



From the Office of Worship  
Diocese of San Bernardino  
Coordinator of Liturgical Music  
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Hello again, dear friends in the vineyard,

We are so grateful to have been able to open our church doors once more to parishioners during June. As many of you know, there has been a sizeable resurgence of exposure and infections of COVID-19 in many California counties, notably, both our counties of Riverside and San Bernardino.

We have been informed that Governor Newsom is instituting new guidelines for faith organizations and house of worship services, which include our eucharistic celebrations and prayer services. Most of the previously sent out directives are upheld at this time, however, all liturgical vocal singing is to be suspended immediately, and no public music events are to be held/hosted.

**At this time, until further notice, there is to be NO SINGING whatsoever in our liturgies.**

**This entails:**

- NO vocal singing during liturgy**
- NO cantor/choir member present**
- The Celebrant should refrain from singing acclamations or parts of the mass, and**
- NO public music/concerts are to be held or hosted**

**Additional Clarification:**

- Masked & Distanced Instrumentation during liturgies is still allowed at this time**
- No more than 3 instruments playing for one liturgy**
- Limit instrument variety to String, Organ, Piano or Guitar**

This new guidance is mandatory, and **goes into effect immediately (Thursday, July 2, 2020)**. Please inform your parish music & choir directors, liturgy coordinators and choir members/ cantors/ instrumentalists who may be "scheduled" for upcoming liturgies. Updates will be sent out as we receive new guidance.

Thank you for your willingness to serve your communities in the capacities that you can, and please continue to pray for progress as a local and larger faith community, as we deal with this ever-changing situation. Our faithful prayers and intentional precautionary actions are key to moving forward against this pandemic.

Blessings and Peace,

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