

MAY 17, 2020— SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY MASS

10:30AM CST



Celebrate Sunday Mass with us **Every Sunday at 10:30am CST **LIVE****

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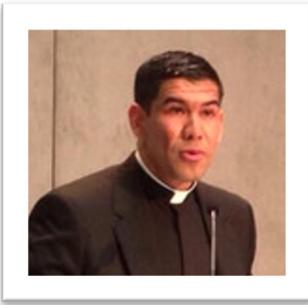
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From our Pastor:
Fr. Manny Dorantes

Reopening Plan for Saint Mary of the Lake Church amid COVID-19

Friends of Saint Mary's,

I pray that you and your loved ones are healthy. As you may have seen, Cardinal Cupich recently shared our multi-phased plan for reopening churches in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Specifically:

- ◆ **Phase I** allows for parishes to reopen for Baptism, Reconciliation, Weddings and Funerals with a limit of 10 attendees.
- ◆ **Phase IA** allows for parishes to reopen for private prayer and adoration with a limit of 10 attendees.
- ◆ **Phase II** allows for reopening for weekday and weekend Masses for larger groups depending on the guidelines from the state and the capacity of the church building.

Saint Mary's Reopening Plan

First and foremost, it is important for everyone to understand that our efforts will prioritize the safety and well-being of all while maintaining due respect and reverence for the sacraments and liturgical norms of our faith. I have assembled a Parish Reopening Leadership Team with parishioner co-captains to lead our efforts. I am grateful to Brian McGovern, Pam Matambadzo, Joan Coogan, Connor Ford, Mary Carravallah, Michael Bland, and Terese Herbig for their willingness to assist me in this task. Together, we will attend required training from the Archdiocese to ensure that our parish reopening plan conforms to the guidelines developed by the Archdiocese in collaboration with civil and healthcare authorities. We will also receive a starter kit of protective and cleaning supplies, as well as guidance on purchasing/maintaining supplies ongoing.

Volunteers Needed

We will need volunteers to assist with various aspects of our parish reopening plan. Importantly, leadership team members and volunteers must not be part of a "vulnerable population" (that is, not over the age of 65; no underlying medical condition such as diabetes; lung disease; undergoing cancer treatment, etc.). I ask all of you who are younger than 65 and healthy with no underlying health conditions to consider assisting with one of three reopening teams:

Set-up team. Sample duties include ensuring that all supplies needed for each sacramental celebration/gathering are ready for use, entrances and exits are marked and propped physically open prior to attendees' arrival/departure, windows are opened, etc.

Greeting team. Sample duties include assisting in managing the flow of congregants as they enter the church, making sure attendees use hand sanitizer upon entering, are wearing a mask, and are reminded not to enter if ill; directing people to appropriate seating/waiting areas, etc.

Cleaning team. Sample duties include maintaining and cleaning essential and trafficked areas of the church before and after the church has been used. Masks and gloves will be provided, if you do not have your own, in addition to approved cleaning/disinfecting supplies.

The Reopening Leadership Team and I will make sure that all volunteers are properly trained. Please send us a message at cford@saintmarys.org to indicate your willingness and ability to volunteer. From those that step forward, we will also request that some act as volunteer captains to help lead each of the three teams.

Timing for Our Reopening

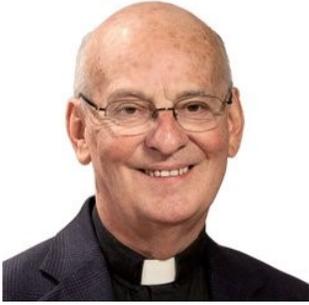
As I mentioned, the Parish Reopening Leadership Team members and I will need to complete required training, which will take place the week of May 17. Once we complete the training, we will need to review and complete tasks assigned to all parishes as part of a reopening certification process to be approved by the Archdiocese. Therefore, the soonest that any parish in the Archdiocese will realistically open for sacramental celebrations, private prayer or Eucharistic Adoration is likely the weekend of May 23. However, our parish, like all others in the archdiocese, will move forward at a pace and timing appropriate for its own situation.

Following our training and certification approval, at Saint Mary's, we will only open our church once the Reopening Leadership Team and I feel confident that we have the right volunteers in place to make it possible to reopen. Again, the need for parishioner assistance cannot be overstated.

