

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones healthy and well in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has impacted the entire world. California's stay-at-home order, while necessary to combat the spread of the disease, has unfortunately prevented us from celebrating the Eucharist together as a community in the church. Governor Newsom and religious leaders from around the State – including our own Bishop McElroy – have developed guidelines to allow houses of worship to reopen and welcome people back. As recommended by the Bishop, our first Daily Mass will be open to the public on **Monday, June 8th**. Our first Sunday Mass will be open to the public on **Sunday, June 14th**. It is very appropriate that we will celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on that day! Corpus Christi Sunday is very important for Catholics because we celebrate the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharistic Feast. *The Bishop announced that the dispensation to attend Sunday Mass in person continues. Although we are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass, parishioners should feel comfortable that attending one weekday Mass can substitute for attending a Sunday Mass. Livestream masses will continue for those who are unable or uncomfortable attending Mass in person.*

As we return joyfully to the Church to celebrate the Mass, we must follow State and County guidelines and regulations to ensure the safety of all people in attendance. Just as the public celebration of the Eucharist is central to our spiritual life as Catholics, it is also central to our faith that we love our neighbors and do everything possible to ensure their good health. Toward that aim, following are important guidelines that you must know. It is critical that we all adhere to them when attending Mass at Good Shepherd Church.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support during this challenging time. I pray this letter will help us prepare to gather for the celebration of the Eucharist. Hopefully these guidelines will alleviate any anxiety as you return to Church. May God bless you and your family with good health and peaceful heart.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Michael Pham, Pastor, Good Shepherd Parish

GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS AT GOOD SHEPHERD DURING COVID-19

- We encourage the elderly and those who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 to remain at home and watch a livestream Mass. All Masses will be livestreamed.
- **When preparing to come to the Church**, please be sure to bring:
 - A mask (required)
 - Hand sanitizer if you have it
 - A hat or umbrella for outdoor Mass
 - Folding chair if for outdoor Mass
- **On arrival at the Church**, please follow the direction of the ushers in the parking lot and enter the lot only from Gold Coast Drive.

- **During the liturgy, please:**
 - Enter and exit using designated doors
 - Wear a mask throughout the Mass until coming up to receive communion
 - Sit and stand at least 6 feet from anyone not from your household
 - Avoid kneeling, physical contact, including handshaking, hugging, and kisses of peace
 - Receive communion on the hands only
 - Leave the Church through an assigned door

MASS SCHEDULE

(effective Monday, June 8, 2020 and subject to change)

When Sunday Mass is celebrated outdoors, the Mass will be livestreamed into the Church. All Sunday Masses, including Saturday Vigil Masses, will be livestreamed into the Parish Hall and School Gym. The Eucharist will be available to those attending livestreamed Masses in the Church, Hall, or Gym.

Day of the Week	Time	Mass Outdoors	Mass in the Church	Mass in the Hall and Gym (Livestreamed)
Monday through Friday	8:30 AM 5:30 PM <i>(English)</i>		●	
Wednesday and Friday	7:30 PM <i>(Vietnamese)</i>		●	
Saturday	8:30 AM <i>(English)</i>		●	
Saturday	5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil) <i>(English)</i>	●	●	●
Saturday	7:00 PM (Sunday Vigil) <i>(Vietnamese)</i>		●	●
Sunday	7:00 AM <i>(English)</i>		●	●
Sunday	8:30 AM <i>(English)</i>	●	●	●
Sunday	10:30 AM <i>(English)</i>	●	●	●
Sunday	12:15 PM <i>(English)</i>	●	●	●
Sunday	5:00 PM <i>(English)</i>	●	●	●
Sunday	7:00 PM <i>(Spanish)</i>		●	●