



## St. Mary of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church

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Dear Friends,

November 20, 2020

It has been four months since St. Mary's Church reopened and weekend liturgies resumed. I'm happy to say that our reopening has gone as smoothly as we had hoped it would. And while there's always room for improvement, we feel that our plan has enabled many of you to return to mass with a true sense of comfort, knowing that your health and well-being are being safeguarded.

I would like to thank all those who continue to register for mass. It is as important now as it was in July when we first reopened. With that thought in mind, and as we get closer to the holidays, we want to make you aware of our Christmas Mass schedule. Bishop Scharfenberger has given permission for us to have our first Mass on Christmas Eve at 3 pm. We requested this with the thought that families with small children and older parishioners would be better off attending while it is still light out. So the Christmas Mass schedule is as follows this year:

December 24, 2020 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

December 25, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Sign up for these masses will begin on Monday, November 23rd. You can sign up as you normally would, either by calling the parish office (ext. 10) or online at SignUp Genius. With a limit on how many can attend each mass, I believe we will reach capacity for all of our Christmas masses, so please sign up sooner than later.



I would like to thank all those who volunteer as greeters, cleaners, lectors and Eucharistic ministers. Our reopening would not be possible if it were not for their help. I also want to thank all our parishioners who have been attentive to our reopening guidelines. Most especially, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all who have supported the parish financially throughout this pandemic. Your generosity has astonished me and I am truly grateful for it. My prayerful best wishes to all of you for a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed and healthy Advent and Christmas.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. David J. Kelley, O.S.A.  
Pastor