

May 7, 2020,

Dear All,

Greetings of joy! I am happy to inform you that the Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama, based on the governor's directives in "phases" opening of the State, has given the following guidance in our celebrations.

If you are not comfortable to come out and join in the outdoor celebration of mass in the weekend, please stay home and join us live at <https://www.facebook.com/transfiguration.wallacenc/> and let Deacon and I know if you wish to receive the Holy Communion. Our numbers are listed on page 2.

Below is a direct quote from Bishop Zarama:

***Celebration of Sunday Mass and Daily Mass***

*The celebration of Mass is permitted in an unenclosed space (outdoors), if the faithful follow the recommendations for social distancing to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus.*

*For the celebration of daily Mass, if the number of the faithful at the liturgy does not exceed ten (10) persons, Mass may be celebrated within the parish church or chapel, provided that all present comply with social distancing requirements, to the extent possible. Should the number of the faithful generally exceed ten (10) persons, the celebration of the Mass, is to remain available for the prayer of the faithful via live-stream, if at all possible.*

***The Celebration of Other Masses, Liturgies and Devotions***

*The celebration of other Masses, liturgies and devotions, such as a Nuptial Mass or the Rite of Matrimony and also Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are permitted with groups, not to exceed ten (10) persons, provided that all comply with social distancing requirements, to the extent possible.*

*The celebration of a Funeral Mass or liturgy are permitted with groups, not to exceed fifty (50) persons, provided that all present comply with social distancing requirements, to the extent possible.*

***Social Distancing Requirements Summary and Other Recommendations***

*As stated by Governor Cooper in his Executive Order, social distancing is advised as follows:*

- *Maintain at least six (6) feet social distancing from other individuals, with the exception of family or household members.*
- *Wear a cloth mask or face covering during all indoor public settings and when outdoors, where at least six (6) feet of distancing may not be maintained, with the exception among those who are family and other household members.*
- *Carry and utilize hand sanitizer, when outside the home.*
- *Wash hands regularly, using soap and water for at least twenty seconds.*
- *Regularly clean contacted surfaces, such as steering wheels, wallets, and phones.*
- *If you are ill, be mindful of others by staying at home until the illness has passed.*

All masses in English and Spanish will be live-streamed for those who are unable to attend services. If you think that you may be sick, or have symptoms or vulnerable, please stay home and join us via live-stream masses at <https://www.facebook.com/transfiguration.wallacenc/>  
You can notify Deacon Mike at 910-271-4444 and Fr. Randy at 919-710-0486 should you wish to receive communion. The Sunday obligation is waived until further notice from the Bishop.

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday: 5:00 PM Sta. Clara (Grounds)  
Sunday: 8:30 AM English River Landing\* (Fitness Center on the grassy area behind  
The tennis courts).  
11:00 AM Spanish Grounds of Transfiguration

\*Those parishioners living outside River Landing may attend the mass in River Landing. The location of mass in River Landing at the Fitness Center (drive straight ahead from the guard house till you see the Fitness Center on your left). Mass will take place on grassy area behind tennis courts. Bring your own chairs or come in your golf carts and maintain social distance guidelines, please see above.

Bring your chairs for outdoor masses or stay inside your car.

### **Weekday Masses**

9:00 AM Monday, Thursday, Friday (only 10 people)  
9:30-10:30 Adoration  
6:00 PM Sta. Clara Wednesday (Only 10 people)\*\*

\*\* only during this pandemic.

**For the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, Baptisms, Weddings and Initiation – we await for the Bishop’s order during phase 2.**