioners and family members who are HOSPITALIZED or CRITICALLY ILL. Names of CHRONICALLY ILL PARISHIONERS and FAMILY are in the back of the church. You and your loved ones are in our prayers daily.

Virginia Padia (sister of Barbara Adric) #116, Cesaer Nicolas Herrera (grandson of Esperanza & Nicolas Avitia) #107, Jim Mabery #105, Ted & Mary Alice Adamczyk #109, Judy Carroll #111, Robert Gunthner (brother of Cecilia Coleman #119), Gregory Coleman (son of Cecilia Coleman #119), MaryLou Esquivel #101, Grace Neal (cousin of Lorene Shough #116), Hipolito Ocasio Perez (brother of Irma Ramos #124), Jim & Julie Hill #107, Arlene Chepinski #108, Cynthia Cary #124, John Knight (brother of Mary Kay Holcomb #101), David Gaston Smith (grandson of Barry & Jean Gaston #124), Alex Jon Neitring (grandson of Daryl Lynn Funke #125, Juan Lozano #103, Janet Smith (sister of Suzanne DeRosier #119), William Patrick Young (brother of Jerry Young #116), Marie Sloup #110, Boston & Shay Lamoreaux (great grandson & grandson of Teresa Mullen #114), Angela & Antonio Mancillas (friend of Lupe Rulapaugh #109), Bill & Linda Wallace (sister & brother in law of Lupe Rulapaugh #109), Sandy Martin, Maria Harty & Luisa Limon (friends of Lupe Rulapaugh #109), Lupe Rulapaugh #109, Palmer Drews #118, Renee Escamilla (daughter in law of Jesse & Ana Escamilla #114), Calla Kindred #105, Yesha Ohashi #105, Karen Garrish (friend of Yesha Ohashi #105), Felix Zeugner #107, Dawn Adams (daughter of Yesha Ohashi #105)

JMJ

Weekly Readings, 10 – 16 Aug 2020

Monday: **St. Lawrence**
2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: **St. Clare**
Ez 2:8—3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: **St. Jane Frances de Chantal**
Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: **Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus**
Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: **St. Maximilian Kolbe**
Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: **The Assumption of the BVM**
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28



OLM MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 2020

July 1-7	\$3,460.00
July 8-14	\$5,213.25
July 15-20	\$4,496.50
July 21-28	\$1,895.00
July 29-31	\$2,942.00

Total Church Contributions	\$18,006.75
OLM Special Contributions-incl. online giving	
Building Maint Fund/Capital Imp.	\$560.00
Rectory Building Fund	\$
Support Our School	\$734.00
Other Church	\$74.39

Fiscal Year Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Total Church Contributions	\$18,006.75
Total Other Church Contributions	\$74.39
Total Parish Activities/ Other Income	\$
Total YTD Contributions/Income	\$18,081.14
YTD Expenses	\$26,912.09
Total year to date income	- \$8,830.95

