

A letter from our Pastor...

July 5, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Raymond Reopening Leadership Team and staff are pleased to announce the parish may begin to offer public masses under the Phase II certification from the Archdiocese of Chicago. We will reopen the Church for public (in-person) weekday and weekend Masses starting the week of July 6, 2020. We are excited for the opportunity welcome you back to in-person Mass.

Attendance numbers are limited by Archdiocese of Chicago and State of Illinois COVID-19 directives, so initially we are allowed to have only 50 people at each Mass, exclusive of ministers. We hope to be able to increase that number to allow up to 20% of our Church capacity over the next several weeks.

Our schedule will be as follows:

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., plus live streaming – starting July 8, 2020

Thursday at 12:00 p.m. (noon) – starting July 9, 2020

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 p.m., plus live streaming – starting July 11, 2020

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. – starting July 12, 2020

Sunday at 11:00 a.m., plus live streaming – starting July 12, 2020

RECONCILIATION

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available each Saturday, beginning July 11, from 4:00-4:30 p.m. with four slots are available.

All masses and reconciliation require **preregistration to attend**. There will be **no walk-ins** at this time. To preregister to attend mass and for more detailed information, including a video, to help prepare you for your arrival, please visit the website at www.st-raymond.org. *If you require assistance registering, please contact the parish office at 847-253-8600.*

The health and safety of our parishioners continues to remain our highest priority. We are looking forward to reuniting with you for mass, but understand the risks associated with the spread of COVID-19 might prevent you and/or family from attending Mass. It is up to each person to make a decision that is right for you and your family. **Dispensation from Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation continues from the Archdiocese of Chicago.**

The parish will offer live stream Masses on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., Saturday at 5:00 p.m., & Sunday at 11:00 a.m. through our website: www.st-raymond.org. We hope you will continue to participate with us for masses until you are able to join us in-person.

The PMC Office is open Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. to answer any questions or assist you with registering, please call 847-253-8600. I am grateful for your hope-filled patience during this pandemic and reopening phases. The staff and I are eager to welcome you back into the church for mass. In the meantime, my prayers continue for St. Raymond parishioners and our community as we enter into Phase II of Reopening.

Peace be with you,



Fr. Scott Hebden, Pastor