

St. Robert Bellarmine Roman Catholic Church

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Pastor:

Rev. Gabriel Lee

Senior Priest:

Rev. Msgr. Martin T. Geraghty

Associate Pastor

Rev. Godofredo Felicitas

Rev. John Hwang

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Michael Brainerd



Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday Evening Mass 5:00 pm

8:45 pm (Korean)

Sunday 8:00, 9:15 (Korean),

11:00 am & 12:30 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday – Friday 7:00 & 9:00 am

Saturday 9:00 am

Confessions: Saturdays: 4-4:45

Dear Parishioner(s),

I am writing to share good news that we have received from the Diocese related to the opening of our church. Earlier this week, Bishop DiMarzio advised all parishes in the Brooklyn/Queens diocese that they are permitted to make plans to reopen churches for limited purposes.

Starting on May 26, St. Robert Bellarmine will open each day from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** for private prayer, funerals, baptisms and weddings. As of right now, there are no public masses and no gatherings are permitted inside of the church.

How are we preparing St. Robert Bellarmine Church?

- Thoroughly sanitizing and marking off seats and closing rows with tape to maintain social distancing norms
- Cleaning the church; which has remained unused for the last two months
- Removing prayer books and other materials.
- Closing the cry room and other small spaces (one restroom will remain open and will be cleaned regularly).
- Confession will be available *by appointment only*.
- Ushers will be in the church during open hours to confirm compliance with guidelines set out by the Diocese.

How can you do your part to help?

- Please wear a face covering when visiting church. You can take any other actions that make you comfortable (hand sanitizer, gloves, etc.), but please do not bring disinfecting wipes to church, as they can damage the wood and other surfaces.

- The Diocese is only allowing 10 visitors in the church at any time. If 10 people are in the church, you will be asked by our ushers to wait until someone leaves. Please respect those directions.
- Please maintain social distancing from other visitors and use only marked spaces.
- The elderly and all that are health compromised **should pray at home**.
- It is recommended that you take your temperature at home before visiting the church. If you have a fever or if you are not feeling well, **please stay home**.

Please note that the rectory will remain closed at this time but that our administrative support will continue to answer your phone calls.

While we all long for the days when we can freely worship at St. Robert's, we need to be mindful of the dangerous situation posed by the virus. This is a wonderful step in opening our churches to allow the faithful to have a space to pray and hold sacred events.

We will continue to share updates on a regular basis. Thank you for your patience and prayers and God bless you all!

Keeping you in my prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gabriel Lee', written in a cursive style.

Father Gabriel Lee

Pastor