

**St. Paul Catholic Church  
Conventual Franciscans Friars  
San Pablo, CA  
Reopening plan**

With restrictions and limitations, under the guideline of Bishop Michael Barber and Contra Costa County Health Department, St. Paul plans to reopen for public worship on June 27, 2020

**Before Mass**

**Reserve your ticket**

To ensure that we do not exceed the 75 persons capacity in the church tickets are going to be given in the office during the week.

Implement registration by request phone number to identify attendees by Mass in case there is an outbreak.

**Gather Worships Aids:**

If you like to follow along with the prayers at Mass, bring your own worship aids such as Magnificat. There will not be missalettes or hymnals available in the church.

**Wear a Face Covering**

Guided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), those over age 3 and up must wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth.

Pregnant women ok as long as they see it save for them in their condition.

**Arriving at Church**

Please arrive 15 minutes early to allow time to park and check in.

Park in the Church parking lot

To ensure social distancing, please park in the church lot and neighboring streets.

Keep Moving

Please promptly go to and from the church, as we must not gather in the courtyard.

**Entrance and Exit**

The main doors that face Church Lane are where we enter. The side door are where we exit.

## **Temperature Check**

Before entering the church, all must stop for a temperature check. Those with a fever may not enter.

## **Inside the Church**

### **Holy Water**

Our holy water fonts will be empty for safety. Bottled water can be blessed by a priest.

#### **Escorted to Seats**

To ensure proper social distancing, ushers will escort parishioners to seats. Members of one household may sit together in one pew.

### **6-Foot Distance**

While seated, standing and walking, people who are not in the same household must remain 6 feet apart from each other.

## **Liturgy**

### **All Masses on Sunday**

So that all parishioners can celebrate Sunday Mass, all Masses during the week will count for the Sunday liturgy.

### **Presentation of the Gifts**

To reduce contact, the presentation of the gifts has been removed.

### **Sign of Peace**

To avoid contact, the Sign of Peace has been removed. We will offer peace in the silence of our hearts.

## **Communion**

Communion will take place at the time of communion.

The Precious Blood will not be available.

The faithful are strongly encouraged to receive Communion in the hand.

Approach the sanctuary wearing a face covering. Place one hand under the other while keeping fingers together and receive the host. After receiving the host, step aside, lower/lift face covering and consume.

### **Sunday Collection**

At the end of Mass and as you exit, collection Baskets will be available for your Sunday collection.

### **After Mass**

### **Cleaning**

The high touch areas of the church will be cleaned and Sanitized.

We cannot gather in the courtyard or parking lot for fellowship until we are allowed.

### **Download a bulletin**

Printed bulletins will not be available, but digital copies are at [StPaulChurch.org/Bulletins](http://StPaulChurch.org/Bulletins)

### **Confession**

Will be available at the courtyard of the Church, special booths with a glass barrier have been prepared to be able to confess safely

### **Livestream Mass**

### **Facebook**

Mass will continue to be livestreamed on Facebooks for those who are not able to attend Mass in person.

### **Those at Risk**

Those who are sick, elderly, immune-compromised or otherwise at risk for COVID 19 should not attend Mass in person. Masses will continue to be livestreamed.

Until further notice, Bishop Barber continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and holy days.

For Holy Communion to the sick and those at Risk, and for the Holy Anointing, please call the parish number at 510-232-5931 for an appointment.

## **Clergy Instructions**

Before Mass, Priest, Deacon, and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist washes his hands with soap, wears Alb and stole the appropriate vesture and must disinfect his hands prior to distributing Communion.

The Priest, deacon, and minister must wear a face covering for the distribution of Communion.

Priest does not wear a Mask of face covering when presiding at Mass.

If the priest's and minister's hand comes into contact with the faithful's hand, disinfectant wipes or bowl of disinfectant will be available to a\sanitize his fingers.

## **Bathrooms**

Are going to be closed/unless there is an emergency.

## **Miscellaneous**

Adoration Chapel –Closed

Reconciliation – Saturdays 3:30PM – 4:30PM

Mass Schedule:

Masses will last 40mins maximum.

Daily Mass 7:30AM – 8:00AM

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00PM., 6:30PM

Sundays 7:30AM., 9:00AM., 10:30AM., 12:00PM., 4:00PM and 6:00PM

Parish Groups

Will be not be able to meet until further notice

Parish Hall limited used by Religious educations programs, Catechism, confirmation, and Rica programs in the 3 main languages, English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Proper signage has been posted for entrance and exit, social distance, and face covering

This plan will post it in the tree major languages of the Parish: English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.