

2/18/21

Dear friends,

The parish hopes to make this Lent the best of our lives. To enhance your Lenten experience, we are offering you a variety of **opportunities for grace and growth.**

1. **DAILY MASS:** 8:30 am and 5:30 pm. Try to attend daily Mass
2. **CONFESSION:** Go See schedule below. Go to Confession at least once during Lent.
3. **HOLY HOUR:** Make a Holy Hour before the Eucharistic Lord once a week.
4. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS (every Friday inside the Church):** English: 6:00 p.m. and Spanish 7:00 p.m.
5. Participate in the **UNIVERSITY SERIES**—the marvelous Lenten Adult formation program. It will be on-line this year because of Covid. To register, go to the website: [www.thuniversityseries.org](http://www.thuniversityseries.org).
6. **ENGAGED:** The Knights of Columbus has purchased for the parish a subscription to ENGAGED. Bishop Robert Barron partnered with Flocknote to give daily reflections. You can receive these free reflections by registering with Flocknote by texting 84576, then text STROSE. Or you can pick up a card with this information at the Masses or on the website or in the bulletin.
7. **FORMED:** The parish renewed her annual parish subscription to FORMED to allow every parishioner access to this incredible E-Library of many wonderful Catholic Bible Studies, talks, movies, etc. You can pick up a card at Mass with the information or find the info on the website or in the bulletin. FORMED will help you grow in the knowledge of your faith. To register:
  - a. **Go to FORMED.org**
  - b. **Register**
  - c. **Enter parish code: YV63TJ**
  - d. **Enter e-mail address and then click “GO”**

8. **RICE BOWLS:** You can practice almsgiving by picking up a Rice Bowl at Mass, fold it into a box. During Lent, you can make sacrifices (forego buying a cup of coffee or a meal or clothes, etc.), and place the money in the rice bowl, or you can throw in your extra change at the end of each day. At the end of Lent, you can donate the Rice Bowl and the money, through the parish, to the Catholic Mission program that sponsors this Lenten activity.

9. **FAMILY LENTEN ACTIVITY:** For your family, the parish is sending you a PDF file with a list of spiritual things you can do as a family during the 40 days of Lent. Print out list of activities, cut them into strips, fold them up, and place them in a big bowl. Every evening at dinner during Lent, pull out one of the suggestions out, read it aloud, and then the members of the family will try to do that activity the next day.

## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21-27**

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

Saturday Confessions: 3:00—4:45 PM (outside the church)

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

Sunday Masses: 6:00, 7:00, **9:00 (live streamed to homes, patio, parish hall)**, 11:00 AM, 1:00 (Spanish) and 5:00 PM

### **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (inside Church)**

Monday—Friday: 8:30AM & 5:30 PM

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

Monday and Wednesday: 9:00—10:00 AM

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

## **SOME HELPFUL REMINDERS**

### **MASS ATTENDANCE**

Since only a 250 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 250 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.
  - 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 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 250, **the ushers will offer the people three 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 on a large screen TV; 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; or

c. **Sit in their cars and listen to the Mass on the radio (91.7 FM from the Church and 89.7 from the parish hall)** and then drive up to receive communion at the end of the Mass

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

### PLEASE COME EARLY

Please plan to arrive early. We recommend arriving 15 minutes early for Sunday Mass, and 15 minutes for daily Mass to ensure Mass can start on time. The doors of the Church will be closed and locked once 250 people have entered the Church.

### LIMITED ENTRY INTO THE CHURCH

For Sunday Masses, only the front doors of the church building on Royal Ave. will

be open as a point of entry and only 250 people will be admitted. However, we do have alternative worship spaces (patio, parish hall or sitting in your cars).

### ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SPACES

If more than 250 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 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. Or people can sit in their cars and listen to the Mass on the radio (91.7 FM from church and 89.7 from parish hall).

Again, ushers at both alternative places will make sure that everyone sanitize 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 250 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.
- 6) 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.

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN THE HIGH RISK GROUP

Please note that Archbishop Jose Gomez's dispensation of the Sunday Mass obligation is still in effect for any person who does not feel comfortable or safe attending Mass. 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 in the church. An option is that they can sit in their cars and listen to the Mass, then drive up to receive holy Communion..

**We will live stream our Sunday 9 am Mass to those at home, those on the patio and those in the parish hall, and transmit on radio from**

the church and from the parish hall (**91.7 FM from the Church and 89.7 from the parish hall**).

**CURRENT EVENT:** Check out the Current Event Section on the website to read Dennis Prager's thought-provoking article: "**Given How Flawed Human Nature Is, America Has Been a Remarkable Moral Achievement.**"

**THE BEAUTY OF THE EUCHARIST:** Be sure to read the next installment of "*The Beauty of the Eucharist*," as we continue to examine the Liturgy of the Word, in particular, the Second Reading.

I pray that God will bless and protect you and your loved ones and that this Lent will be the best of our lives.

Yours in Christ,  
*Fr. Joseph Shea*