

## **Dear St. Rose of Lima Families,**

With gratitude to almighty God, I am pleased to announce that St. Rose of Lima Parish will open our church and we will begin celebrating public Masses within our Church building next weekend, June 20-21, 2020, all the while observing the strict safety guidelines.

### **WEEKEND MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

Saturday Confessions: 3:00—4:30 PM & 6—7 PM (outside)

Saturday Masses: 8:30 AM, 5:00 PM (English) & 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday Masses: 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM, 1:00 (Spanish) and 5:00 PM

### **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday—Friday: 8:30AM & 5:30 PM

### **DAILY CONFESSION SCHEDULE (outside):**

Monday and Wednesday: 9:00—10:00 AM

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 4:00—5:00 PM

## **BEFORE ATTENDING MASS AT ST. ROSE OF LIMA, HERE ARE A FEW ITEMS YOU NEED TO REMEMBER:**

### **NO OBLIGATION**

Please note that Archbishop Jose Gomez's dispensation of the Sunday Mass obligation is still in effect and any person, who would not feel comfortable or safe attending Mass, is not required to attend. 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 for those at home.

### **MASS ATTENDANCE**

Since only a 100 people can be in the Church at any given time, rather than have people make reservations and take numbers, the parish has decided to do the following:

- 1) All people who desire to go to Mass in the Church can only enter the church building by the front doors of the Church (Royal Avenue side)—all other doors will be locked with signs on them directing them to the front doors.
- 2) There will be SIGNS on the front of the church reminding the people:
  - a. Only 100 people will be admitted
  - b. Must wear a mask (masks will be provided if people don't have one)
  - c. Sanitize hands with hand sanitizers at the doors.
  - d. Sit in designated areas to maintain social distancing (the church building has been taped off to provide for social distancing).
  - e. At Communion, maintain social distance and receive communion in the hand.
- 3) There will be sanitizers and extra masks at the front doors of the church.
- 4) Ushers with masks and gloves will be at the front door to greet the people. They will kindly ask each person if they have any cough or fever. If anyone does, they will be asked not to enter the Church. The ushers also will make sure that everyone will be wearing a mask. Masks will be provided for them if they did not bring one.
- 5) The ushers will count the people entering. When the number reaches 100, the ushers will offer the people wishing to attend Mass two options:
  - a. Go to the patio on the west side of the Church where chairs will be set up with proper social distancing and they can watch and listen to the Mass; or
  - b. Go to the parish hall where the Mass will be live streamed.
    - i. Again, ushers there will make sure that everyone is wearing a mask and that the people will

sit in chairs that are arranged for the proper social distancing.

- c. For the alternative locations, an E.M. will bring communion to the people at communion time.

### **PLEASE BE EARLY**

Please plan to arrive early. We recommend arriving 20 minutes early for Sunday Mass, and 20 minutes for daily Mass to ensure Mass can start on time. The doors of the Church will be closed and locked once 100 people have entered the Church.

### **LIMITED ENTRY INTO THE CHURCH**

For weekday Masses, everyone will enter through the sacristy door on the west side of the building (the rest of the church doors will be locked) to control the numbers of people attending (no more than 100).

For Sunday Masses, only the front doors of the church building on Royal Ave. will be open as a point of entry. If more than 100 people show up for Mass, they will be directed to go either to the patio on the west side of the Church where chairs will be set up under tents with proper social distancing and the Mass will be live streamed on a large screen TV with sound; or they can go to the parish hall where the Mass also will be live streamed on TVs. Again, ushers at both alternative places will make sure that everyone sanitizes their hands and wear a mask. People will sit in chairs with the proper social distancing. For the alternative locations, an E.M. will bring communion to the people at communion time.

### **LIMITED RESTROOM FACILITIES**

The restrooms inside of the Church will be available, but only in a case of urgent need. Please plan accordingly. All others can go to the parish hall and use those bathroom facilities.

### **SAFETY IS OUR TOP CONCERN**

At all Masses, we will be strictly observing safety precautions, including:

- 1) The church has undergone a thorough cleaning and disinfecting process prior to opening.
- 2) The congregation at each Mass in the church building and the alternative locations will be limited to 100 people.
- 3) Face masks will be required (no one will be admitted without a face mask).
- 4) Proper social distancing inside and outside the church will be enforced.
- 5) We are cleaning the church and the alternative worship spaces after EVERY Mass. So, we will need everyone to leave promptly after service to allow time to do so.

For the safety of all, we are committed to following the guidelines set for us by the City, County and State. These, together with directives from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, form the basis of our plan.

As our community continues to open up and the shelter-at-home restrictions are loosened, we must remember this is a step-by-step process. It is also subject to change should circumstances warrant. What is most important right now is that we are patient and prudent, always erring on the side of caution and safety. Please pray for the successful opening of our Church building. We look forward to seeing you. You and your loved one are in our prayers. May God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Joseph Shea*