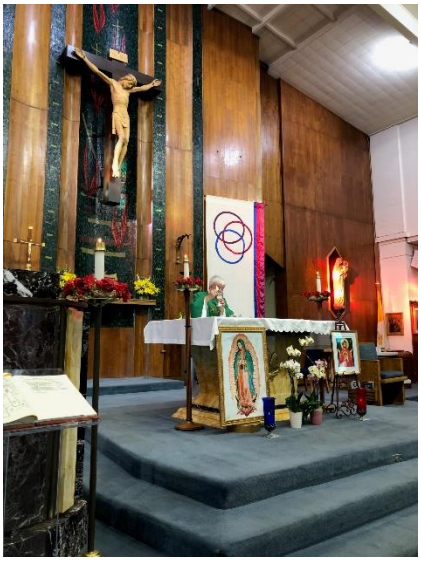
First Mass with Congregation after three Months !

It was with a profound feeling of joy, and not without a tear, that we were able to open up the Church again for Holy Mass, albeit with lots of social distancing. It has been almost three months to the day that we have not been able to open the church for Mass and the sacraments. We are moving forward thanks to the Lord's good grace and through a huge team effort by the pastoral team and the staff and many volunteers. This weekend we open up for Masses including five more Masses to cope with the 100 person cap on the attendance. Make sure you get your ticket; available on Thursday between 5pm - 7pm at SLdM basketball courts and on Friday a 4pm - 6pm at Los Alamos for St Anthony's Sunday Masses.

A congregation arrives!



Fr Alfred invites all to receive Holy Communion.

Patty, our parish coordinator, receives our Lord.

What follows is a poem by the Dutch liturgist and author Huub Oosterhuis. It has always been a source of inspiration to me about the nature of the church that gathers. Perhaps we could all reflect upon it as we slowly gather again for worship and establish the new normal.

Only a House

By Huub Oosterhuis

What is this place where we are meeting?
Only a house, the earth its floor,
walls and a roof, sheltering people,
windows for light, an open door.
Yet it becomes a body that lives
when we are gathered here
and know that our God is near

Words from afar, stars that are falling,
sparks that are sown in us like seed,
names for our God, dreams, signs and wonders
sent form the past are all we need.
We in this place remember and speak
again what we have heard:
God's free redeeming word.

And we accept bread at this table,
broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living,
we are each others' bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive
what we need to increase
God's justice and his peace.

Like the soaring Eagle, let us be, "Onwards and upwards", re-establishing our presence and mission to the community to be God's Holy people, alive and active in a world that needs our community of commitment, holiness, justice and peace.

The "New Normal" is still the New Commandment
"Love one another as I have loved you".

God bless, Fr Aidan-Peter CJ