



ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

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GUIDELINES ON LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS AND MINISTERIAL INFORMATION

St. Charles Borromeo Church Parish Community

As certain restrictions are lifted and parishes more fully reopen, our priority, as it has been throughout this pandemic, *IS* our need to care for and protect one another. Listening to the advice from our Archbishop Jose H. Gomez that: “All parishes and Pastors are to implement the new guidelines with prudence, using sensible public health precautions, and with the safety and wellbeing of their parishioners in mind.” So therefore, as your pastor, I am grateful to announce the following guidelines effective June 15, 2021:

General Considerations for Liturgical Celebrations and Religious Services

- All liturgical celebrations (e.g., Sunday Masses, First Communions, Confirmation, Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals) and other religious services are allowed to take place indoors without capacity limitations, social distancing or prearranged Flocknote system.
- Our 8:00am and 9:30am Sunday Mass will have the opportunity to be indoors and outdoors for the rest of the Summer. (This will be evaluated later) The 11:00am will continue to be in person and livestream on our St. Charles YouTube channel.
- Our Weekday Masses will still be outdoors. (This will be evaluated later)
- For Private Prayer, you are welcome to visit our Parish Office Convent Chapel during office hours. Due to the transitional reality of our neighborhood this will allow us to maintain the church clean, safe, and available to the Sacraments while still providing for our most needy at the Holy Family Service Ministry.
- Our Parish will open for ministerial group gatherings after the summer. Redefining parish needs and spaces will be discerned during the summer months. This decision allows for us to use our resources wisely and for the Weekend Celebration of the Eucharist and all the Weddings and Funerals and other Sacraments which for the last 15 months were not celebrated to “*catch up.*” As well as discerning priorities of spaces

following ALL safety protocols.

- Mass and all other liturgical celebrations are to be celebrated according to what is described in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and to rubrics appropriate to each Rite.
- All liturgical ministers of our parish who have participated on the One Mission, One Faith, One Parish will have a personal discernment meeting with our team to evaluate our moving forward. All other liturgical and other volunteers and future staff members who have not taken the One Mission, One Faith program from the Archdiocese are invited to sign up to it and take the next cohort starting next month. Please visit this link <https://lacatholics.org/one-mission-one-faith/>
- One Mission and One Faith is a 40-hour course, designed to further evangelize us in our Faith and Accompany each other in our Faith building. Over 200 of our present volunteers and staff have completed it already. Every current staff member in our parish and in the future will take this course. OMOFOP is Awesome! Just imagine the basics are shared and the opportunities are endless with *Intentional Disciples*.
- *The discernment of gifts, parish needs, and collective approach to ministry will be done by our pastoral team and parish leadership as we continue moving forward celebrating our 100th Anniversary. Moving Forward!*
- Masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals outdoors or indoors for religious services.
- Masks are required for unvaccinated individuals outdoors when social distancing is not possible, and always indoors. Our parish will simply have an honor system where those who are not vaccinated may do the right thing in wearing a mask, of course, understanding that many in our community are choosing to still wear the mask even though they may be fully vaccinated.
- It is important to note that for now, masks and social distancing are required for All employees and All Liturgical volunteers and Welcome Home Committee, if they are working/ministering in the church during Mass. We as employees and volunteers adhere to the guidelines provided by the [CDC](#), [State of California](#), County Departments of Health ([Los Angeles](#), [Ventura](#), [Santa Barbara](#)), [CalOSHA](#) and/or City Offices regarding healthy hygiene practices and employee and volunteer training. Which we are witnessing change very rapidly.
- We will continue to have one entrance into our Church to maintain the welcoming presence of our Team and to ensure that we walk together during this time. The Lankershim church doors will be used only to exit.
- Our St. Charles parish will save every other pew for our parishioners to ease into the new normal of coming back to Church indoors. This will allow for some comfortable distancing to happen. (This will be evaluated later)
- We will have hand sanitizing stations at entrances.
- Although the guidelines do not require us to sanitize after each liturgy, we will continue sanitizing and having our contracted company do so once a week now. We will observe sensible health precautions whenever gatherings happen in our church and communal spaces.

