

Dear St Paul of the Cross Parishioners,

Thank you for your patience. We are finally ready to reopen. We were given the go ahead last week but it has taken us all this time to get everything ready. I am grateful to my Leadership Team and our maintenance crew who have worked tirelessly for this project.

Here are the details:

- We will start with confessions on Saturday, 6/6, at 3 pm for 1 hour. Only 10 persons can be in the church at any given time. The overflow should stand outside and not enter the church until the greeter lets them in. Please know that bathrooms are not available during confessions. Penitents are expected to fulfill their penance at home. We will have confessions again on Wednesdays from 8 to 9 am. If you need assistance and would like to come for confession, please call the office one day prior and please leave a message. Someone will get back to you.
- On Sunday, 6/7, we will have three hours for private prayer from 9 am to noon (with 10 persons in church for 20 minutes slots). Bathrooms are not available during private prayer time.
- Starting on Monday, 6/8, parishioners can reserve slots for baptisms and funerals. Please contact our parish office. So far no funerals or baptisms have been scheduled. Right now we are not scheduling new baptisms; we are catching up with baptisms postponed since March.
- From next week this will be the schedule:

Saturdays	Funerals and baptisms during the day Confessions at 3 pm Private Prayer time – 6 to 7 pm
Sundays	Private Prayer – 9 am to 12 noon Baptisms in the afternoon
Weekdays	Prayer time – 5 to 7 pm
Wednesdays	Confessions 8 to 9 am

- Once we have gone through a week or two with this schedule, we will apply for certification to move on to Phase II when we can have Mass. However, it looks like we can have only 50 people per Mass. Reservations are required.

We will have a video on our website which will explain in detail how we will do things in this phase. There will be volunteers present at all events – private prayer, confessions and other sacraments to help you. To reserve a spot for private prayer please go to signupgenius.com. **Reservations are mandatory and masks must be worn at all times.** If you have questions or find it difficult to sign up, please call our parish office at 847-825-7605.

We will continue to celebrate Mass on weekdays and put the video on our website. On Saturdays we will continue live stream our Mass at 4:30 pm.

I am hoping and praying that everything will go smoothly. Please continue to pray that we can all be together soon to celebrate the Eucharist as a parish family.

God bless you!

Fr Britto
Pastor