



St. Rita Catholic Parish

Established in 1908

50 East Alegria Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024-1203

Dear Parish Family:

In light of the most recent COVID-19 advisement from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles (ADLA) received on May 26, 2020 (attached), I am grateful to announce that I have begun working with Parish Leadership to review our plan of action to reopen our beloved Church and Parish Offices.

As we all are aware, we have been closed due to the Shelter in Place Order for over two months now. We understand and appreciate the governmental and CDC guidelines that have been in effect during this time for the protection and health of our community and state. The attached guidelines from ADLA are detailed and deliberate, so please be sure to review all. With this in mind, we recognize that it will take time and much effort from our Parish staff, ministries, volunteers, parishioners, vendors, and ADLA to ensure that we are properly prepared, eligible for review, and then granted approval to reopen.

To keep you informed of our efforts, we will work diligently with all involved in the coming weeks to ensure that your health and safety are prioritized when reopening. As such, we believe that **we will not be able to safely reopen our locations until late June**, but will keep you apprised of any new developments.

We will continue to offer Mass via Facebook online live-streaming. In the interim, please review our website, e-blast communications, bulletin, and Facebook page regularly for the latest information and faith-centered sharing efforts from St. Rita Parish.

We thank you for your continued support and generosity during this pandemic and for your patience and strength as we look to emerge together from this crisis unified in Christ.

May God grant us his grace, mercy, and protection now and always,

Fr. Tom Baker

