



June 16, 2021

Dear Trojan Catholics,

As we transition back to pre-pandemic operations, I invite you to continue to be kind to one another as we welcome people back to mass. These protocols are simply a reflection of this point in time. Our ultimate goal is to be back in full swing as our community develops.

Here are some “good practices” that we expect our parishioners, staff, and volunteers to continue to practice regardless of circumstances:

1. You are responsible for your health. We trust that our folks are responsible for themselves.
2. Personal hygiene is always required! This includes, but is not limited to, regular washing of one’s hands.
3. We all have a responsibility to actively keep our community healthy and clean as well as our environment.
4. If you are sick (cold, flu, etc.), I expect you to wear a mask for the consideration and safety of others.
Depending on the sickness, it may be best to stay at home until one is no longer in the “infectious” stage.
5. Covering of one’s mouth is expected when sneezing or coughing.

Sunday Mass Protocols:

1. Hand sanitizing station will remain at the entrance to the Church and its use will be highly encouraged.
2. If you are not vaccinated, we highly encourage you to wear a mask to Mass. We are trusting in the honor system in this regard.
3. If anyone, regardless of their vaccination status, feels safer wearing a mask, they are free to do so.
4. Outdoor seating, for our folks who do not feel comfortable inside, will be offered for a limited time.
We will determine when to end this accommodation at a later time.
5. Social distancing in Church is no longer required.
6. Liturgical processions and presentations will continue as before the pandemic.
7. Lectors will no longer need to wear a mask.
8. Communion will only be distributed under one species.
9. For distribution of communion, the Presider and Eucharistic Minister (EM) will continue to wear a mask and sanitize their hands before distribution.
10. Singing will begin again and is encouraged. The hymnals and other liturgical aids will return.
11. Donations and tithes will be collected at the end of mass until further notice.
12. Post-mass, parishioners will be free to congregate in the courtyard, etc. However, the Center will remain closed until further instructions are given by both the Archdiocese and the County of LA.

Weekday Masses, Adoration, and Confessions:

1. All of the above Sunday Mass Protocols will remain the same for all weekday masses.
2. Adoration will continue with no social distancing or mask requirement.
3. Confessions will be heard in the confessional. However, the priest will continue to wear a mask.

I want to thank our Catholic Center staff for their hard work, especially during the height of the pandemic. They have worked so hard in keeping our community safe and still minister! I want to thank Mr. Rudy Lowe for his coordination of our PPE and cleanliness protocols as well as our many volunteers who have stayed after our masses to help sanitize and clean up! Lastly, we would not be here without the heroic support of both Nora and Edgar Morales! I will include Archbishop Gomez’s original letter and the Archdiocesan protocols for your review.

Adelante!

With every fatherly affection, I am
Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard Sunwoo
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