

Dear Parishioners of St. Landry;

May 18, 2020

I thought it would be helpful to review some of the items I announced at the masses this past weekend (May 16-17). During this transitional time, the following will be our adjustments:

We resume the weekend mass schedule of 4:00pm on Saturdays, 8:00am, 10:00am and 5:00pm on Sundays. The weekday mass schedule is Monday through Friday at 12:05pm and Saturdays at 9:00am. All masses will take place in church and for now people are to enter at the front door only.

There is seating in every other pew, and we try to maintain social distancing. That is why at this time we discourage visiting before and after mass until we get through this temporary phase.

Holy Communion will be distributed after the mass is complete, and you are asked to return to your vehicles immediately after you have received. Communion in the hand is strongly encouraged at this time, but if you wish to receive on the tongue wait until everyone else has received then we will try to safely accommodate your wishes.

The scheduling of mass intentions can still happen by mail, email or over the office phone. If you need to purchase candles, please contact the office first to make arrangements. The parish offices will remain closed at least until June 5, so we will be happy to place any necessary items on the front porch.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm in the South Sacristy and Saturdays from 2:00pm-3:00pm. Please use the side entrance closest to the grotto where you would normally enter to access the restroom.

We have rescheduled the following events:

Confirmation will still be celebrated on Sunday, May 31, but the time is changed to 2:00pm in the church. We moved it from 5:00pm mass so we could accommodate family guests.

First Communion will be on Sunday, June 14 at 2:00pm for the same reason.

For all who were able to attend one of the masses this past weekend, thank you so much for your patience and cooperation. If we have learned anything during this pandemic, it is that we need each other and flourish best in each other's company. Although some are called to a vocation of hermitage and isolation, that is not the calling for most of us. We thrive and flourish on visiting and encountering one another. As the church, we witness the gospel when we build the kingdom together.

For those who prayed with us from home, know that you are always with us and in our prayers as we seek the solace of God together.

We are grateful to a good and generous God who is walking with us in this part of our faith journey. Always at our side, the good shepherd holds us close to Himself and each other through grace and mercy. Let our prayer be a union of our hearts and love as we faithfully turn to the Father of all life and hope.