Annual Fiscal Year Goal

Monthly: 35,000.00 X 12= \$420,000.00

Contribution % to date of goal 4.31%

Current No. of OLM Families: 996

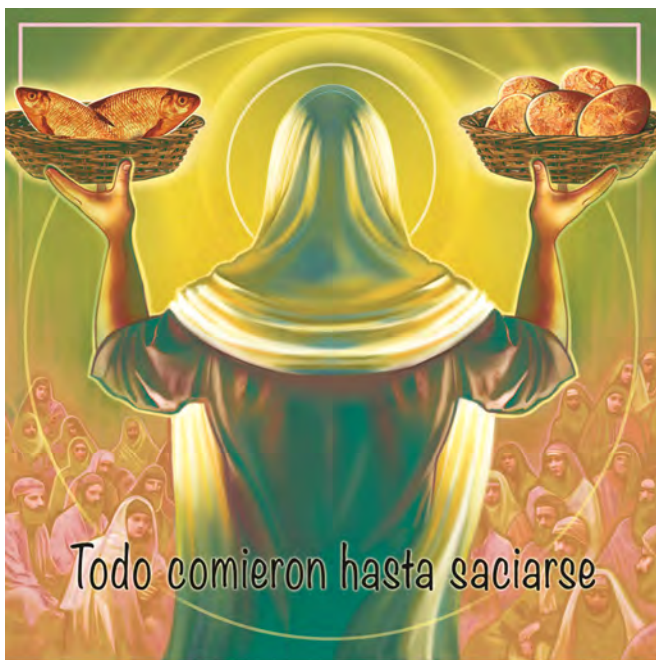


Marriage Tip of the Week

“And He was transfigured before them.” (Mt 17:2) Even on earth, we can catch glimpses of heavenly glory with the eyes of faith. Pray that you and your family may see the glory of the Lord in every aspect of your lives.



Come early on Saturday evening and join us prior to the 5 PM Mass for the Parish Rosary at 4:15 PM. Remember our Parish Rosary is a powerful weapon against the many evils of today.



09 de Agosto de 2020
Decimo Noveno Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario

Ministros de la comunión y lectores para
la próxima semana

Programa De Ministerios De Eucarista

Programa De Lectores

Consejo Matrimonial de la Semana



"Y se transfiguro delante de ellos." (Mt 17:2)
Hasta en la tierra podemos vislumbrar la
gloria celestial con los ojos de la fe. Oren

para que ustedes y sus familias vean la gloria del Señor en
todos los aspectos de sus vidas.

Save the date, 17 October 2020,
10:00 am for the Arizona Rosary Celebration
(ARC).

This year ARC participation will be virtual via You
Tube live stream from Saint Augustine Cathedral in
Tucson.

More information will be provided via the bulletin in
the following weeks.



In this Gospel, Jesus immediately
stretched out his hand and caught
Peter, and said to him, "O you of
little faith, why did you doubt?"

**Please help the Society of
St. Vincent de Paul bring respite
and hope to the elderly who are
not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you
will bring them faith and hope!**



OLM Council 10799

Grand Knight ~ Tom Stevenson
559-1809

- Brothers, we are still observing the rules of our diocese and our state council guidelines. **Continue to be healthy and safe.** Information on our next council business meeting will be sent by our Financial Secretary, James Tomko.
- Council Business Meeting (possible Virtual) is scheduled for **Thurs, 13 Aug @ 6:30pm Rosary and then business meeting at 7 pm.**
- Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF) On-Line Exemplifications. Supreme is pleased to invite you to a special, online ceremony of admission and advancement. These ceremonies, known as exemplifications, are normally done in person. However, due to current social distancing precautions, we now offer these ceremonies online. You may participate in any one of the following scheduled events. After the 30-minute ceremony, you will be a third-degree Knight of Columbus. To participate in the ceremony immediately, use the "On Demand" link and the 30 minute ceremony will start upon completion of your registration.

Note: Contact Financial Sectary James Tomko for additional information and scheduling at e-mail: james.tomko@cox.net or call 249-6492.

On-going: Wheelchairs/walkers. Anyone having a need for a manual wheelchair or walker, please contact Chuck Everding at 234-4120.

Online Membership.

A program for Recruiting and Engaging New
Members
within the Knights of Columbus.

Join today. Visit KofC.org/JoinUS



All Saints Catholic School

Raffle ticket sales!

Jim Click Raffle tickets are on sale again. \$25 each or 5 for \$100. All proceeds go to the school. Tickets are available in the school or parish offices. Thank you for supporting our school.

Parish Registry

If you are new to the Parish, changed addresses or changed phone numbers, please contact the Parish office so that we may update our registry. We have received some returned envelopes for this quarter here at the office. If you are missing your envelopes please call the office to see if we have it.



WELCOME DEACON TIM!

We welcome Deacon Tim Krieski to our parish. He was ordained in 2001. He comes to us with his wife Janet Krieski whom he has been married to for 35 years. Deacon Tim has had three other assignments before coming to us. His first was at Father Flanagan's Boys Town in Omaha Nebraska where he and his wife worked as family teachers when he was ordained. He also served at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Oro Valley, Arizona. Most recently he was assigned to Holy Trinity Monastery in Saint David where he and Jan lived and worked for 4 ½ years. Deacon Tim is not completely new to our parish. His parents Len and Teresa Krieski were members here in the 1990s. Both are interned in Mother Teresa's columbarium.