- We will continue to use our Sunday bulletin for readings and music weekly.
- Liturgical singing can take place.
- Collection baskets will be placed in a location where people can provide their donations or as the faithful enter or exit the church.
- For now, Holy Communion will be offered in the form of bread. Communion on the hand is strongly encouraged. The Priests and Permanent Deacons for now will continue to sanitize hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- For the very near future, we are having the distribution of Holy Communion after the final blessing. We understand that as things become more normal, and this airborne virus ceases, then we will have Holy Communion at the proper time after the Agnus Dei. The Drive – through Holy Communion will not be distributed as of this Sunday. Those members of our community who participated the last months during our pandemic have been informed.
- The Baptismal Font and Holy Water fonts will be empty for the near future.

Baptisms/Confirmations/Religious Education/RCIA

- The Office of Religious Education from the Archdiocese, with the support of our San Fernando Regional Bishop Alex Aclan, has invited me as your pastor to be a pilot parish for a parish wide Accompaniment Program for our Sacramental Life (Baptism, First Communion, and RCIA). More to come in the next weeks! It is exciting to welcome a new approach to evangelization where we will focus more on the whole person - to love and follow Jesus Christ as our Lord, being present in our parish community as Intentional Disciples and evangelizers. The Good News!
- Practically speaking, this will entail some team formation and openness to new ways of spreading the Gospel, Forming Intentional Disciples and welcoming All.
- Information for Infant Baptisms, Call the parish office.
- Registration for Religious Education/First Communion/Confirmation will be during the month of August, Call the parish office.
- RCIA inquiry/Adult Confirmation, Call the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick/Holy Communion to the Homebound

- We will continue attending to the needs of our parish for the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the office for Assistance. Ministers attending to the needs of the sick or homebound are to observe all sensible public health precautions. This very important ministry will be resuming on a monthly basis for now and be evaluated. All safety protocols will be followed. It is highly recommended for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the Sick to be fully vaccinated.

Weddings

- Due to the large number of weddings that had to be postponed during the pandemic, at this

time we are only able to help our registered parishioners to celebrate their wedding here at St. Charles. We are trying to catch up with the couples who for the past 15 months postponed their weddings.

- The San Fernando Mission is open for outside the parish weddings. Please check with them, or the local parish of the couple.
- We also understand that many of our local registered families would like to book their brand-new wedding for next year, could I ask you for some patience as we maneuver this very unprecedented time.

Funerals

- May the Lord of Hope help all our families who are still trying to plan memorial services and Funerals. We will use our very best judgment in helping families find closure. Call parish office for information about available date.

Please take a moment to simply pray.....

Let us ask the Lord to guide one area we are grateful today

And let us ask collectively for one thing each one of us needs.....

Parish Office Hours

- We are extending some hours to accommodate our parishioners needs. We will observe general considerations with sensible public health precautions.

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| Monday: | 9:00am – 1:00pm 2:00pm – 5:00pm |
| Tuesday: | 9:00am – 1:00pm |
| Wednesday: | 9:00am – 1:00pm |
| Thursday: | Closed |
| Friday: | 9:00am – 1:00 pm 2:00 pm – 5:00pm |
| Saturday: | Closed |
| Sunday: | Open during Mass Times at Piazza San Carlo A staff member will be at Piazza every Sunday |

Mass Times

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00am
Saturday 5:00pm Vigil (will begin August 1, 2021)
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am w Livestream and 1:00pm Spanish Mass (Homily in English and Spanish)

Confessions

Mondays 5:00pm-6:00pm and by appointment

Website

<https://stcharlesborromeochurch.org>

Our website will post the latest weekly information. However, if we have learned one thing for sure during these past 15 months is to be effective in using technology as we trust in God and the sharing of the Gospel. Our Flocknote <https://stcharlesborromeo22.flocknote.com/dashboard> will be the primary and only way to send direct information to you. Please register for updates in our website. We understand that you have many choices to communicate, but this Flocknote address will be the official forum to let you know of our “happenings.”

Thank You for your Time in Familiarizing yourself with our present reality moving forward,

Gratefully,

Fr. Jose Magana

Be at peace, God will provide.