

## Announcement for Church Re-open on webpage

September 4, 2020

Dear St. Mary Parishioners

I am happy to announce that the Archdiocese has approved our re-opening for Tuesday September 8. Our patroness, St. Mary, is surely watching over us! How apropos that the St. Mary campus will open on the day we liturgically celebrate the birthday of our Blessed Mother!

St. Mary School will begin in-person learning on Tuesday September 8 and we are all very excited to welcome the children back to school.

Weekday Mass will resume on Wednesday September 9 at 8:30 AM. Sign up will be available beginning Monday at 9:00 AM. What a joy it will be to celebrate Mass 94 years to the day our beautiful church was dedicated by Cardinal Mundelein back in 1926.

Weekend Masses will resume on the weekend of September 12 and 13. Sign-up will be available beginning Wednesday September 9 at 9:00 AM.

We will be adding the 5 PM Sunday Mass back into our rotation on Sunday September 13.

The first parish Renew My Church meeting will take place on Wednesday September 9. The meeting will be an overview of the Renew My Church process. The meetings will be held in Church at 4 -5:30 PM and 7-8:30 PM. The 7 PM meeting will be livestreamed as well for added convenience and participation. If you would like to attend, please sign up here. (add link) Any questions, email us at [RMC@stmaryriverside.org](mailto:RMC@stmaryriverside.org) or call the Parish Office at 708-447-1020.

Registration for RE has begun. Please use this link to register your children K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Kos at [ebkos@stmaryriverside.org](mailto:ebkos@stmaryriverside.org)

The Parish Office at 40 E. Burlington will be open for limited hours beginning Tuesday, September 8. Office hours are as follows: M/W/F 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM and T/Th 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM. The parish office phone will continue to be answered 9:00 – 5:00 PM M-F.

As you can certainly see summer is over and we are in full swing of parish activity – even as we continue to deal with COVID 19 and its restrictions. I ask you to please pray for the health and safety of our teachers, staff, students, families and volunteers as we work together to teach and spread the Good News to a world that needs the message more than ever!

Fr. Tom