GOSPELS AND QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

19thth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Matthew 14:22-33
Faith In The Lord
August 9

Adults: *When have you doubted the loving care of God for you as the apostles did in the boat?*

Children/Youth: How do you know that Jesus is with you at all times?

Next Week's Gospel Preparation
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Matthew 15: 21-28
All Are Welcome
August 16

RCIA

As our Blessed Mother brings us to her son, Jesus, it is our task also to bring others to the Lord. Is there someone you can invite to explore the Catholic faith...someone unbaptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition? Perhaps you know a Catholic adult interested in being confirmed? RCIA will begin soon and will end on the Easter Vigil in 2021. Details regarding an orientation meeting will be coming soon. Please contact Kathleen Shilson, DRE (218)366-1328 or email k.shilson@olmaz.org.



Parishes Opening for Public Worship

July 31, 2020

I am pleased to share with you that as of August 7th the majority of our parishes have the option to open once again for limited public worship. As this situation is evolving each community must understand that these protocols can evolve as this public health crisis evolves. The following points are especially significant in this goal as we move forward:

- Parishes located on lands associated with Native American Nations will follow the public health protocols and directives of their proper Tribal Government. Also, the parishes located in Yuma County and Santa Cruz County are delayed until August 21st, at the earliest, for the option of reopening. As of July 28, 2020, the Covid-19 positivity rate for much of southern Arizona is under ten percent. However, the positivity rate in Yuma County is 17.5%, and Santa Cruz County is at 25.3%. While a substantial portion of the concentrations of Coronavirus can be attributed to area nursing homes, detention centers and prisons, the virus in the general population of these counties cannot be entirely discounted. In Yuma County, for instance, the Arizona Health Department lists “workplace exposure” as the #1 cause of infection. Parishes in these locations remain free to distribute Holy Communion outdoors to their parishioners or to celebrate outdoor Masses, as is currently permitted. It is my great hope that after an additional delay of two to three weeks these communities can safely offer indoor celebrations as well.
- The risks associated with public gatherings have not decreased and the formal Dispensation from participating in Sunday Mass in person remains in place for all persons living in or visiting the Diocese of Tucson. To state the obvious, we do not have a working vaccine or perfect method of treatment for Covid-19. It is my recommendation that the faithful remain at home until this situation is somewhat safer. I urge the faithful to commit daily to a time of prayer but most especially on Sundays. I also strongly encourage the reception of Holy Communion outdoors at your parish after prayerfully observing a Mass on television or the internet. While this public health situation remains troubling I must recall that our original motivation to cease public indoor gatherings was the extraordinarily high patient census in our hospitals, especially Intensive Care Units. That situation has improved. As of July 28th, hospitalization rates due to Covid-19 for Arizona have dropped 37% from their peak on July 13th. As our hospitals are reporting greater capacity, and I anticipate that only a small portion of our Catholic population will return for public Masses at this time, I conclude that limited indoor public Masses have once again become a possibility for much of our Diocese.
- No parish in the approved areas of our Diocese is required to reopen for public indoor Masses. The decision to reopen resides with the parish Pastor (or parish Administrator), in consultation with his local advisors. I urge pastors, whether open for public indoor Masses or not, to provide times for the faithful to come in person and receive Holy Communion outdoors. **I also urge that those identified in the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines as highly at risk to refrain from in-person participation at Masses. This includes persons with chronic health conditions as well as persons age 65 and older.**
- For those parishes that elect to open, they must return to those protocols observed just prior to the recent suspension of public indoor Masses. Pastors are to review the protocols

previously approved by my delegate for this purpose, Msgr. Al Schifano. This applies to Mass, other Sacraments (including Confession), parish meetings, celebrations, etc. There may be no adaptation or variance from the approved prior protocols with the exception of the protocols listed immediately below.

