

Welcome back to Mass! Who knew that for three long months we would be unable to come together for the celebration of the Mass! Many parishioners have told us of their longing for the Eucharist. They miss coming together to praise and give thanks to God and to lay their needs at the altar. This time of abstaining from the Holy Mass has been a sacrifice for us all. But now it's time to come back! We are happy to announce that we will open our doors for Mass this weekend at St. Patrick's. Holy Cross and St. Rita's will follow the next weekend.

Welcoming our community back while at the same time taking care to protect the health and well-being of each person is our priority. If you have been listening to Father David's homilies on our weekly live streams, you will remember he told us to "get used to different." And you will notice many differences. The first is the need to pre-register attendees for all services including daily Mass. See page two for instructions. Please sign up for only one liturgy a month until we can determine the demand and ensure as many people as possible get a chance to attend. Be assured, these changes and the others listed below are temporary. We thank you in advance for your patience as we manage the new normal.

Reminder: The dispensation for Sunday Mass is still in effect. If you are over 65 or have underlying health conditions, contracting COVID-19 could cause you more significant health issues. Please consider staying home and watching Mass on our lives stream. If you would like to attend, consider signing up for a daily Mass as the congregation will likely be smaller.

Some parishioners have expressed concern that we are asking for contact information to aid in contact tracing of the COVID-19 virus. Please be assured that all lists will be destroyed after 14 days unless there is an outbreak. If you are opposed to providing that information, you may sign up via email or telephone with just a name.

If you are receiving this letter by U.S. Post, it means we do not have an email address on file for you. If you have an email address and would like to receive our weekly digital newsletter, please send it to us. Contact information for all parishes is noted on the back.

Looking forward to seeing you at Mass soon!

Laura Dougherty
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Tacoma Catholic Parishes of St. Patrick | St. Rita | Holy Cross

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SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

St. Patrick (beginning June 13th)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am | 11:00 am

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am

Confessions Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Holy Cross (beginning June 20th)

*Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm (note new time)

Sunday: 10:00 am

Daily Mass: Monday | Thursday | Friday 9:00 am

Wednesday 5:30 pm

Confessions Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

St. Rita of Cascia (beginning June 21)

*Sunday 8:00 am (note new time)

Daily Mass: Tuesdays 12:00 pm

How to Register for Mass

(for all parishes – please indicate
which Mass time and location)

Online

www.saintpats.org

Email

St. Patrick/St. Rita

ldougherty@saintpats.org

Holy Cross

georgina@holycross-tacoma.org

Call the parish office

St. Patrick/St. Rita 253.383.2783

Holy Cross 253.759.3368

Please remember, all attendees must
be registered.

Coming to Mass

Be pre-registered

Do a self health evaluation and
cancel your reservation if you are
ill or have been exposed to
someone who is ill.

Wear a Mask

Maintain social distancing inside
and outside of the Church

**Check in at the door 15-20
Minutes before Mass**

Wait to be seated by an usher

What Will be Different:

No Holy Water

No Sign of Peace

No Congregational Singing

No distribution of the Precious Blood

Holy Communion at the end of Mass
distributed in the hand

Collection baskets in the back of church