The guidelines and measures required to reopen are designed to protect our wellbeing and that of the of our broader community. As Cardinal Cupich has noted, from the first pages of Scripture we learn that we indeed are "our brother's keeper." Our Lord Jesus Christ prayed, "that they all may be one" (Jn 17:21) and commanded us "love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34). Our collective patience, willingness to help and the care we take to reopen is a demonstration of our unity and love for one another. May God grant you His peace during this difficult time and may He manifest His love and presence to you in abundant ways. If you have any questions, please contact me at mdorantes@saintmarys.org or 773-280-7700.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Manny





From our Parish Resident:
Fr. Anthony Gittins, CSSp

GATHERING AT THE CENTER, SCATTERING TO THE MARGINS

The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, the first document of Vatican II (1962 -1965), revolutionized the way Mass would be celebrated. Within five years, English-speaking Catholics attended Sunday Mass in their own language, and were learning to answer responses and to participate actively. Today we cannot even gather and have little idea of whether, or when, we shall do so again. Meanwhile, let's reconsider our lived faith today in the sad absence of Eucharist with a capital E (See the previous reflection).

The first disciples gathered in the synagogues as Jesus had done. But within decades, the rift between "Jews" and "Jesus-people" was wide, Rome had destroyed the Temple in 70 a.d., and "Christians," as they were now called, had to find ways of gathering to celebrate their faith, not on the Sabbath or in the synagogues, but on the first day of the week, the Day of the Resurrection. They were not welcome in the Roman world with its many gods, or the Jewish world without its Temple, sacrifices, and priesthood.

Christians had to learn new practices and find ways to gather to keep alive the memory of the Risen One and his commissioning. The Mass, as we know it, was unknown to the early communities; it was not yet standardized. But everyone knew that they must assemble, to take, break, bless and share bread (and the *agape* meal) through the ministry of appointed leaders, and to reflect on the Bible and the orally transmitted stories of Jesus. This was the era of the "House Churches." Small groups of people gathered in secret, accommodated by the more prosperous disciples (frequently women). And as well as sharing bread and cup, they would listen to the elders' preaching, (though some objected to long-winded preachers and lengthy sermons).

There were times when gathering was not possible, due to the lack of a venue, the absence of the "elders" (*presbyteroi* in Greek), or the threat of imminent danger. But they were sure their purpose was greater than simply gathering: early Christians were united in zeal, had a strong sense of urgency, and expected Jesus to return at any time. Until then, there was work to do: to continue his mission of outreach to people beyond their community, to poor and marginalized people, particularly women, and especially vulnerable widows. This is the meaning of discipleship. In the face of great hardship and risk they survived, in no small measure because of the faithful women who maintained the "House Churches." And as each community member was sustained by the corporate effort, the commitment to the mission of Jesus took stronger hold, and the faith gradually moved beyond the "House Churches." By the fourth century, by which time Christianity was first tolerated and later made the official religion of the Empire, Christians were creating new, purpose-built *basilicas* for worship. Now there were more people and less fear and secrecy, but still the same mission: to gather to be nourished, and then to scatter purposefully to reach and nourish others in Jesus' name. So how might we follow their example though today's crisis: through telephone, internet, Zoom? By delivering food for the homebound? And with creative, boundless imagination.

Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp.

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PRAY

Join us for our Live-stream masses and reflections:



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Weekday Mass

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

Live-stream at 12pm CST

Interactive Bible Reflections with Fr. Manny & Fr. Tony

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays

Live-stream at 12pm CST



Light a Candle

You can now submit your prayer intentions and/or a request to light a candle for your intentions for Wednesday Mass via our website. Visit www.saintmarys.org/candle.html and complete the form to have the clergy member light a candle with your prayer intention.

