

Dear Mission Parishes faithful's of Saint Peter, Saint Anthony, and Saint Charles

On March 15, due to the situation that arose around the world, here in the United States and in the city of San Francisco, the city asked to close the parishes to prevent the Covid-19 virus from spreading, Archbishop Salvatore, wanting to help the city of San Francisco, asked that the ordinances of the city be followed and not to celebrate masses publicly, then the city began to give permission for certain places of business to open and parishes could open at 25% of capacity in the parishes following the established safety and hygiene standards, then parks and restaurants and more shops began to open but the church could no longer celebrate with the 25% capacity but had to celebrate outside only with 12 people. Even when they let the others remain open and we have been like this for almost 6 months. On Sunday the city inspectors came and I had the opportunity to speak with them and tell them how unfair they are being with us and how it's becomes more of an act of injustice and persecution of the church, and on top of that they accuse the church of being a high risk places where more people are infected when on the contrary we have maintained all the safety regulations, while they are inviting people not only to go to the parks but they will provide masks to make sure they do not get infected while they continue to tell us that we cannot celebrate masses. Faced with this situation I have decided this Sunday to celebrate mass at 9:00am in English and 11:00am in Spanish in the school yard with 11 people following the norms established by the city and the archdiocese. The masses will be Live streamed you have the option to attend and hear the mass from the street and make your presence known in a peaceful way showing that the parish community present. If you decide to attend we ask that you stand on the street because in the street they cannot indict the church and we can demonstrate to those in the city that not only do they not help us but they do not permit us to celebrate masses and that in the same way they take care of those who go to the parks, shops and restaurants they should also take into consideration those who want to come to church. With this letter I am letting you know I will be celebrating mass in front of the school yard at St. Peters. If you want to attend, you can do so freely if you wish wearing your masks and make your presence known.

As of this Sunday I will only celebrate one mass in Spanish and one in English at the entrance of Saint Peters school for the three parishes, if the sacraments are important if the life of the Church is important we have to let them know. They are treating the church unfairly, they have not listen to the bishop who has been trying by all means to make them see reason, but maybe they will listen to the people who want the churches to be opened.

May God bless you and help you in these difficult times for all families and the church.

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