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Dear Lectors:

Thank you for your continued patience and resilience during this pandemic period. We very much appreciate all those who are able to continue to lector and also sincerely understand that not everyone can participate at this time. Please read this letter carefully as there is important information regarding the Masses and the holidays.

The lector schedule for the period from December 5, 2020-March 7, 2021 is now available. The weekend of Nov. 28-29 begins the new liturgical year with the first weekend of Advent. The readings will now come from cycle B in the lectionary. We will still be using one person to serve as reader, lector 1, and lector 2. At certain Masses you will also be reading the prayer for spiritual communion. Please carefully read the information that precedes the schedule which explains what is new, especially for those who are returning to the schedule.

With the first weekend of Advent St. Andrew is returning to signing up in advance for Mass. This was deemed necessary as the number of Covid cases has risen and there is a need for the parish to be able to quickly notify those attending Mass if they may have been exposed to the virus. We will once again be using Eventbrite.

With the extension of the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass, the Immaculate Conception is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but we will still be offering an evening Mass on December 8 at 7:00pm in addition to the daily morning Mass. Please contact Nikki if you are interested in serving as the lector for the evening Mass. Thank you to those who responded for the Christmas Schedule. There is still an opening at 7:00pm on Christmas Eve and at 12:00pm on Christmas Day. For the Solemnity of Mary, we will be offering a vigil Mass on December 31 at 4:00pm and will need a lector for that Mass. The Mass on January 1 will be at 9:00am and is covered by the weekday lector.

As a reminder, everyone is asked to wear masks while in the parking lot or in church, except while reading or receiving Communion. The lector for the day, and their family, has a reserved seat in the first row in front of the ambo. When scheduled, you are asked to keep your mask on until it is time to approach the ambo, then you may remove your mask. When you return to your seat, please place your mask back on your face. The readings for the lector and the intercessions are all in the same binder. You may remove the binder from the Ambo after the second reading and return it for the intercessions. The binder and the pages will be sanitized between Masses. Also, please refrain from moving the microphone if at all possible.

Thank you all for your support during this very difficult time. We are blessed to have you either reading and/or praying for the St. Andrew community and for everyone impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Peace,

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