PRAY

Readings for the Week of May 10

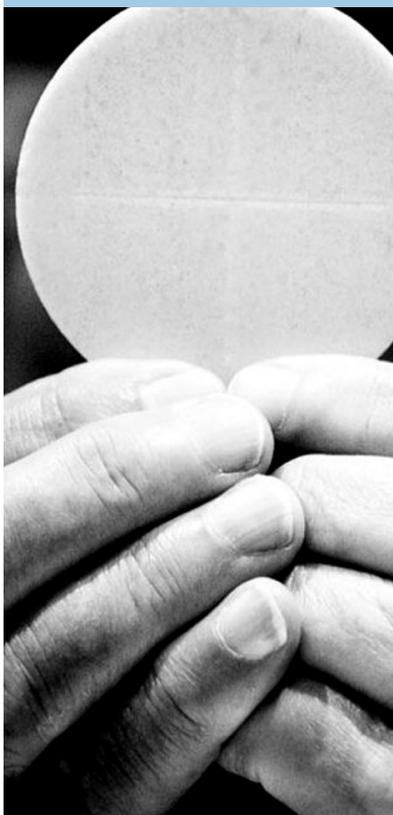
Sunday, May 17	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a
Monday, May 18	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday, May 19	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 20	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday, May 21	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday, May 22	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday, May 23	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday, May 24	Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23; Mt 28:16-20

Prayer Requests for Week of May 17, 2020

The following are prayer requests we have received from the Saint Mary of the Lake community. Please keep them in your prayers.

- +Rosalie T. Hines
- +Rena Vici
- Jessica Medina Sanchez—Health
- Maria Edina Sanchez—Health
- Familia Sanchez Negrete—Health
- Geraldine Carravallah—Birthday
- Ava Dorviller—Birthday
- Fr. Manny Dorantes—10th Anniversary of Ordination

To request a prayer intention please contact Darlene Kelly at dkelly@saintmarys.org



Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You
above all things,
and I desire to
receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally,
come at least
spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You
were already there and
unite myself
wholly to You.
Never permit me
to be separated from You.
Amen.

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A CALL TO PRAYER

Bringing a light in the midst of darkness



Are you feeling overwhelmed by the effects of the pandemic and in need of prayer? We are here to pray with you and ask God for your needs.

Who we are: Volunteers from across the Archdiocese of Chicago who feel called to accompany anyone feeling the need to pray during this time of uncertainty and isolation.

What we offer: A phone line staffed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, as well as 24-hour voicemail and e-mail connections. Our prayer partners are here to pray with you — opening our hearts to God, asking for his blessings and peace.

WE ARE AVAILABLE AT **312.741.3388**
BY EMAIL: PRAYWITHME@CALLEDTOPRAYER.ORG

Serve



POP UP PANTRY

Emergency Food Relief

**SUNDAY'S
3:00 PM
4200 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD**

NON PERISHABLE FOOD BOX AT NO COST
TO ANYONE IN NEED!

*"The Church building is closed, but
our Mission continues"*



SAINT MARY'S POP UP PANTRY STATISTICS

Week 1 – April 19:	3,420 people served from 85 different zip codes by 70 community volunteers
Week 2 – April 26:	3,022 people served from 88 different zip codes by 80 community volunteers
Week 3 – May 3:	3,013 people served From 97 different zip codes by 86 community volunteers
Week 4 – May 10:	1,427 people served in 60 different zip codes by 80 community volunteers

To date **10,882** individuals from our City
have been served through the generosity of
so many people in our community.

To support our work visit:

www.saintmarys.org/give.html

MASS OF
Celebration
ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

May 22, 2020
7:00pm



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Celebrating
YEARS

MAY 22, 2010 - MAY 22, 2020



Fr. Manuel Dorantes

GIVE

Weekly Offering:

May 9-10, 2020, 2000

Mailed	\$ 950
E-giving	2,205
TOTAL:	\$ 3,155
WEEKLY NEED:	\$ 10,561



SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
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During this difficult time, please
do not forget us!



LORD,
TEACH ME
TO BE GENEROUS;
TEACH ME
TO SERVE YOU
AS YOU DESERVE.

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Since the cancellation of all in-person liturgical celebrations, we have received donations via mail or online giving over the weeks. Before the stay-at-home mandate, we almost reached 70% of our weekly need. Currently, our weekly need is not being met—but our bills remain.

If you are able to continue with your donations, either mail the donations or consider online giving.

TO DONATE ONLINE

To donate directly from your bank account at no cost to you and no cost to our parish please use Zelle Quick Pay.

Send your donation to donate@saintmarys.org

To donate using a Credit Card please visit our website or sign up at <https://abundant.co/stmaryofthelake/give>

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