

GUIDELINES FOR DRIVE IN MASS at St. Julie Billiart Parish

Update Drive In Mass (released December 2, 2020)

We have received constructive feedback regarding our Drive-In Mass on Sundays, and other Drive-In Masses for the month of December. It was shared that having the option to bring chairs and sit on the lawn in front of the Santo Niño statue would be desirable. Therefore, beginning this Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020, those who come for the Drive-In Mass will have the option to a) stay in their car or b) get out of their car and sit on their own portable chairs to celebrate the Mass on the lawn facing the Santo Niño statue. The second option will be allowed if weather permits, meaning if it is too cold, or if it rains, participants will be encouraged to stay in their cars. In addition, social distancing, wearing face coverings, and use of hand sanitizer will be observed.

In response to the cold temperature changes expected during the fall season and winter, and the uncertainty at this time when we are able to worship again indoors because of COVID-19, It is my great privilege to announce to you that we will implement another means to celebrate Mass outdoors by the means of “Drive-in” Mass! The concept of “Drive-in Mass” will be like a “Drive-in Movie” where parishioners will be driving in, park and connect their radio to an FM station in order to hear the celebration of the Mass in real-time and in the safety and comfort of your car. **Please note that you will be staying inside your car the whole duration of the celebration.** Total of 70 cars will be allowed to park and participate for the Drive-in Mass. You can carpool with your family together depending on your vehicle passenger capacity.

It is important to remember that those who are vulnerable or have health pre-condition as defined by the Health Department of Santa Clara County are strongly advised to stay home.

Bishop Cantú's dispensation to all Catholics of the Diocese of San Jose in CA from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still in place.

Our Drive-In Sunday Outdoor Mass at 10:00 am in English. If you choose not to participate at the Drive-in Mass, you are most welcome to join us at our ZOOM Mass. It will be at 11:00 am and ZOOM ID will be 415 273 8903.

To be sure that we enjoy this new approach, I would like to present to you our guidelines in observing the Drive-in Mass:

- a. **Registration** through our parish website will be implemented in order to have proper control of the volume of cars in the parking lot. We will not have cars park on the streets around the church property to avoid unnecessary inconvenience to our neighbors and to the public traffic flow.
- b. **It is very important to remember that safety is our priority. Please be very mindful when you enter, park, and exit the premises, avoiding accidents with another car. Patience is a virtue!**
- c. Upon entering the church property, traffic volunteers will guide you where to park.
- d. Please mention to our check-in volunteer how many of your household members in the car for us to prepare accordingly the number of communion host.
- e. The FM station to tune-in to will be **88.3 FM radio.**

COMMUNION:

- a. For receiving Holy Communion, the Presiding Priest and Eucharistic ministers will come to your car to administer the Body of Christ.
- b. Please bring your own hand sanitizers for safely receiving the Body of Christ.
- c. Please wear your face mask or face shield when receiving Communion.

MASS OFFERINGS:

Your Mass offerings are always appreciated for the care of our Parish. We encourage you to use our online donation program. You may also mail, or drop-off your Mass offerings, at your convenience, at our parish office drop box. Please see our website for more details or call our parish office at 408 629 3030 ; or email: office@stjulies-dsj.org.

OTHERS:

Restrooms will not be accessible.

Fr. Pedro, the parish staff, and I, would like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding especially as we find ways to serve you better and continue to connect with Jesus at our Masses and with one another as a parish community.

May God continue to bless you and strengthen you and your loved ones. May we always hold on to each other as we face together the challenges that are upon us, serving and loving one another as a family that has one heart and one faith in the love and mercy of the Holy Triune God!

St. Julie Billiart, Pray for us!

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Angelo David
Pastor