

# PASTOR'S UPDATE TO PARISHIONERS – V (5/27/20)

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## PASTORAL MESSAGE TO PARISHIONERS FROM FR. FERGUSON

### Greetings.

Today's "UPDATE – V" includes some important reminders, especially as we prepare for our "re-opening" of public Masses this coming weekend.

Let's continue to support each other in the current difficult times, especially our fellow parishioners who are in high-risk demographics and who may not be able to join us this coming weekend when we do resume on-site Masses. Also we pray for our graduates who have had an unexpected end to their schooling, as well as our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and RCIA Elect who have had to postpone their special sacramental encounters with the Lord.

In the midst of all these challenges, we unite our sufferings to those of our fellow Christians who formed the earliest Church and who practiced their faith in very difficult circumstances. This weekend's Solemnity of Pentecost encourages us that even in the toughest of times, the Lord Jesus will continue to accompany us with His Holy Spirit just as He did for those earliest disciples in the days after His Ascension, who were themselves embarking on very uncertain futures. For it was on Ascension that Jesus promised to them...and to us today....that he would never abandon us: "Behold: I will be with you always, even until the end of the world!"

**PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE NEXT UPDATE – ON FRIDAY – FOR IMPORTANT LOGISTICS REGARDING COMING ON-SITE FOR MASSES, AS WELL AS FOR THOSE HELPING AS LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS!**

Our Mother Mary, Patron of our Hardin County Parishes, Pray for Us.

-Fr. Bill Ferguson, Pastor

## THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES – PRELIMINARY NOTES

This weekend, of course, is the first weekend of public Masses, as allowed by our Ohio Bishops. Please note that we will have the usual "summer" cluster Mass schedule:

**Kenton: Sat 4:00 pm and Sun 9:00 am**

**Ada: Sat 5:30 pm and Sun 11:00 pm** (remember that last year we had already decided that the 8:30 Mass would only be a "school year" Mass)

Please read this coming **FRIDAY'S UPDATE for important reminders on the logistics of coming on-site** for these Masses, as directed by Bishop Brennan. Remember that the obligation to come to Mass is dispensed until September. You are not under any requirement to come if you do not feel comfortable in doing so. We will therefore continue to offer Livestreaming (on a rotational-location basis, beginning with Kenton this weekend at 9:00 am). The usual Saturday Confessions will not take place; they will continue in the social-distanced format on Wednesdays and Sundays on a rotational basis as described in past updates

**WEEKDAY MASSES** For Weekday Masses, please note that we will observe what we normally have done in the past with our "August Mass Schedule" beginning next week. Therefore, we will offer DAILY MASSES as follows, all at 9:00 am:

**Ada: on Mondays and Tuesdays**

**Kenton: on Wednesdays and Fridays**

## **UPCOMING SACRAMENTAL MASSES**

Please keep in prayer those who are preparing for **special Sacraments** in our Hardin County Cluster.

The following are the Masses, most of which have had to be postponed due to COVID, for people's awareness and so that you can pray for them as the dates approach:

CONFIRMATION: 2 June 2020

ADA FIRST COMMUNION: 6 June 2020

KENTON FIRST COMMUNION: 20 Jun 2020

RCIA ELECT AND ADULT CONFIRMATION: 5 July 2020

Please note: due to COVID restrictions, seating is limited to only the families involved, and we unfortunately cannot allow the general parish population to attend these liturgies. We will, however, be livestreaming the Confirmation Mass and the RCIA Mass, due to the greater limitations on family attendance. Information to come on livestreaming links.

## **BOTH PARISHES: FEEDBACK NEEDED ON 'FORMED'**

I am in the process of completing a "Final Report" on a couple of grants we received over the winter from the Catholic Foundation which helped us to fund a year's subscription to the 'FORMED' online platform of catechetical resources. Part of the Final Report requires us to describe the impact of FORMED on our parishes. So.....I need your help. If you used FORMED these past few months, please send me some feedback or testimonies on how FORMED helped you and how you incorporated it into your spiritual life. Send such comments to my direct e-mail of [hamilton.college@outlook.com](mailto:hamilton.college@outlook.com). Thanks!

## **BEATITUDES VOLUNTEERING**

There has been a request for help at the Ada "Beatitudes" thrift store for the needy, for volunteer help and also donations of snacks for the children they serve. For more information, please contact Steve or Ann Johnson at 712-579-1923. Thank you!