

**May 8, 2020**

**Dear Parishioners of Christ on the Mountain,**

Today as we prepare to start limited public Mass, I keep thinking of the old saying patience is a virtue. Patience sure does demand a lot of charity and good will. Currently we are only allowed 10 units in the church. A unit can be a person or a family so that means only ten pews can be used in the church and they have to be in different parts of the church. The ministry team, that I am blessed to be a part of and we are so fortunate to have serving at Christ on the Mountain, has been working hard to get this information out to you with a fair way to sign up for Mass attendance. Please be patient with them.

It is important to remember that once a particular Mass is full on the Sign Up Genius you must go to another Mass time to sign up. Only 10 units can be in the church at this time. This will not be forever and when we can have more families in the church we will let you know.

I also wanted to tell you that soon I will be having a total knee replacement and I will be out of commission for a couple weeks. During this time we will have communion services with a Liturgy of the Word. I have been struggling with my knee for some time and it is time to get it done.

Also a note to remember: the Archbishop has given us dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass. It is still important to try and take in the live stream Mass, read the scriptures and reflect on the readings. We are living in a very interesting time but as our hunger for the Mass grows let us be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in parts of the world that only get to have Mass with a priest once or twice a year because of the shortage of priests or the difficulty of travel to the location of the church.

We are blessed here at Christ on the Mountain parish with a living church built of living stones. May we strive to appreciate each other and be patient with each other.

**Patience is a virtue.**

**Fr. David**