

July 11, 2021

Dear parishioners of Holy Martyrs of Japan,

I am incredibly happy and excited to be assigned as your pastor. I offer my thanksgiving to our God, our Mother Mary, and to our Archbishop Cardinal Collins for entrusting me with this great mission and responsibility.

As I begin my duties of the pastorship, mainly the three functions of teaching, sanctifying, and governing, I ask for your prayers and support. For, I am not able to do it alone, but with cooperation and support from Fr. Mani, Deacon David, Deacon Pedro, our parish staff, ministry leaders, and our parishioners. I am very confident that we will be able to work as a team and as a parish family.

I also want to update you that our parish is moving towards reopening our parish in keeping with the safety guidelines from the Archdiocese, public health, and the government.

- 1. We have rearranged our seating, ensuring safe distance to accommodate a greater capacity.
- 2. Adoration Chapel will be open from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday to Friday.
- We will start with a new Sunday Mass schedule starting on July 24/25, 2021:
  5 PM Saturday Vigil, Sunday Mass 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon, 6:30pm
- 4. The Rosary will be prayed 30 minutes before all Masses.
- 5. Confession will be available on Saturday from 8:00 -8:45 AM and 3:30-4:30 PM. Other times are available by appointment only.
- 6. First Friday of the Month Adoration and Benediction from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM after the 7 PM Mass.

As we move forward to reopening our parish, I want to express my deepest thanks to all our volunteers who worked tirelessly to welcome, sanitize, and keep our parish safe. We could not have done it without you. Also, please keep practicing social distancing, wearing face masks, and sanitizing your hands regularly.

May God bless you and I hope to see you at Church.

In Christ,

Fr. John Pak