June 18, 2020

Effective starting this weekend: **June 19/20, 2020**

Dear Parishioners,

I continue to pray for your safety and the health of everyone.

I thank those who have sent in their input regarding our celebration of mass. The members of the Parish Advisory Council read your input and together reflected on how best to address your concerns. After hearing their input, these are my decisions as your pastor:

Saturday Mass at 5:00 PM

Those who signed up to attend the 5:00 PM mass continue to attend that mass.

Sunday Mass 8:30 AM Mass

- 1. As the weather gets unpredictable and as we approach the summer temperature, I have concluded that the mass will be celebrated inside the church with seating capacity only (seating capacity means the designated pew-seating and chairs spread around are occupied) and the overflow will proceed to the parish hall to watch the mass live, no singing, wear mask, and will be brought the Body of Christ during communion time.
- 2. The same decision applies to the 11:00 AM Spanish mass.
- 3. For those of you who made a choice to continue joining us by watching the live-stream, please visit Transfiguration of Jesus Church's Facebook.
- 4. Should you wish to receive communion, please send in your request by sending a text message to **Deacon Mike** (910-271-4444 or **Fr. Randy** (919-710-0486.

Weekday Masses

9:00 AM Monday, Thursday and Friday (with morning prayer and adoration after

Thursday Mass)

7:00 PM Mass in Sta. Clara in Spanish

***Those who wish to receive the Body of Christ by tongue must receive after those who receive by hand for safety of everyone.

Reception of the Sacred Body of Christ

We will go back to falling in line during the reception of communion. I would like to ask that you take turns and maintain 6 feet distance from the other communicant. In order to facilitate this, I would like to ask that those seating at the right side (right side facing the altar) of the church receive communion first then the left side follows.

*** Those who wish to receive communion by the tongue will receive after all those who receives the Body by the hand have finished. I am asking this favor for the safety of everyone.

Offertory

As in previous Sundays, we will not pass around the collection basket. You are encouraged to drop your envelopes as you enter or leave the church.

Exit

I invite you to use the two side doors to exit to avoid crowding at the main-front-glass-door. Use caution when exiting the door near to the baptismal font because of the steps.

Sanitation

Our church and parish hall are sanitized after each service.

Always respect the space of others, maintain social distancing, and adhere to the safety guidelines from the Diocese and the State.

I know that I will not be able to please everyone but here is my attempt to make our celebrations reverent, respectful, and responsible.

Thank you all very much for your cooperation and understanding as we adjust to a new reality.

Sincerely I remain in Christ,

Fr. Randy, CICM