



“A wave from the small altar Fr. Michael and I celebrate Mass from in the sanctuary of OLOR. Note the flowers indicating the care and presence of many folk who have quietly come and remembered Jesus’ Church during this time of communal dispersion. The photo below indicates the same with planted flowers and cut lawns offered for the love of God who remains waiting to welcome you in the tabernacle as the lit, red sanctuary lamp reminds us. Yesterday’s Mass I offered for all the families of the parish and Diocese”

Greetings in our Lord’s love people of the Westshore and Sooke.

I read this morning a beautiful statement in the Breviary anticipating Jesus’ Ascension from Pope St. Leo the Great: “Our Redeemer’s visible presence has passed into the Sacraments”. With profound joy I can now announce the Bishop has given us approval to cautiously offer limited celebration of public Mass commencing on May 30th for Pentecost weekend. Alleluia! Much more detailed information will be coming from the Bishop’s office under a separate email. Please circulate all to anyone who might not be on our respective lists and would be interested. I have felt so diminished without a congregation for whom to announce the good news of the gospel and celebrate sacraments. We’re going to deliberately take it slow for a while and it won’t look like it did pre Covid, but let’s rejoice that at least we’ll be able to participate in **ONE MASS PER WEEK WITH A LIMIT OF 50 AND REQUIRED SPACING OF 6 FEET BETWEEN HOUSEHOLDS**. Suffice to say that all Masses will require registration through our offices at St. Rose of Lima and Our Lady of the Rosary. We’ll start with close to the usual weekday and weekend Masses and add if necessary. **YOU MUST REGISTER FOR YOUR PREFERRED WEEKLY MASS EACH THROUGH YOUR PARISH OFFICE VIA EMAIL OR PHONE BY FRIDAY MAY 29TH**. Rita at SRL wants you to contact by 10:00 a.m. and Cynthia by 3:00 p.m. The list serves many purposes, one of which is the potential to trace the virus if (God forbid) someone at Mass is infected.

**St Rose Saturday 4:00 p.m. AND Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. and Friday 10 a.m.**

Our Lady of the Rosary Saturday 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday 9 a.m., Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Thursday noon, Friday 9:00 a.m. ALL MASSES TO BE CELEBRATED IN THE HALL. The Sunday 11:00 will be reserved for families with children.

We will take names for a waitlist if the mass fills us up in case we can add a Mass as needed, but I recommend you take what you can get with gratitude for the gift of the Eucharist!

Greeters will have the registration sheets at the door to welcome you and ensure you sit with the physical distance of 6 feet. Sanitizing volunteers will clean after each Mass. You can read about the way the liturgy will look in in the Bishop's communication.

Other news:

1. Below you will find an invite to join me for a zoom Mass this weekend. Praise God it actually worked last Sunday and was spiritually gratifying.
2. With a bold step of faith, I invite you to join me next April for a Holy Land pilgrimage. Registration and Itinerary attached. Let me know if you have questions.
3. Saturday the 30th we have two infant baptisms and first confessions planned for children at OLOR. Pray for them with thanksgiving .
4. Regardless of the cancellation of our annual required Priest's retreat, I need it more than ever. Hence I will be parking my RV in the SRL parking lot for solitude, prayer, and watching Fr. Larry Richard's YouTube retreat talks for clergy, and Bishop Barron's beautiful series called Catholicism. Don't call the Sooke RCMP on me please!!!

I think that's it for now.

Bless you all.

Fr. Dean

Mass for Ascension Sunday with Fr. Dean Henderson

When

Sun May 24, 2020 10:45am – 12pm Pacific Time - Vancouver

Where

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87233711847>



On Confession

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ib8pzvnnL20>

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