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Dear Friends,

While I'm away this week and this coming weekend, just wanted to update you all on how things went with our two Masses inside the Church on Friday and Saturday, July 3rd and 4th. A big THANK YOU to our PA for Liturgy, Julianna Castro, as well as many dedicated staff and parishioners who helped organize and implement all the protocols! Everything went very well from a safety perspective—thanks be to God!

It took A LOT of effort ahead of time to make things run so smoothly. The only "glitches" that I noticed were on my part! Including from the very beginning, as I was, at first, using the microphone that connects to the *outdoor* speakers. Once staff recognized that and helped me get the *indoor* microphone, things went very well.

In my three years as a priest, what I've noticed for me as a presider at Mass is that, if anything is different, it causes my brain to blank out at moments. For example, if I use a *Roman Missal* from a different publisher, even having the font look different on the page can be disorienting for me and causes me to have to think about each step. It doesn't take long to adapt, but it's interesting to notice that in myself.

So, the change from outdoor to indoor last Friday and Saturday was similarly disorienting for me—but, in a good way! As I'm glad to continue our progress toward celebrating Mass in our beautiful Church again! It was a joy to see those of you who were able to come, as well as to know that many of you were praying with us from home. Please stay tuned as we continue to prepare for a schedule of both indoor and outdoor Masses for the remainder of the summer.

Once again, thank you to my brother priests and friends, Fr. Stephen Rowan and Fr. Lyle Konen, who are here to celebrate Masses at MQP this week!

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Fr. Chad Green

