



**“WHEN THE DOORS WERE LOCKED,
WHERE THE DISCIPLES WERE FOR FEAR...
JESUS CAME AND STOOD IN THEIR MIDST ...”**

Blessed Trinity Catholic Community + Spirit of Christ Mission
Guidelines for gathering again...UPDATE

Blessed Trinity and Spirit of Christ parishes will be considered “open” for weekend Mass, beginning on PENTECOST, May 30/31. Due to “social distancing requirements” seating at **Blessed Trinity** for each Mass will be limited to 90 persons; seating at **Spirit of Christ** is available for 50. **Families and couples at both parishes may sit together. In order to accommodate social distancing protocols, the Social Centers at both parishes are open for seating.** Parishioners available to participate Saturday evening at Blessed Trinity are encouraged to do so.

Other General Considerations

- ❖ **Those in the “high risk” category** who may feel uncomfortable returning to Mass at this time, please be assured of the appropriateness of your choice. Bishop Vetter has dispensed the “obligation” to participate in Sunday Mass. Use the materials available on the parish web site for your **“Prayer at Home.”**
- ❖ **The importance of “social distancing protocols,” upon arrival, before Mass begins, during Mass and at the end of Mass, cannot be over-emphasized.**
- ❖ **ENTRANCE TO THE WORSHIP SPACE AT BLESSED TRINITY CONTINUES TO BE VIA THE SOCIAL CENTER (WEST SIDE) ENTRANCE ONLY.**
- ❖ As always, the **worship aid** is provided at church entrance (*a new set for each Mass*). You may wish to take one home to accompany the **Ritual Sunday Supper at Home Guide** available on the parish website.
- ❖ **Protective facial masks** are permitted, **recommended** and welcomed (thus far we have provided over 100 masks to parishioners-some continue to be available at the church entrance). Thank you, Louise Yamasaki. *It is important to remember that facial masks are highly recommended (and in some places required) in gatherings where “social distancing protocols” cannot be assured.*
- ❖ **The use of hand sanitizers** upon entering the worship space is highly recommended (available at church entrance); It is also helpful to use the sanitizer before coming to Holy Communion (available at the center aisle); **it is always a good idea to bring your own.**
- ❖ **The Collection.** The sacrificial offering we make continues to be of vital importance. The basket, however, cannot be “passed.” A large basket will be in place at the entrance. Please place your offering there as you arrive or as you leave. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING DURING THESE CHALLENGING DAYS. PLEASE REMEMBER TO “MAKE UP” ANY SUNDAY OFFERING YOU MAY HAVE MISSED DURING THESE “CORONA VIRUS DAYS.”**
- ❖ **THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE. The “procession of gifts” continues. The bread and the chalice will be covered and it is recommended that those presenting the gifts wear masks.**
- ❖ **The Sign of Peace. We are NOT eliminating the “Sign of Peace,” but we may not touch or “shake hands.” Simply turn toward those near you (a six foot distance) and quietly speak the words, “Peace be with you.”**
- ❖ **HOLY COMMUNION: When coming to communion, maintain the “six-foot social distance” protocol.** As noted above the use of hand sanitizer before coming to communion is helpful (available in the front center aisle). If numbers require, Holy Communion will also be distributed in the Social Center (hand sanitizer will be available there as well). **Sadly** we cannot receive from the Sacred Chalice during this pandemic. This is a serious, though necessary, omission which we must “lament” while we long for the day when the command of Christ to “take and drink,” can be fulfilled again.
- ❖ **All Social gatherings following Mass continue to be suspended.**
- ❖ The Church and rest rooms are cleaned following each Mass by our professional cleaners.

“PEACE BE WITH YOU...”

