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## RETURN TO MASS PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT

BY THE DIOCESE OF PUEBLO

As the global health crisis of COVID-19 brought nearly all aspects of our life to a standstill, out of an overabundance of care and concern for their flock, in March 2020 the bishops of Colorado's 3 diocese granted a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Today, it is with great joy and renewed Easter hope that *the Bishops of Colorado have announced that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will be restored on Pentecost Sunday—May 23, 2021.*

Although the bishops are reinstating the Sunday and Holy Day obligation, there are specific situations of when you would remain dispensed. We have included a list that can be found in the joint Bishop's statement along with our FAQ sheet.

As we prepare to welcome back many of our brothers and sisters who have been away from public worship and reception of the Eucharist, the risk of COVID-19 infection still remains a reality. Parishes, in consultation with their local public health organizations, are asked to continue to take prudent steps to make sure that Masses are celebrated in a safe way.

For more information, a joint statement from the Colorado Bishops and an FAQ sheet is available in the parish bulletin and on the Diocese of Pueblo website.

**Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday April 11, 2021**

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# RETURN TO MASS FAQ

BY THE DIOCESE OF PUEBLO

## FAQ on Restoring the Sunday and Holy Day Obligation May 23, 2021

When will the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation be restored?

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021.

Catholics who have not already returned to Mass should use the Easter season to prayerfully discern if they have a serious reason that prevents them from attending in person. If not, they should begin to resume normal attendance over the next several weeks in anticipation of the obligation being restored.

Why are Catholics normally obligated to attend Mass?

As Catholics, we are invited by God to gather together in community, and participate fully in the Sunday Eucharist, which is the “source and summit of the Christian life.”

“Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.” Catechism 2182

The Sunday and Holy Day obligation is not something God asks of us out of his own necessity or need to be worshipped, but rather a gift to the faithful for our own spiritual well-being, happiness, and eternal salvation. Recommended reading: <https://denvercatholic.org/only-one-thing-is-necessary/>

Why is the general dispensation being lifted?

A general dispensation was granted when public Masses were initially suspended and kept in place while it remained reasonable for any Catholic to decide it was prudent for them to stay home.

However, for the last several months we have been encouraging Catholics to prayerfully consider if they have a prudent reason to stay home, or if they are just using the dispensation as an excuse.

Now, as the worst of the pandemic seems to be behind us, access to the vaccine for those who desire it has increased, and many other areas of life continue to move back towards normal, the time has come that a general dispensation is no longer necessary for every Catholic.

Will there still be safety protocols at Masses?

Yes. Parishes have consistently followed the recommendations of public health experts during the pandemic and will continue to take prudent steps to ensure that public Masses are celebrated in a safe manner. As positivity rates and health protocols will continue to vary across the state, please check with your local parish for specific guidelines.

Are Masses safe to attend?

Over the past year, the dioceses and parishes have implemented thorough safety protocols based on the recommendations of health experts and have done our best to balance public health concerns while still providing access to the Mass and Sacraments to the faithful.

While entering into any public space has included some risk, the precautions taken by our parishes have proven to be extremely effective, and we are unaware of any issues of community spread happening at a public Mass.

Does this mean everyone is obligated to go to Mass again?

All the faithful are urged to keep holy the Lord's Day by safely attending Mass in-person or reverently participating in Mass through the internet or other media.

It is important for Catholics to know that the Church has always provided for exceptions to the Sunday and Holy Day obligation, and that anyone with a "serious reason" or "grave cause" is excused from the obligation.

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Below is a list of specific criteria that you would remain dispensed.

- If you are ill or your health condition would be significantly compromised if you were to come in contact with someone who might be sick, for example, if you have an underlying condition or are in a high-risk category.
- If you exhibit flu-like symptoms.
- If you have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness, for example if you were in recent contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or the flu.
- If you care for the sick, homebound, or infirm and unable to leave them unattended.
- If you are pregnant
- If you are 65 years of age or older (per the CDC's recommendation of high-risk individuals).
- If you cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own. For example, if no Mass were offered, you are sick, or, while wanting to go, you are prevented for some reason you cannot control such as your ride does not show up, the church is at capacity.

I am unsure if I have a "serious reason" to stay home, what should I do?

Catholics are encouraged to consult with their pastor if they are unsure about their personal situation.

Is a vaccine required to return to Mass?

No. The Bishops of Colorado have affirmed that receiving certain COVID-19 vaccinations is morally acceptable, but that it is a matter of personal conscience and a private health decision. They have also stated that vaccination should never be a requirement for admittance at any public event including public Masses. However, regardless of if one gets vaccinated, all Catholics should continue to take prudent steps to prevent the spread of the coronavirus until this pandemic has completely passed.





