You may recall from a Pastor’s Note I wrote a few weeks ago: "I wanted to briefly update you on our weekly Mass schedule. For Sunday Masses, we will reassess every two months to determine if 1) another Mass should be added and/or 2) the current schedule should be changed. There are two criteria/conditions that will be at work in making this determination: first: Is there a need?, and second, Do we have the workforce to support it? With this in mind, the current Sunday schedule will remain in effect until the first weekend of November...As we continue in these odd times, being able to evaluate and adjust remains so important. Thanks for your flexibility and patience!"

I’ll also remind you that—having fewer Masses, no obligation to attend, but also many people who are not comfortable attending indoor Mass—we proposed a rotation of sorts, asking that you count on coming once a month. We asked that you wait until Friday at 6pm, before the upcoming weekend, to see if there are vacancies remaining, and if so, allowing you to attend again. Thank you for working with that request.

With all this in mind, it would be helpful to know you are having difficulty signing up, due to lack the Masses being full. Up to this point, I’ve only had a couple people tell me that they’ve been unable, but there may be more. This will help us to know how to move forward.

The other challenge that we need to try to work through is that at most every Mass there are a handful of no-shows, especially knowing that there are at least a few people who wanted to attend, but there was no room for them.

In the coming days, I will meet with a committee, and we will break open these questions:

1. Do we believe it’s now time to add another Sunday Mass?
2. Do we have the workforce to support it? I say this because of all that’s required to disinfect, and facilitate traffic flow. As you likely know, we have fewer volunteers at this time, doing more work. Please help!
3. If the answer is yes to both, we will determine the schedule.

Again, please let us know if you have not been unable to attend Mass, because the Mass is filled up. Thanks for your patience. More to come.

For those still uncomfortable with the risk of being around a larger number of people, but wanting to come to Mass or be in the church, you might try either coming to daily Mass (Monday 8am; Wednesday 6pm; Thursday 8am; Friday 9am). You might also consider coming to spend time through the week during our Adoration hours (Monday 9am-4pm; Tuesday 9am-45pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Thursday 9am-4pm; Friday 10am-4pm; Saturday 9am-4pm).

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Peter O. Stangl