

RESUMING MASSES AT HOLY FAITH

PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 30 & MAY 31

*“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia!”*

(Acts 1:4,11)

Halleluia! The Lord is Risen! The church was born at the foot of the cross, coming out of the precious blood poured out from the side of the Savior of the world. It was born in sacrifice and pain and, after the glorious resurrection of our Lord, the church matured to fulfill its prophetic and missionary mission through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

As we anticipate the joy of Pentecost, in which once again, we are called to fulfill our commitment to our mission of proclaiming the Gospel to the whole world, we are delighted to announce to all of you that we will resume the public celebration of Holy Eucharistic beginning on the weekend of May 30 & 31: Pentecost Sunday.

It has been a long journey of waiting and longing for this day in which we can gather again to celebrate these Sacred Mysteries so central to our Catholic faith and life. We have all tried our best to stay connected, to pray, and to grow in faith and service during this time even as we try to stay safe and healthy.

The staff, Fr. Clyde and myself are so grateful for your words of encouragement and cooperation. We are also immensely appreciative for your financial support which has allowed us to continue our work, keeping our staff employed serving you with their usual care and compassion. We have missed each one of you and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

We know that to be able to celebrate Mass we will need to keep within the boundaries of social distance, proper sanitation, and avoidance of small closed spaces. Our utmost priority is the safety of all and this will take precedence over any other liturgical practice that we may be accustomed to. As you know our Bishop has issued the general parameters in which we will be able to celebrate the Mass and the Sacraments. Soon, you will be receiving some instructions and guidance regarding what you need to do to attend Mass at Holy Faith. Because of the social distance mandate, we will not be able to accommodate the same number of people we usually have had in the past, but everyone will have the opportunity to attend Mass one Sunday or the other.

Until then, my blessing to all, and my gratitude for your prayers and support.

Thank you, *Fr. Emmanuel*