

St. Peter & St. Mark Catholic Parishes, Eugene, OR
May 07, 2020

Dear Parishioner,

Greetings and prayerful wishes from **Rev. Fr. Michael Jeeva Antony, your Pastor!** Be assured of my special prayers during this difficult time. May God bless & protect you and your dear ones!

I am grateful to God, for the Archbishop's plan for limited reopening of our churches for Mass. This promises us that we will meet each other in person and celebrate the Holy Mass. I believe that Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist will heal, strengthen and revive our spirits. Though the Archbishop suggests we reopen the church for Mass starting this weekend (May 9-10, 2020), he does caution the Pastors to have a strategic plan. We are limited by the Governor's order for only 25 people at every Mass (gathering). Due to the organizational aspects for reopening, acquiring cleaning supplies and efficient communication to the parishioners, I will be able to **reopen for Mass (25 people at each Mass) on the weekend of May 16-17, 2020.**

Please be aware that the Dispensation for Sunday and Holy Day obligation will continue until further notice from the Archbishop. You need not worry seeking only a weekend Mass, but benefit from any Mass during the week (weekday or weekend) to receive the Eucharist. If you have a compromised immune system, feel sick (even slightly), or are a Senior who is vulnerable, you are kindly requested to stay home and benefit from the recorded Mass through our websites. I also request that little children remain at home to limit their exposure to disease. I am glad to add more weekday Masses during the week so more people have the opportunity to gather in groups of 25 to celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

The following is the schedule:

Monday to Friday	8.30 am Mass at St. Peter		
Monday to Friday	5.30 pm Mass at St. Mark (Only Tuesday mass will be in Spanish)		
Saturday Vigil Masses	4.00 pm St. Peter	5.00 pm St. Mark	6.00 pm (Spanish) St. Mark
Sunday	8.30 am St. Mark	10.30 am St. Peter	12.00 pm (Spanish) St. Mark

The difficult part is knowing who gets to be at any given Mass. After diligent discussion, we (Deacons, Staff, Councils and I) decided that each parishioner must call to sign up for the Mass they would like to attend. **Please call 541-689-0725 (ST. MARK number) only during office hours (9.00 am to 12.00 and 12.30 to 4.00 pm, Monday through Friday).** If you leave a voice message, someone will return your call to schedule and confirm your choice of Mass. **A Calendar** for this purpose will be in our office at St. Mark. There will be **16** total Masses available per week which includes **7 new Masses**. Please note that only 25 persons will be allowed at any given Mass (This includes the Priest and liturgical ministers). Please do not show up at the church for Mass if you are not officially signed up or you will be turned away. Please be patient with us and charitable towards others. Remember that this reopening is only **limited** in nature and I am trying my best to help you in every way possible.

My sincere gratitude to you if you have sent in your contribution even in this difficult time. Thank you and God Bless you! If you have not contributed, please prayerfully consider doing so. We can keep the church open and pay our bills only with your financial support. Thanks for your love and support to me and your parish home. Let's continue to pray for each other. Stay safe and healthy! God Bless you!

In Christ our Lord,



Rev. Fr. Michael Jeeva Antony, Pastor