- Pastors are reminded that they may celebrate Masses beginning on Fridays and continuing through Mondays—with those Masses always making use of the Sunday Mass prayers and Scripture readings. **Holy Communion may never be given indoors; it is to be given to the faithful only outdoors, even for those who have attended a Mass in person, and only provided in the hand.** Receiving Holy Communion after Mass is over and upon exiting the Church is a way that those who attended Mass in person can be in solidarity with the Community who has observed a Mass by technology and may then be coming to receive Holy Communion at the same time. Any prior permission to distribute Holy Communion indoors is hereby revoked.
- **The use of a mask is to protect others and also shows great respect and concern for our priests. It is clearly a pro-life issue. While already listed in approved protocols I wish to remind everyone that face masks are a firm requirement for all persons age six and older. Parishioners with a health condition making it impossible for them to make use of a mask are to contact their parish office ahead of time to verify the health condition with their pastor. There are no other exceptions to this protocol.**

I believe that substantial strides are being made in the creation of vaccines as well as better treatments. However, as noted above, the reopening of our parishes for limited indoor public Masses should not signal a lessening of caution or even an encouragement to attend Mass in person at this time. Indeed, as both faithful Catholics and faithful citizens, I urge the faithful to set a good example for the public. The aggressive observance of our protocols gives witness to our love of neighbor, appreciation for those who minister to us, and concern for the most vulnerable of our communities.

Lastly, I once again urge the faithful to enter into a true spirit of prayer, asking Our Lord and His Blessed Mother to intervene quickly, bringing us the vaccine and better medical treatments we need in order to celebrate our faith with far fewer constraints. I also ask for prayers for the sick, as well as for healthcare workers and first-responders. They are powerful witnesses to the love of neighbor.

May God bless you abundantly,

+Edward J. Weisenburger
Bishop of Tucson

Apertura de las Parroquias para el culto público

July 31, 2020

Me es muy grato comunicarles que a partir del 7 de Agosto, la mayoría de nuestras parroquias tienen la opción de abrir nuevamente para el culto público con restricciones. Conforme esta situación vaya avanzando, cada comunidad debe entender que estos protocolos pueden incrementarse si la crisis pública avanza. Los siguientes aspectos son especialmente importantes para seguir adelante con el objetivo.

- Parroquias localizadas en terrenos asociados con las Naciones Nativas Americanas seguirán los protocolos de salud pública y directrices de sus propios gobiernos tribales. También, las parroquias situadas en los Condados de Yuma y Santa Cruz se retrasará su apertura hasta el 21 de Agosto. Hasta el 28 de Julio del 2020, el índice de positividad de Covid-19 está bajo del 10% para gran parte del Sur de Arizona. Sin embargo, el índice en el Condado de Yuma es 17.5%, y el Condado de Santa Cruz es 25.3%. Mientras que una parte considerada de la concentración del Coronavirus puede ser atribuida al área de residencias para personas de la tercera edad, centros de detención y cárceles, el virus en general, no puede descartarse completamente en estos Condados. En el Condado de Yuma, por ejemplo, el Departamento de Salud señala la exposición de “los centros de trabajo” como la causa #1 de contagio. Las Parroquias en estas localidades permanecen libres para distribuir la Sagrada Comunión a sus feligreses o celebrar Misas al aire libre, como actualmente está permitido. Tengo mucha esperanza que después de este retraso de dos o tres semanas, estas comunidades estén suficientemente seguras para poder ofrecer misas en el interior de las parroquias.
- Los riesgos asociados a las reuniones en público no ha disminuido y la dispensa formal de asistir en persona a la misa dominical sigue vigente para todas las personas que viven o están de visita en la Diócesis de Tucson. Para decir lo obvio, no tenemos una vacuna que funcione o un método perfecto de tratamiento para el Covid-19. Es mi recomendación que los fieles permanezcan en casa hasta que esta situación este más segura. A todos los fieles les ruego tomen tiempo diariamente para rezar, especialmente los Domingos. También, les recomiendo firmemente reciban la Sagrada Eucaristía en el exterior de sus parroquias después de devotamente oír misa por televisión o internet. Mientras que la situación de salud pública sigue siendo preocupante debo recordarles que la idea original para suspender las reuniones públicas en interiores fue el extraordinario número de pacientes en nuestros hospitales, especialmente en las unidades de cuidados intensivos. Esa situación ha mejorado. Desde el 28 de julio, las tasas de hospitalización por el Covid-19 para Arizona han bajado un 37% desde su punto más alto el 13 de Julio. Como nuestros hospitales están reportando una mayor capacidad, y se anticipa que sólo una pequeña porción de nuestra población católica regresará para las misas públicas en este momento, junto con mis asesores concluyo que las misas públicas restringidas en el interior, se han convertido, una vez más, en una posibilidad para gran parte de la Diócesis.
- Ninguna parroquia en las áreas autorizadas está obligada a reabrir para las misas públicas en el interior. La decisión de reabrir las recae únicamente en el párroco de la parroquia (o en el administrador de la misma), previamente consultado con sus asesores locales. Ruego a los párrocos, ya sea que estén abiertos para las misas públicas bajo techo o no, a que proporcionen tiempo para que los fieles vengan en persona y reciban la Sagrada Comunión al aire libre. Exhorto, en el sentido más enérgico, a los identificados en las directrices del Centro de Control de Enfermedades (CDC) como de alto riesgo a que se abstengan de participar en persona en las Misas. Esto incluye a las personas con condiciones de salud crónicas, así como a las personas de 65 años o más.
- En el caso de las parroquias que decidan abrir, deben volver a los protocolos observados justo antes de la reciente suspensión de las misas públicas en interiores. Párrocos deben revisar los protocolos previamente aprobados por mi delegado para este propósito, Msgr. Al Schifano. Esto se aplica a la misa, a otros sacramentos (incluyendo la confesión), reuniones parroquiales, celebraciones, etc. No podrá haber ninguna

