



**DIOCESE OF
SAN JOSE**

Statement on Lifting Restrictions for Public Worship

April 13, 2021

On April 12, Governor Newsom removed the mandatory capacity limits on worship in California. The Diocese of San Jose welcomes this development and notes that the protocols we have established were intended to collaborate with State and local public health officials, but were not undertaken solely due to the mandates of these entities.

Although the numbers have improved in our county and the percentage of our community that have now received the vaccine is increasing, this community is not anywhere near a level that experts refer to as “herd immunity.”

For these reasons, the Catholic Church in the Diocese of San José will not be making any changes at the present time to the protocols we have presently set in place. Our churches will continue to limit their indoor worship to a maximum of 50% of their capacity. Social distancing and masks will continue to be required in all church facilities.

Celebrating the Holy Mass together safely and as a community is a pressing priority for our parishes. It is our hope and prayer that the recent progress that has been made will continue and that, God willing, we will soon be able to relax these limitations in the coming weeks. For the time being, however, we must stay the course for the good of our parishioners and community members at large, especially those most vulnerable.

**Journeying
Together
in Hope**
DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE