

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we approach Advent, I wanted to provide some information to everyone, especially about ways our parish support those in need during the Christmas season. This Covid pandemic continues to provide many challenges and calls on us all to follow proper protocols. I am grateful for the cooperation of parishioners, for following proper procedures and for those who are assisting with clean up requirements on Sundays. There have been no issues in our churches and people are feeling very safe. In fact, our one challenge is that at times we are reaching our capacity limit for certain Masses.

This weekend we will put out the new Sunday Missals that will be needed for the First Sunday of Advent. You are invited to take one home to use during the year. We ask for a donation to be placed in with the Sunday collection, recommended donation is \$5.00. If you would like a copy of the Missal but are not coming to Mass at this time, please contact the parish offices and we will arrange for you to pick it up or to have it delivered.

For those who contribute through envelopes, the new box of envelopes for 2021 will be available for pick up in our church sites the weekend of November 28,29. If you are unable to pick it up please contact the office and they will arrange for you to obtain your box. Also, if you would like to begin using envelopes you can contact the office. Be aware that there are a fair number of parishioners who donate regularly using the parish web site. Some do an automatic monthly donation.

The Ministry of Care at Corpus Christi and the St. Vincent de Paul at Lourdes will have their usual Christmas tree program to support many needy families within our parish boundaries. This year they will be giving only gift cards. The tree will be up at Lourdes this weekend. At Corpus Christi it will be up November 28. You can place your purchased gift card(s) in the designated gift box, located in the narthex, by Sunday, December 6th, so they can prepare to deliver these in December. For more information, click [HERE](#).

November 15 is the World Day of the Poor declared by Pope Francis. I am pleased as Pastor of this parish that we are very generous to those in need within our community.

This year Christmas may be a challenge due to limits we can accommodate. Our Mass times will be listed on our web site. In the past, the least attended Masses were those on Christmas Day, most attended is Christmas Eve at 5pm. Please be prepared that we are required to follow capacity limits and when we are full, we are unable to allow additional people into the church. Hopefully everyone will be patient and understanding. To provide some assistance, I plan on preparing a Christmas Prayer Video to be used at home and by families to reflect on the Christmas Nativity Story and pray at home.

Even in this challenging time, Fr. Paul, our Associate Pastor, and Deacon Robin our seminarian have started a Young Adult Group and we now have a Children's Liturgy video for each Sunday to be used by families while we are unable to do Children's Liturgy in person.

At this time, when many of you are still not able to come out to Mass, know that our office is open and if you have any needs or if there is a parishioner with needs of any sort, feel free to contact us to let us know.

I wish you all the best. St. Catherine of Siena, Pray for us.

God bless,
Fr. Mark