adaptación o desviación de los protocolos anteriores aprobados, con excepción de los protocolos que se enumeran a continuación.

- Se recuerda a los párrocos que pueden celebrar misas empezando los viernes y continuando hasta los lunes, utilizando siempre las oraciones de la misa dominical y las lecturas de las Escrituras. La Sagrada Comunión nunca puede ser dada en el interior; debe ser distribuida a los fieles sólo al aire libre, incluso para aquellos que han asistido a una misa en persona y sólo en la mano. Recibir la comunión después de terminada la misa y a la salida de la iglesia, para aquellos que atendieron misa en persona, es una forma de solidaridad con aquellos de la comunidad que han asistido a misa por medio de la tecnología y que vienen a recibir la comunión al mismo tiempo. Cualquier permiso previo para distribuir la Sagrada Comunión en el interior, queda revocado.
- El uso de cubrebocas es para proteger a los demás y también muestra un gran respeto y preocupación por nuestros sacerdotes. Es claramente un asunto pro-vida. Aunque ya está incluido en los protocolos aprobados, quiero recordarles a todos que los cubrebocas son un requisito firme para todas las personas mayores de seis años. Los feligreses con una condición de salud que les imposibilite hacer uso de una máscara deben contactar con la oficina de su parroquia con antelación para verificar la condición de salud con su párroco. No hay otras excepciones a este protocolo.

Creo que se están haciendo avances importantes en la creación de vacunas y mejores tratamientos. Sin embargo, como se ha señalado anteriormente, la reapertura de nuestras parroquias para las misas públicas limitadas en interiores no debe ser una señal de disminución de la precaución o incluso un estímulo para asistir a misa en persona en este momento. De hecho, como católicos y ciudadanos fieles, insto a los fieles a dar un buen ejemplo para el público. La agresiva observancia de nuestros protocolos es un testimonio de nuestro amor al prójimo, el aprecio por los que nos atienden y la preocupación por los más vulnerables de nuestras comunidades.

Por último, les ruego a todos los fieles presentar sus intenciones con un verdadero espíritu de oración, pidiendo a Nuestro Señor y a su Santísima Madre que intervengan rápidamente, trayéndonos la vacuna y mejores tratamientos médicos que tanto necesitamos. También pido oraciones para los enfermos, así como para los trabajadores de la salud y los primeros socorristas. Que Dios los mantenga en pie y a salvo.

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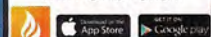
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