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Dear Parishioner,

The past 15 months and our struggle with Covid-19 has turned our world upside down. With a declining number of infections and deaths related to the virus in Arizona and with the availability of vaccines that have proven effective to the majority of the population, Phoenix Bishop Thomas Olmsted, announced "the restoration of the obligation for Sunday and holy day Masses in the Diocese of Phoenix, effective July 1, 2021." Obviously, the exception would be those diagnosed with Covid-1, those whose health suffers from other serious complications, those who care for the sick, homebound, or infirm and those elderly or pregnant who have serious reason to believe you, or your child would be at risk by attending Mass.

Much of the population has returned to some semblance of normalcy in our day-to-day lives. It is time to number your presence and participation at Sunday Mass among them. Our combined parish family has diligently maintained the protocols for health and safety of all who worship with us over this difficult time. While we are not totally out of the woods regarding the coronavirus, we are moving in the right direction. While all seating is open, we will continue to keep overflow areas open for those who prefer extra distance. Those not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a mask. Those fully vaccinated need not wear a mask but are free to do so according to their comfort level.

Now it is time for all of us to come home to our parish community. For those who have been away for these many months because of the pandemic, know that we miss you and are eager to welcome you home to the Table of the Lord. We are less without you, and with you the Body of Christ will be complete.

Sincerely,

Rev. Edward J. Kaminski, CSC  
Pastor

*During the time of the St. Raphael Church remodel, currently in progress,  
all Masses are celebrated at Our Lady of the Valley Church:*

- **Sunday Masses: 4:00 pm Saturday, 8:00 am, 10 am & 12:00 pm Sunday (Filipino - 5:00 pm).**
- **Beginning July 5, the 9:00 am weekday Mass, Monday-Friday, will resume.**