



# The Shell

An e-letter for

Saint James the Greater Church,  
3565 Hubble Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45247

August 17, 2020,

Dear Friends,

## **Solicitations**

A group called ‘CatholicVote’ is soliciting funds from Catholics and pretends to speak for the Catholic Church. It is not connected to the Church and does not speak for the Church.

## **Dispensation**

Our response to Covid continues. Some people have commented that they think the dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation expires later this month. Archbishop Schnurr did not put a termination date on the dispensation. He will announce when the obligation will return.

Again, just because one can come to Mass does not mean one should. Anyone who is compromised in any way ought to stay home. I suggest watching Mass on [CatholicTV.org](http://CatholicTV.org) instead of attending personally.

## **Facilities**

Some of our facilities are reopening but with restrictions. The church hall is NOT available to any youth activities at any time. The hall will be used by the school for lunch each day. It may be scheduled for meetings and religious education events by staff members at other times. Our other meeting rooms have been assigned reduced capacities. Most parish organizations are not meeting at this time. If a meeting takes place, it is the responsibility of the members of that group to sanitize the space so it can be used again. Products will be made available. Events may be cancelled abruptly if governmental regulations change.

## **Live-streaming**

We have signed a contract to install a camera in church so that Mass can be live-streamed through our parish website. Unfortunately, they can't tell us when installation can be done. There is a critical shortage of cameras. As soon as one is available, it will be installed. We will let you know when it is available as soon as it happens.

This is the first phase for live-streaming. In the future an additional camera will be placed in the church. We will also install the ability to live-stream from the undercroft. These will be done after we learn how to work the first camera in church and the equipment can be gotten.

### **10:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays**

By actual count, we know that more people are returning to Sunday Masses, especially the 10:00 a.m. Mass. To respond to that, in September we will add Communion stations at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Directions will be given when that happens.

### **Servers**

You will see servers back at their ministry at the Masses beginning August 22. With school opening and other youth activities resuming, it seems we can have them return to their ministry. We also have 10 new servers who were just trained.

### **Our Prayer during the Pandemic**

Don't forget our praying the Memorare together at Noon everyday.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

God bless and stay well.

*Father Nolker*