



SAINT JOHN FISHER PARISH

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Dear Parishioners:

We have found a glimmer of light at the end of this dark tunnel, called the coronavirus. We finally got to open our church!

The pandemic is still with us, so we must proceed with caution when we gather together to worship. We are limited to 100 persons in the church at any one time. People are admitted on a first-come, first-seated basis. We need to observe the social distance, wash our hands frequently, and wear masks while in church. We have established procedures for entering and exiting church, receiving Communion, and even using worship aids that are for one-time use. The church is being thoroughly sanitized after each service. I care about you and want you to be as safe as possible when you come here to worship.

I am aware that you miss receiving the Eucharist. Despite our limit of 100 persons in church, we have also made the Parish Activity Center open to all those who cannot get into the church, thus expanding the limit to another 100. Chairs are set up to provide the necessary social distancing, and ushers are assigned to assure your safety. At those Masses when the limit in church has been reached, you can view the Mass there via live stream, and Eucharistic Ministers are prepared to give you Communion.

The times for the sacrament of reconciliation have resumed as before. The procedures for coming to confession have changed, but the procedures for going to confession have not.

As long as the pandemic is still present, many of you may still not feel comfortable returning to church. This is especially true for the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions that make them especially vulnerable. I don't want you to put yourself at risk. I hope you will still be with us via livestream. Archbishop Gomez has continued to dispense all from the Sunday obligation. Daily live streaming of Mass will continue. I am particularly grateful to Dave Bloodgood and his team of videographers who have provided that service to your homes.

Meanwhile, let's all pray for an end of this pandemic and a safe passage through this dark tunnel to light. May the light of Christ guide us. For now I am grateful that we can once again worship together in person as the Body of Christ and receive the Holy Eucharist. Know that you are in my prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. David A. Sork
Pastor