

September 24, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is with great joy to announce that St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church will reopen its doors for the celebration of Holy Mass and Sacraments indoors on Saturday, September 26, 2020. While we rejoice in the fact that we can be fed spiritually again by the Holy Eucharist and Sacraments, we also need to be very cautious of the fact that the Covid-19 Pandemic is still with us. As a result, the following mandates issued by the local public health department together with the Diocese of Monterey **ARE TO BE OBSERVED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:**

- 1. WE WILL BE LIMITED TO 100 PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH PER MASS ON A FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED BASIS AND THE SIX FEET OF PHYSICAL DISTANCING IS TO BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES.**
- 2. EVERYONE WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES.**
- 3. EVERYONE'S TEMPERATURE WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE ENTERING THE CHURCH TO TAKE THEIR SEAT.**
- 4. IF ANYONE HAS AN ELEVATED TEMPERATURE OF 100.4 DEGREES OR HIGHER AND/OR SYMPTOMS OF A COLD, AND/OR TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 AND/OR BEEN EXPOSED TO SOMEONE POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 DURING THE PAST 14 DAYS, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO THE CHURCH, BUT ADVISED TO PLEASE GO HOME AND SEEK MEDICAL CARE.**
- 5. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE ENTRANCE INTO THE CHURCH AND THAT WILL BE THE MAIN ENTRANCE DOUBLE DOORS ON BELLO STREET. THE SIDE DOORS LEADING TO AND FROM THE PARKING LOT AND THOSE LEADING TO AND FROM THE RESTROOMS WILL BE LOCKED AT ALL TIMES AND USED EXCLUSIVELY TO EXIT THE CHURCH. IF YOU NEED TO EXCUSE YOURSELF FROM THE CHURCH FOR ANY REASON, YOU MAY EXIT FROM ANY OF THE SIDE DOORS, HOWEVER, YOU MAY ONLY REENTER THE CHURCH USING THE MAIN ENTRANCE DOUBLE DOORS ON BELLO STREET.**

6. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF ANYONE IS ILL OR OVER THE AGE OF 65 WITH PREEXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT COMPROMISE ONE'S IMMUNITY AND CONCERNED ABOUT BEING IN A LARGE GATHERING OF PEOPLE, THE DISPENSATION FROM THE SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION IS STILL IN EFFECT AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
7. FURTHER HEALTH AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE COMMUNICATED ONCE YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.

The online Sunday Mass is available for viewing on our **You Tube Channel St. Paul Apostle Catholic Church-Pismo Beach BEGINNING AT 5:30 PM EVERY SATURDAY.** Our Daily Masses are now being livestreamed over the same **You Tube Channel St. Paul Apostle Catholic Church-Pismo Beach MONDAY – FRIDAY AT 8 AM.**

Thank you for joining me in cooperating with the local public health officials and our Bishop Daniel Garcia in keeping a safe and healthy environment for everyone who comes into our church.

May Almighty God bless us and bring healing to those afflicted with Covid-19 as well as guide the hands and skills of the medical personnel and first responders attending to our infirmed brothers and sisters with Covid-19 and all other illnesses.

Respectfully and truly yours,

Fr. Jacob Carazo, OFM Conv.
Pastor