

CELEBRATION OF MASS & LITURGIES ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, ALTADENA

In view of all the guidelines – and placing appropriate health & safety posters with guidelines throughout the facilities as well as requiring that all wear face masks and gloves, and observing the 6 ft. social distancing – the only way we can safely move forward and protect the health of our parishioners is by using the open spaces we have been blessed with as follows:

THE GROTTTO:

The *Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and Gardens*, with our new *Stations of the Cross* lends itself for the following (note, this will require a team to help observe the guidelines for the health and safety of parishioners):

- **Private Prayer** throughout the day: we can provide prayer materials, holy cards, booklets as well as candles to be sold at the parish center.
- **Stations of the Cross** (individually)
- **Confessions** (by appointment only, while walking around the *Stations*)
- **Occasional Exposition** (for an hour, if given permission) with a team to set up a few chairs that can be placed in such a way as to be able to observe social distance, and that are sanitized and stored after use.
- **Weddings/Quinceañeras/Baptisms** on Saturdays with the collaboration of the families and by prior arrangement (observing the 100-person limit required by County and Church guidelines), taking into consideration social distancing, and other requirements as well as setup and take down, and sanitation that will require assistance of volunteers.

THE PARKING LOT:

Before the Safe at Home order, we celebrated two **Sunday (drive in) Masses in the parking lot: English at 10:00 a.m. and Spanish at 12pm.** Our team of volunteers are familiar with the setup and what we need to do (having been successful in our prior drive in Masses).

NOTE: We will be ready to have the parking lot Mass on **June 14th** (*Solemnity of Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi*) subject to us having all the disinfecting & sanitation supplies:

- **We will again initially celebrate TWO MASSES**, and will need to **reevaluate whether we might add a third**, depending on the response.
- **The Masses will be livestreamed simultaneously** for those who do not attend physically – this may or may not be possible by June 14th.
- **Sound System & Livestreaming cameras and equipment** will be setup and manned by a group of volunteers.
- **The Altar will be setup in the covered Gazebo in the Grotto that faces the parking lot.**
 - Cars will be lined up in 4 rows, facing the Altar.
 - Only one priest (me) will officiate, assisted by two deacons.
 - Only one Lector will read.
 - Only one Keyboardist/Musician will play
 - Only one Cantor will sing.
- We have obtained the **approval of the Sheriff's office for the "Parking Lot Mass"**. Their only condition: that people park within the Church property not on the street.
- **Because of this, WALK-INS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.** PLEASE NOTE, that a number of adult parishioners regularly come on foot to Mass – these are well known by our ushers, and we have made special provision for them (*see below*).
- **AFTER THE LIMIT OF VEHICLES** has been reached, no other cars will be allowed to enter the parking lot; this will be overseen by our volunteers.
- **A Detailed diagram** of the rows and numbers of cars allowed will be given to the volunteers who will be helping people to park.
- **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED to exit their vehicles** during the service except in an emergency or to go to the bathrooms (which will remain closed during Mass). Anyone needing to use the bathroom will be escorted by a volunteer at all times.
- Consequently, **Volunteers will need to man the bathrooms** and see to it that they have the necessary toilet paper, soap, paper towels and sanitizers. **CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO UNACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

- **COLLECTION will be taken by the Ushers**
 - They will approach each car wearing cloth face masks and gloves
 - They will ask that a single individual seated at driver's side of the car to drop their donation into the basket – no one but the usher will hold and handle the basket. We have ordered baskets with handles (*which might not be available until our June 21st Mass*).
- **THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION WILL OCCUR AS FOLLOWS:** (NOTE: instruction about this will be found on our Website & Facebook pages as well as prior to communion time; in addition, written instructions in English & Spanish will be handed out as they arrive by those directing traffic and giving directions.)
 - A Priest or a Deacon, accompanied by a minister (both wearing KN95 face masks and gloves), following at the required safe distance from one another, an usher (walking down the middle isle between rows of cars and also wearing face mask & gloves) will also move from car to car with them. The purpose of this is to make sure that there are 3 sets of eyes to safeguard the Eucharist and make sure it is consumed.
 - The Priest/Deacon, wearing gloves, will carry a paten with the hosts and tongs.
 - The Priest/Deacon will ask the one designated person (adult) seated at one of the driver's side windows, how many in the car will be receiving.
 - He will then take the hosts with a pair of small tongs and place them in that person's hand – he/she will distribute it to the others in the vehicle (effectively being deputized as Eucharistic Minister).
- **NOTE: A separate section will be set-up in the Parish Center Courtyard for the elderly who attend the Mass and who generally walk to Church** (though we have been asked to discourage their attendance because of their higher vulnerability to COVID-19):
 - A tent (so they are not exposed to the sun), chairs, and a large Screen TV or Screen & Projector will be set up for them in the courtyard.
 - No more than 10 to 15 chairs will be setup to observe social distancing.
 - Communion will be brought to them and distributed in the hand. In the same way that it was done to take communion to the car.

- **END OF MASS/FINAL BLESSING:** Once the Mass has ended and the final blessing given, the Volunteers will direct traffic out of the parking lot. Only one driveway (on Woodbury) will be used for entrance, the other two driveways (on Lake) will be the designated exits.
 - Cones, signage and volunteers will give directions.
 - Ushers/Volunteers will be helping to direct traffic out of the parking lot (in our last drive in Mass we successfully achieved it within 5 to 10 minutes).

NOTE: Everyone will be required to wear face masks.

- We will have these available to distribute for those who don't have them.
- We will be sanitizing bathrooms after both services.