

Announcement for this weekend's Mass

If I may interrupt you to pass on some information about changes to our Mass arrangements and some information about the upcoming reconciliation service to be held Thursday Oct. 29th from 6-9 pm.

First, we can use the basement to accommodate more people for our weekend Masses here at St Joseph. Initially we will use that space as overflow. We will seat as many persons as possible in the main worship space and then begin to seat people in the basement. With our recent upgrades in audio-visual equipment you will be able to see and hear all elements of Mass. At communion time an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will come downstairs to distribute communion. After Mass if you are in the basement please exit out the doors on the west end. Persons needing the restrooms when downstairs should use the facilities by the kitchen. The persons upstairs will use the bathrooms closest to the stairs. This will keep the two groups using separate entrances, facilities etc.

Secondly we will have 4 priests with us on the 29th, this coming Thursday, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Cancino will be in the back of the church and persons wishing to be with him will enter the main doors and seat or stand on the righthand side of the church observing social distancing and wearing masks. Hand sanitizer will be available at all stations for your use.

Fr. Albie Grasher will be at the Altar with a privacy curtain. Persons going to him for the Sacrament should stand or sit on the left-hand side of the church.

Fr. James Wolnik will be in the St Therese Room in the parish center. Those going to him should enter the main door of the parish center and queue up along the areas marked as waiting.

Fr. Jeffery Moore will be in the St Frances Room by Father's office. Those wishing to go to him should enter via the Lion's den door and wait along the designated areas.

In the parish center doors will be marked as enter and exits to the two areas. Please observe that flow pattern to avoid unnecessary congregation. In the church use either the main entrance or the side entrance whichever is closer and where you can avoid groups.

Because of the necessity of avoiding too many people in the church at one time we will be asked to leave immediately after receiving the Sacrament. It will not be possible to return to the pews and our prayers of penance will need to be done at home. Please remember to use good Covid 19 avoidance by wearing masks and social distancing avoiding groups of people. Keeping one another safe and our Priests safe is especially important.

We will have information posted on the doors and directions in the various areas to lessen the confusion of this new way we must attend this service due to Covid 19. The ushers will hand out copies of a map of the areas to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation and you can take one home if you wish.

Please also remember to look at our Parishes website and Facebook page for information. This information and a map outlining the places where the Priests will be stationed during the reconciliation service will be on both the website and Facebook.

We are fortunate, despite covid 19, to be able to have this opportunity to prepare for Advent. Please come and join in this time of prayer and reflection.