



# SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA

**My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

May the blessings of Peace and Love of the Holy Spirit during this Easter Season be always with you. I pray that God always keep you close to Him and safe from all harm during this very challenging time.

I am working with our church staff, ministers, and volunteers to prepare our church for our re-opening this weekend. We submitted our plan of compliance to the guidelines of the Archdiocese to our regional Bishop, Bishop Marc Trudeau this week and he has approved our plan for our re-opening. One of the requirements that we need to do is to communicate to all of you how we will implement the guidelines given to us.

-For those who are **65 and older, for those who are immune-compromised or who have underlying health conditions like diabetes, hypertension, respiratory problems such as COPD, asthma**, are strongly encouraged to stay home. Archbishop Jose Gomez has granted them dispensation from their Sunday obligation. We encourage them to unite with us in spirit by attending our daily livestreamed Masses and holy hour. (from now until June 7 - our daily livestreamed Masses is at 12:10 pm and 10 am on Sundays; our daily holy hour is at 3 pm)

-For those who are able to physically attend our Masses once we are allowed to open our Church doors for Masses and sacraments, here are the following information that you need to know:

We are required to accommodate only 25% of the total capacity of our church, which is 90 people. Once the 90 count is reached in the church, the rest of the parishioners will be directed to the hall for the additional Masses, which are scheduled at 8:15 am, 10:15 am, and 12:15 pm. **A representative from the Church will call you to ask the time of Mass you plan to attend when we reopen the Church this Sunday.** To help facilitate this reservation for your Mass, you may also call the Parish Line which is 310-322-4392 extension 440 and leave us a message about the time of Mass on Sunday that you plan to attend. We encourage everyone to come 15-20 minutes before our regular Sunday morning Mass times - 8 am (English), 10 am (English), 12 pm (Spanish). Our less attended weekend Masses are Saturday, 5 pm and Sunday, 5 pm. We will be checking your names before our Masses start at the entrance door. If you cannot make it on time for your reserved Mass, please give us a call so that give your space to someone else.

5:00pm Evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday are suspended until the curfew is lifted for Los Angeles County.

2) There will **be only one entrance and 2 exits**. The entrance and exit will be the side door that has a handicapped ramp and by the side of the Sacred Heart of Jesus image and the other exit door only will be the door by the side of the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Before you enter the church you will be asked by our ministers first, if you have the symptoms of the Covid-19 disease. Then you will requested to sanitize your

hands with the hand sanitizer and to put on your face mask. Afterwards you will be asked to drop your donation envelope on the box by the door of the sacristy. Then an usher will be leading you inside the church to your seat.

3) There will be no hand shaking during the sign of peace. And Holy Communion of the Sacred Body of the Lord will only be given on your hand before you leave the Church after the final blessing. Before you form in line everyone will be encouraged to sanitize their hands. The ushers will help the congregation to fall in line to keep the social distance requirements. Before Holy Communion, the priest will say to the whole congregation, "The Body of Christ", and the people will respond with "Amen". When you move forward to receive the Lord in holy communion you will place your hand underneath the plexi-glass shield and the minister will place the Holy Eucharist on your hand. Then you will step aside and place the sacred host on your mouth after you remove your face mask. Then you will be directed to our two front door exits. We encourage everyone to go straight to their cars.

4) At this time we are restricted from having any social gathering in the parking lot or in any area around the church.

5) The church will be cleaned and disinfected by church volunteers after every Mass. That is why it will be helpful that people exit the church as soon as they receive Holy Communion.

6) We will follow the same procedure in the Pavilion.

7) During weekday Masses, the same procedure will be observed. After the church is cleaned and disinfected, the church will be closed. We encourage you to visit the Adoration Chapel at the parish center for private prayer and adoration during office hours and previous appointment.

8) Confessions are only by request at this time.

9) We will still need to wait for some time to receive the other sacraments. We will inform you as soon as we get to Step 2 of this re-opening plan.

I understand that all these required precautionary measures may seem cumbersome but our intention is to protect everyone from contracting this disease. Let us continue to pray and ask God's mercy to put an end to this pandemic so that we can once again enjoy the blessing of worshiping the Lord like we did before. We look forward to see you again this weekend. God bless you.

*Fr. Robert Victoria*  
Pastor