**Christ the King Community  
welcomes  
our newly initiated member,  
Jessica Martin.**



**At the Easter Vigil,  
she was Baptized, Confirmed  
and received her First Communion.**

**Please be sure to congratulate  
Jessica and pray for her.**

**Heartfelt thanks** to our **Entry Teams** for heroic work in bringing all of us together to share a most beautiful Holy Week after a year of COVID! Each member of the team has volunteered their time week after week for the past year. During Holy Week this year, they further stepped up and volunteered not just for one; but for several services!



Who are the Entry teams? They are the smiling faces that greet you at the entrance door, take your temperature, write your name on the contact tracing sheet, assist you in placing your donation or rice bowls in baskets, seat you safely in a pew, answer many questions, proclaim the Word of Lord for you, and run the Camera to the Hall for a visual faith experience for you once capacity is reached in the Church. They are members of your faith family. They are long-time members and new members of the CTK family. They are young, and not so young! They are caring, generous, and invaluable. Thank you from the fullness of our hearts!



Katharine M Redmond  
Pastoral Associate for Worship





## Staff Directory

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## Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31;  
Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37;  
Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

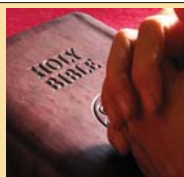
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20;  
Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9;  
1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



**Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. - John 20:19-31**

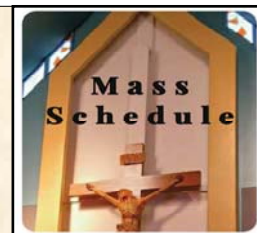
**Saturday: 4:00 P.M.**  
**in the Church/Adrians Hall**

**Sunday: 8:00 A.M. in the**  
**Church/Adrians Hall and**  
**livestreamed at this Mass**  
Look for links at ctkpueblo.org,  
or on Facebook.

**Sunday: 11 A.M. Mass in the Church/Adrians**  
**Hall**

**Tuesday through Friday: 7:30 A.M.**

**Confessions** (the Sacrament of Reconciliation)  
Confessions in the parish hall on Saturdays from  
5:00 P.M. until done.



## Mass Intentions



**April 10th - 18th**

**Saturday: 4:00 P.M. — April 10th**

Dorothy Mansfield,  
by The Oblates of St. Scholastica Monastery

**Sunday: 8:00 A.M. — April 11th**

John Martinez, by Anthony and Ramona Vigil

**Sunday: 11:00 A.M. — April 11th**

For our Amazing Parish Family

**Monday: No Mass — April 12th**

**Tuesday: 7:30 A.M. — April 13th**

Special Intention, Christine Pacheco-Larsen,  
by Christine Pacheco-Larsen

**Wednesday: 7:30 A.M. — April 14th**

Ted and Rose Bell, by Katharine Redmond

**Thursday: 7:30 A.M. — April 15th**

Candido and Irene Salazar, by Marquez Family

**Friday: 7:30 A.M. — April 16th**

Special Intention, Easland Family, by Nelson Family

**Saturday: 4:00 P.M. — April 17th**

Cotorino Tafoya, by Paul and Sally Tafoya

**Sunday: 8:00 A.M. — April 18th**

For our Amazing Parish Family

**Sunday: 11:00 A.M. — April 18th**

Candido and Irene Salazar, by Marquez Family

## Prayer Line:

If you have a prayer request please call  
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**For questions contact:**

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### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

May the joy of Easter be with you. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends. It is available "virtually" on the Internet on April 23-25 and July 11-13. It is available in person in Durango on Sept. 17-19; and in Colorado Springs on Nov. 5-7. Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early.

For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 720-213-8833. Follow us on Instagram! @wwmeColorado

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### PICK OF THE WEEK

April 11, 2021



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#### **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL**

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this week, join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us. This video features breathtaking footage that sheds light on the beauty and breadth of the Catholic Church.

**LEARN**

#### **A BIBLE STUDY ON THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY**


In 2002, St. John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries to the Rosary. In unique ways, each of these mysteries reveal that Christ is the "light of the world" (Jn 8:20). To more fruitfully ponder these mysteries, join us in this Bible study with the Augustine Institute faculty.

**LISTEN**

#### **THE NECESSITY OF DIVINE MERCY BY FR. CHRIS ALAR**

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. Discover God's transformative message of Divine Mercy through this week.



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