

Dear Saint Matthew parishioners:

I am sure you have been waiting as long as I have...for a return to “public Masses.” It’s exciting. And it will be good to gather again at “St. Matt’s.”

You know that we resume “regular” Mass on Saturday, July 18 at 4:15. In spite of the joy of gathering together there will be much that will be “non-community.” We are not used to wearing masks and sitting apart from those whom we have known for many years.

I agree with and have accepted the recommendations of parish leadership [members of the Pastoral council, Finance council and Liturgy committee]. The most important one is that there will be only one “public Mass” each weekend—at 4:15pm Saturday. There will be no public Mass on Sunday. At 10:15 each Sunday you will be able to participate “on line” by watching the Mass that was recorded the previous afternoon.

Please read the accompanying page [both sides] about the policies and procedures that we will follow at Saint Matt’s. Similar to parameters of other meetings, these practices are in place so that the possibility of passing on the COVID-19 virus is as low as possible.

Please think of all those other worshippers who will be coming and think about how we can help each and every one be safe. Parish leaders are especially keen on keeping Fr. Steve safe.

Again, “welcome back” to the worshipping community at St. Matt’s. Father Steve will be excited to see you and preside at the liturgies as he has for so many, many years.

Sincerely,

John Riehle

Pastoral Administrator

Remember: we will stream Mass at 10:15 each Sunday. The recording will be done at 4:15 on the day before—Saturday. It will be edited and uploaded so it is ready for Sunday.

Please continue to watch the Mass if you choose to remain at home.