

May 24, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

As we slowly re-open our church for in-person celebration, we acknowledge the differences of opinion among our parishioners, there are those who are ready to join others in the celebration of the sacraments, to be present with God and with others inside our beautiful church, there are also those who are not yet ready to join others in gathering in an enclosed space, preferring still an outdoor celebration of the sacraments to few more weeks.

Thus, in order to accommodate our parishioner's concerns and respecting each other's need, I would like to offer and propose that the 5:00 PM on Saturday be an indoor mass but limited to a certain number that meets the guidance that came from the Diocese; and the 8:30 AM on Sunday to remain an outdoor mass while we continue to develop a prudent, responsible and risk-free parish implementation of the guidance.

**I would like to know, how many of you would like to attend an indoor mass on Saturday at 5 PM** (based on my measurement and the stipulations of the Guidance, our church can seat 30 persons, a married couple is counted 2, should the list of indoor attendees exceeds 30, then I will add a 4 PM Mass on Saturday).

Those who prefer to attend an indoor mass on Saturday, please send your response to Fr. Randy, in a separate email at - [fr.randy.gonzales@raldioc.org](mailto:fr.randy.gonzales@raldioc.org) or send him a text message at 919-710-0486 by Wednesday noon so I can make the necessary preparations. Should I reach 30 persons at 5 PM mass, I will take the liberty to add the 31st and above to the 4 PM mass. Those who will not be accommodated at the 5 PM indoors will be notified to attend the 4 PM on Saturday.

The rest who would not respond, I'll see you at the 8:30 outdoor mass. I would like to do this for the next two weeks, May 31(Pentecost Sunday) and June 7 (Holy Trinity Sunday). We will review these celebrations after Trinity

Sunday. If you have any concerns and suggestions, please let Fr. Randy know. Thank you and you all stay safe.

Fr. Randy