APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF NORTHERN ARABIA
PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL

Al Soor Street # 21 near Sheraton Hotel, P.O. Box 266, 13003 Safat, Kuwait.

THE HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL WILL REOPEN ITS DOORS TO THE FAITHFUL ON *7th August 2020*

GUIDELINES : REOPENING OF THE HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL
(TO BE STRICTLY IMPLEMENTED FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PARISHIONERS)

Precautions
- Always wear face mask. ***No Mask No Entry***.
- Wearing of proper face masks, gloves and temperature checks are mandatory. Anyone refusing to comply with the safety methods will be denied access to church.
- While sanitizers are provided in the church, everyone is advised to bring their own sanitizers.
- Children aged 15 years & below and adults aged 65 years & above will not be allowed to attend Mass inside the Church or anywhere within the Compound.
- Persons who have cough, cold, fever, difficulty in breathing and other health conditions may participate on live streaming Mass thru the internet. Live streaming links will be posted at **www.avona.org** Please stay home and refrain from coming to Church to protect others from potential danger.
- Practice safe distancing at all times.

Entrance & Exit
- Rear gate (at the Grotto) will be used exclusively for entrance. A tent has been put-up to perform screening protocols and precautionary checks like temperature reading and general health conditions.
- Entry will be at the main door of the Cathedral, Holy Family Hall and Padre Pio Hall.
- Follow the signs of entrance and exit doors. There will be signage and markers installed.
- Main gate will be used exclusively to exit.
- Do not crowd during entrance and exit. Practice safe distancing.
- The Sacristy is strictly for the use of the Priests and on-duty Servers only. Public entrance and exit is not permitted.
- Ushers will be present to help and assist. Everyone is expected to be courteous and cooperative at all times.

Inside the Church
- There will be **no confessions** in the church but Priests are allowed to decide on individual confessions as permissible.
- Follow the markers on the benches and floors. Always adhere to the physical distancing policy.
- Avoid touching and wiping the images/statues of the saints inside the church.
- There will be no offertory processions.
- Collection bags with long handle will be used to gather love-offering, tithes and donations.

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- No handshake or touching hands exchanging the "Sign of Peace". A gentle bow or a soft wave accompanied with a smile is acceptable.
- Approach the Priest/Eucharistic Minister with stretched arms and receive communion with bare hands (without gloves).

- After dismissal, parishioners are requested to head home. No gathering in the church premises.
- You are requested to cooperate with the Ushers at all times.

Restrictions

- **Mass attendance : *No Appointment No Entry***
- Mass participation on **Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays** will be based on the appointed schedule / reservation of the parishioner which can be obtained through on-line application only. You can find the links for the English and Language Masses in the Avona Website: **www.avona.org**
- Weekday Masses will continue to be live streamed and will **not** be open to the public.
- ***Parish Office is strictly by appointment only.***
  You may send your requests and/or inquiries to the

Parish email: **hfckuwait11@gmail.com**
or call **22434228 / 22434637 / 66475669** during office hours

NEW Parish Office Timing
8:00 am - 12:00 noon & 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm (daily except Mondays)
8:00 am - 12:00 noon & 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Fridays)
Closed on Mondays

- Prayer meetings, condolence meetings and other forms of gatherings are not allowed.
- House visits and blessing are not allowed
- The Adoration Chapel will remain closed.
- Conferring of the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage are allowed with limited number of attendees and strictly by appointment only. Please contact the Parish Office.
- Rest rooms will be closed.
- Parking must observe at least one meter distancing as directed by the head of police.

These guidelines may be updated/changed anytime, without prior notice, based on the current health situation, the cooperation of the parishioners and in conformity to Ministry directives.
Please visit the website often to update yourself of such changes.

Compliance to these guidelines is needed for our Church to remain open to serve you.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Ramon C. Atanacio, OFM-Cap.
Acting Parish Priest
29th July 2020

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