



Churches of St. Bede & St. Peter

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Dear Parishioners,

My prayers are with all of you as we face the terrible violence that is happening in our country. Let us pray that St. Francis (that great saint of peace) may intercede for our country and bring calm and peace to those filled with anger and hatred. Let us pray that peaceful protests for justice may prevail over violent protests.

In the midst of all the terrible news, I do have other important news to share. We have been given directives from the Archdiocese to enter into Phase 2. In keeping with the parish reopening guidelines, I want to start the weekend Masses at St. Peter Church. Unfortunately, we are not allowed to reopen St. Bede Church at this time, but we should be allowed to enter Phase 1 soon at St. Bede Church followed quickly by Phase 2. I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding in this matter.

We will begin our reopening of St. Peter Church on Saturday, June 6 with the evening Mass at 4:00 p.m., and then we will have the regular Sunday Mass Schedule: 6:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. In keeping with the Church Capacity Guidelines, we will have room for 160 parishioners in the church and room for another 40 parishioners downstairs who can view the Mass on the video feed. Holy Communion will be distributed at Mass, but the Chalice will not be available at this time.

The Cardinal recognizes that many parishioners are concerned about their health, and may be reluctant to gather for Mass, so, the dispensation from attending Mass is still in effect. Since parishioners are still dispensed from coming to Mass, we will continue to live stream (record) the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Obviously, we will have to clean the church between Masses, so, I would ask that parishioners not linger in church after Mass so that this can be done. Our ushers will have to monitor our Church Capacity. It may be necessary to turn parishioners away if the church gets too full. I ask that you please understand the situation and please do not be offended if this happens. Again, I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we reopen our doors.

Starting Monday, June 8, the 7:30 a.m. daily Mass will resume at St. Peter Church. Mass will be Monday through Saturday. Once St. Bede Church opens for daily Mass, the daily Mass schedule at St. Peter Church will change.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. George