

July 9, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

It has now been five weeks since we resumed public Masses in our parishes. Many of you have already heard me say this but the Masses during this pandemic are a little strange. For me personally, it was strange to look at a bunch of people wearing masks, it was odd not to have music, and it was a little awkward seeing everyone sit so far away from each other.

I'm getting used to it though, and I'm enjoying being around other people even if Mass doesn't give us a lot of time to socialize. If you've been to Mass and sensed the same strangeness that I did, I want to encourage you to keep at it. It is getting a bit more normal and prayerful. I'm grateful to be back at Mass again.

I know that many parishioners still aren't ready to come back yet and that is ok. I want you to follow your conscience and good judgement. When the time is ready for you to return, you'll know. Gathering in a group, even with the precautions we are taking, has some risk associated with it. So make sure you ask the Holy Spirit for clarity and, if you need, patience.

As you also probably know, we are asking people to make reservations for Mass because we can't accommodate large crowds in our parishes. This is another odd thing during these times, but our system is working fairly well. I ask that in these times you make reservations for the parish that you ordinarily attend.

If you have a difficult time signing up, please call the St. Rose office at 360-425-4660. And if you know somebody who needs help signing up, you can go ahead and help them as well. Also, if you'd like to forward this along to any friends or family who are not receiving these emails, please feel free to do so.

If you ordinarily attend Immaculate Heart of Mary in Kelso, please follow this

link: eventbrite.com/e/mass-...

If you ordinarily attend St. Rose in Longview, please click here. You will notice that you have six Masses to choose from. Please only choose one and make sure you note the date and time: eventbrite.com/e/mass-...

If you ordinarily attend St. Mary's in Castle Rock, please follow this

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Thank you all!

Fr. Bryan