

September 22nd 2020

Dear Parishioners,

As was announced this weekend, the Bishop has given permission to open up each row in the church but this will require a new seating plan. The main principles that the Bishop wants us to follow are **sanitizing hands when entering the church, wearing facemask, and distance between family units**. Below we describe the new seating plan. I still am asking ushers to sit people from front to back of the Church to make our new plan move smoothly. I know that many have specific places in the church they would like to sit but for now I am asking that you please listen and respect the Ushers since they are following my instructions during this time. The new seating plan will go into effect this weekend September 26th- 27th.

New Seating Plan

*The front pew will still be for handicap and the row directly behind them will be blocked off

*Each row beginning with the 3rd row will alternate from a 2 option pew to a 1 option pew

2 option pew – single person/couple/family (3-4) will be seated at both of the **ends of the pew**
1 option pew – single person/couple/family will be seated at the **middle of the pew**

*We will stagger these two pew options in a 2-1-2 pattern to the back of Church

**The ushers will know this pattern, bring you to your pew, and assist you in seating

*Ushers will still exit each row back to front

This will increase the amount we will be able to seat and give us more capacity for our Saturday and Sunday Mass congregation. As of right now, we will continue with our weekend schedule as we implemented in May:

Saturday 5pm (English) --Sunday 9am (English) -- Sunday 2pm (Spanish)

I have enjoyed serving you over the past five months and am hopeful soon that we can get to know each other on a more personal basis. I am excited that our Masses are getting more full each week and I pray that this new seating plan can help continue that growth. Please know of my prayers for you and I am thankful for your faith and flexibility during this time.

With Christ,

Fr. William Burmester