



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
SAINT MONICA

Dear Parishioners:

I send Easter blessings to all of you, and miss you very much. Staff, clergy, and volunteers have been getting things in order to welcome back those of you who are able to join us at Masses open to the public beginning this Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. We most definitely need to worship in Spirit and Truth as God's people, gathering again in thanksgiving to express our love for God and neighbor. Please make note of the important information and procedures we will need to follow for the foreseeable future:

MASS OPENINGS:

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or obligatory Solemnities remains in place until June 28.

Daily Masses will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Reservations are required for the Saturday 5pm Mass and all Sunday Masses.

Visit www.saintmonicas.com to access the link to make Mass reservations.

Those planning to attend Mass should take their temperature at home before leaving; those should not attend who

- 1) have a temperature of 99.6 or higher,
- 2) do not feel well,
- 3) are at risk or are concerned that they or those in their home might become sick.

For those unable to attend, Mass will be live-streamed according to the present schedule, until further notice.

For those attending Saturday evening/Sunday Masses, cars should be parked in the lot closest to the entrance door corresponding with the reserved seating section. Further information will be on your ticket and doors will have signs for each section.

Doors will open twenty minutes before Mass, not earlier, but please be on time; doors will be closed at the beginning of the readings.

To enter Mass on Saturday 5pm or on Sunday, a ticket must be presented to an usher.

At all Masses, those ten years and older must wear masks, with parents monitoring their children in regards to this requirement.

As the normal collection process during Saturday 5pm/Sunday Mass will not take place, collection baskets for offertory and other contributions will be placed by the entrance doors.

Restrooms are reserved for urgencies or emergencies.

Participants are to maintain the protocol regarding the social distance of six feet.

Those disposed to receive Holy Communion should remove masks in their pews before approaching the altar, and place the masks on in the pews upon returning.

DAILY MASS: Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day) will be our first daily Mass at 9am **ONLY**. After that day, we will resume our regular Monday-Saturday daily Mass schedule.

SATURDAY EVENING/SUNDAY MASSES: These will resume with Mass on Saturday evening, May 30, at 5pm. Sunday Masses will resume on May 31. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL OFFER MASS AT 10AM, NOT 10:30AM.** Otherwise, we will follow the regular schedule.

CONFESSION:

Scheduled Confessions will resume being offered at the normal times beginning on Saturday, May 30, according to the drive-up procedures.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND EVERYTHING ELSE:

Our parish website will avail you of other liturgical or parish events that resume as we move forward. At this time, the church will be open only for the scheduled Masses until further notice.

FINALLY:

Father Tan Pham will be leaving Saint Monica after three years of service to begin service as a Parochial Vicar at our Our Lady of Vietnam in Riverdale. We thank him for his service and pray for him during this challenging time of transition.

Fr. Augustine Tran will serve as the new Parochial Vicar at Saint Monica, while also serving as Chaplain for Regina Caeli Academy. We welcome him in this new role with prayers and gratitude.

As we anticipate the celebration of Pentecost, let us ask to Holy Spirit to sustain our faith, to strengthen our hope, and to increase our charity.

In Christ Jesus, Victor,

Fr. Jack