



ST. BARNABAS OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH

26 MAY, 2020

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

***FOR MONTHS,,, WE HAVE BEEN SHIELDING OURSELVES,
WITHIN OUR HOMES,,, AT THE ORDER OF OUR GOVERNOR.
OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY HAS CONFORMED WITH ALL OUR
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MANDATES, TO HELP BRING AN END
THE SPREAD OF THIS HORRIBLE COVID-19 PANDEMIC VIRUS.
HOWEVER SLOWLY IT MAY HAVE SEEMED, WE'VE SEEN SOME
PROGRESS AND WE HAVE BEEN PREPARING, TO MOVE
TOWARDS THE REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH FOR THE
CELEBRATION OF OUR SUNDAY MASSES.***

***AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN WORKING HARD TO LIVE
STREAM THE SUNDAY MASS FOR YOU TO VIEW AND WE ARE
TAPING THE 11:00 AM MASS EVERY SUNDAY.***

***NOW, UPON HEARING OUR PRESIDENT STATE THAT **CHURCHES
ARE IN FACT ESSENTIAL**,,, WE HAVE SOME WONDERFUL NEWS!***

***THE ST. BARNABAS OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH
WILL RESUME ITS NORMAL WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE, ON:
PENTECOST SUNDAY WEEKEND
BEGINNING THIS SAT. EVENING 30 MAY, 2020 AT 5: P.M.***

***THIS DECISION WAS MADE AFTER CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT
REGARDING THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF OUR
PARISHIONERS, STAFF, THE ELDERLY AND THOSE PEOPLE
WITH UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS.***

***WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MAY BE SOME, WHO REMAIN
HESITANT TO PHYSICALLY RETURN TO MASS AT THIS TIME.
SO WE'LL CONTINUE TO LIVE STREAM THE SUNDAY MASS AND
TAPING OF IT, FOR THEIR VIEWING ACCESSIBILITY.***

***ADDITIONALLY, WE SUGGEST, THAT OUR PARISH SENIORS
OR ANYONE WITH CONCERNS, ARE HESITANT, OR HAS ANY
UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, REMAIN SAFELY AT
HOME AND VIEW THE MASS, FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
FOR THOSE WHO MAKE THE CHOICE TO PHYSICALLY ATTEND
MASS, PLEASE UNDERSTAND, THAT IN ORDER TO REOPEN, WE
ARE REQUIRED BY LAW, TO MAKE SOME NECESSARY CHANGES
REGARDING HOW WE CELEBRATE THE CATHOLIC MASS.***

DUE TO NEVADA STATE GOVERNMENTAL “SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES”, THERE WILL BE LIMITS AND CHALLENGES, REGARDING HOW MANY PARISHIONERS CAN ENTER THE SANCTUARY AT EACH MASS, AND TO WHAT DEGREE PERSONAL PHYSICAL CONTACT WILL BE ALLOWED.

WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AS MINIMAL INITIAL GUIDELINES TO HELP REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF SPREADING THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

- a) USE THE SANITIZING WIPES IN THE PEWS, OR LIQUIDS WHEN YOU ENTER OR LEAVE THE CHURCH.**
- b) PROTECTIVE MASKS OPTIONAL WHILE IN THE CHURCH**
- c) RESPECT THE 6’ SOCIAL DISTANCING RULE.**
- d) SHOULD TOO MANY PARISHIONERS OPT TO COME TO THE SAME MASS AFTER WE ARE FULL, THEY MAY BE ASKED TO RETURN FOR ANOTHER MASS.**

OBVIOUSLY, WE WILL NEED EVERY PARISHIONER TO COOPERATE WITH OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS, IN ORDER FOR US TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

WE ARE REQUIRED TO LIMIT OUR MASSES TO 25% OF OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, THEREFORE, IF WE NEED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MASSES THAT WE OFFER, WE WILL DO THAT! OUR USHERS WILL GREET EACH PARISHIONER AT THE DOOR AND TO SHOW THEM TO THEIR SEATS. EACH AVAILABLE SEAT, WILL BE MARKED WITH A BLUE CROSS. FAMILIES MAY SIT CLOSER TOGETHER, BUT WE ASK THAT THEY FILL THE 1ST THREE ROWS OF PEWS, IN ORDER TO ALLOW MORE SINGLE PARISHIONERS TO ATTEND SINCE THEY MUST ABIDE WITH THE 6’ SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES.

THERE WILL BE A BRASS DONATION STAND IN THE CENTER OF THE LAST PEW IN THE REAR OF THE CHURCH FOR YOUR GIFTS OFFERINGS AND TITHES TO THE LORD.

SO, AT THE PROCESSION, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MASS, THE CLERGY WILL ENTER THE ALTAR FROM THE SACRISTY AND WILL RETURN THERE, AFTER MASS HAS ENDED.

AT THE KISS OF PEACE OF CHRIST WE CAN BOW TO ONE ANOTHER THUS LIMITING PHYSICAL CONTACT.

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE IN THE FORM OF THE HOST ONLY AND IT WILL BE PLACED, IN YOUR HAND, BY THE PRIEST, AS YOU COME FORWARD FROM THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY. PLEASE REMEMBER, “KEEP YOUR DISTANCE”

WE WILL USE OUR SOCIAL HALL TO PROVIDE MORE SEATING, SO WE CAN ACCOMMODATE AS MANY PARISHIONERS AS POSSIBLE. THE MASS WILL BE TELEVISED ON THE BIG SCREEN AND THE CELEBRANT WILL BRING COMMUNION TO THOSE IN THE SOCIAL HALL.

AFTER MASS, PLEASE DEPART WITHOUT ANY PHYSICAL CONTACT.

THERE CAN BE NO SOCIAL GATHERINGS AFTER MASS UNTIL IT IS DEEMED AS SAFE TO DO SO.

THER WILL BE NO HOLY WATER PLACED IN THE DISPENSERS.

WE HAVE SANITIZING WIPES IN EACH PEW, AND WE ARE WORKING TO OBTAIN HAND SANITIZERS AND MASKS FOR YOUR USE, IF YOU WISH.

CHOIR MEMBERS WHO SING, MUST WEAR A PROTECTIVE MASK, AS WILL ANY PARISHIONER WHO WISHES TO SING ALONG BETWEEN EACH MASS, OUR STAFF WILL BE SANITIZING THE CHURCH, SO IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS, EVERYONE DEPART AT THE DIRECTION OF THE USHERS FROM THE REAR OF THE CHURCH, ROW BY ROW, TO REDUCE OUR PHYSICAL CONTACT, AS WE DEPART.

MY BELOVED,, WE LOVE YOU ALL, AND WE KNOW THAT THIS IS DIFFICULT, HOWEVER, IT IS NECESSARY, IN ORDER FOR US TO REOPEN UNDER GOVERNMENTAL MANDATES AND TO INSURE THAT WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO KEEP YOU ALL SAFE.

***MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
BE WITH YOU ALL.***

+Bishop Bob, +Bishop Pete, Fr. Jim, Deacons Martin and Gail