

Dear friends,

As many of you have heard or read, Ventura County has moved to the strict restrictions of the **PURPLE TIER. For this reason, we have to return to Masses outdoors. This is sad and painful for all of us.**

Since we have returned to the **Purple Tier, I was thinking that **purple** is the color of the upcoming Season of Advent which begins earlier for us this year in the sense that, like the Jewish people who long ago awaited deliverance from exile—a hope proclaimed by the Prophets—we, too, are praying for deliverance from the oppression (lockdown) and the exile (isolation from our loved ones) that the Covid virus has created. Let's use this time of restrictions to enter more deeply into the sanctuary of our hearts to prepare for the coming of Jesus and to intentionally connect with people through phone or letters, especially those who are most isolated (elderly relatives and friends).**

THE MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR THIS COMING WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 21—22, 2020:

**Saturday Confessions: 3:00—4:45 pm (in front of parish hall)
Saturday: 5:00 pm (north parking lot) & 7:00 p.m. Mass (north parking lot).**

Sunday: 6 am, 7 am, 9:00 am (north parking lot), 11:00 am (in Church: live streamed to patio), 1:00 pm and 5:00 p.m. (north parking lot)

For all Outdoor Weekend Masses, people can make ONE OF TWO choices:

- 1) They can sit in their cars in the south parking lot and watch OR
- 2) They can bring their beach chairs (and umbrellas, if necessary) and sit in designated areas on the north parking lot.

- a. If you join us for Mass in the north parking lot, please sanitize your hands as you enter through the gate into the parking lot.
- b. Be sure to wear a mask (masks will be provided, if you don't have one).
- c. Maintain social distancing of 6' from other people.
- d. At Holy Communion time, the parishioners seated in the north park lot can come in lines to receive Holy Communion—always keeping 6 feet between you and the person in front of you.
- e. People seated in cars can join the communion lines or, after Mass, drive through and receive Holy Communion.

The public outdoor Masses will be short. There will be no music, hymn books, or missalettes. The homily will be brief. If your health is in any way compromised, especially our senior citizens, it might be best for you to view the live stream Mass at home.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: 8:30 am (in Church live streamed to patio) and 5:30 pm (outdoor on west side of Church)

DAILY CONFESSION SCHEDULE (outside):

Monday and Wednesday: 9:00—10:00 AM on west side patio of the Church

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 4:00—5:00 PM on east side of the Church

NO OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS PHYSICALLY IF....

Please note that Archbishop Jose Gomez's dispensation of the Sunday Mass obligation is still in effect. Any person, who does not feel comfortable or safe attending Mass, is not required to attend Mass physically. In fact, anyone, who is not well or is in a high-risk group (those 65 years of age or older as well as those with preexisting medical

conditions), should NOT yet return to Mass. We will live stream our Sunday 9 AM Mass in English and 1:00 p.m. in Spanish for those at home.

OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Thank you to all of you who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards and donations to the parish in honor of my mom, Monica Jean Shea.

The Beauty of the Mass: I continue with the next installment of “The Beauty of the Mass,” explaining about the **Entrance Rite of the Mass**.

“Current Event” Check out the article titled, **“Encouraging Saint Quotes to Give You Peace, Hope, & Strength** during this stressful time in our country.

St. Rose of Lima Christian Service: Our Christian Service truly thanks all of you who donated to the Thanksgiving Basket Program. They were overwhelmed by your generosity. We have more than enough food to feed the needy families this year. May God bless you for your goodness!

Votive Candles: Votive Candles are available for purchase at the rectory or in the Mother Cabrini Gift Shop in the Church vestibule. Since Governor’s Newsom’s restrictions are still in effect, once a candle is purchased, a priest can bless the candle(s) and a staff member will take the candle(s) to the Church, light the candle(s) and place them in the candles holders in front of the Blessed Mother or Sacred Heart Shrines. The sale of our votive candles helps fund the Msgr. Sylvester Ryan Scholarship Fund.

For any Baptism, Marriage, or Funeral, please contact the rectory (805-526-1732) to make arrangements.

For any sick calls, please call the rectory: 805-526-1732

Always know that we are praying for you, especially those who can't join us physically because of age or compromised health issues. May God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Shea