



St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Denver, September 23rd, 2020

Dear Parishioners!

With this letter, I would like to convey my greeting to you all, praying for each one of you: our beloved elderlies, our sick parishioners, our families, and our youth. It is an opportunity to share with you some information:

-Holy Masses resumed in the church, from Tuesday to Sunday, at the usual times, with the limitation of 80 people. It is wonderful to see the faces so well-known and in good health! The Wednesday Mass is held especially for the elderly, 65 years and over.

-The adoration of the Blessed Sacrament returned to its 24 hours a day, seven days a week. During the day in the church, to facilitate access to the greatest number, and at night in the chapel, only for committed adorers.

-The groups are gradually resuming their activities, to ensure that those who can, may rediscover the joy of a living community, where Christ makes himself present in charity.

-We are blessed for having a strong sacramental life in our Parish: Father Luc and I don't cease being available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and during this COVID time we have celebrated many weddings, Baptisms, and Funerals, bringing to all the Good News of Jesus.

-Please, pray for our 90 children in catechism classes, the parents in religious education, and at least 15 adults in RCIA. On Sunday, September 20th, we blessed our 30 catechists and I am so grateful to have such a motivated team serving the Faith.

-We continue to receive your donation to celebrate Masses for your intentions.

I express again my gratitude to all our faithful parishioners who continue tithing in an envelope or through our website (<https://www.saintcatherine.us/DONATE>) and who donate to us in different ways. Your financial support is an encouragement to us. TV raffle was a success and some groups had the initiative to sell food for our benefit and offer us a special donation. Also, thank you to all those who donate their time as volunteers: food bank, gardening, cleaning, painting the parking lot, new varnish on the façade doors, etc. Your support shows that we have a strong sense of community.

As you know, Saint Catherine of Siena and Holy Trinity Parish School are combined in a new Archdiocesan School “Blessed Miguel Pro Catholic Academy”. For this coming year 2020-2021, our Parish is committed to support financially this new reality. Also, Father Luc and myself are offering them a spiritual and sacramental assistance, as well as Father Peter, Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish. In our society without God, Catholic Schools are a necessity and a sign of hope.

As I told you last July, in the school facilities we have activities for religious education on Saturdays and Sundays, but also in the evenings, during the weekdays. There we have a great potential that we must explore for activities during the day: day care for kids, English or Spanish as a second language, vocational formation, sports, etc. The health situation is a real obstacle, but we will overcome it.

The heating system in the Church, Rectory and School is old. After advice from experts (plumbers, engineers, architects) and approval from the Archdiocese, I have decided to change the heating in the School and in the Rectory. The heating for the Church could wait 1 or 2 years. Also, I am planning to work on the North and South stairs of the Church, as the corrosion is destroying the concrete.

May the intercession of Mary help us to persevere in faith and fraternal love. Let us be guided and accompanied by Her.

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