

June 9, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome back! Thank you for your prayers and patience.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, (over the age of sixty, existing heart or lung conditions, diabetes, or otherwise compromised) Please remain at home. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days issued on March 12, 2020 remains in effect until further notice. We will continue to live-stream Masses for you to watch at home.

If your health is compromised, and you wish to attend Mass, please consider attending a daily Mass, or the 7 AM Mass on Sunday.

Please note the following instructions for your safety: Before you attend Mass, please take your temperature at home, Normal range is 97 to 99.5 Fahrenheit. Do not attend if your temperature does not fall within this normal range. Please bring your own sanitizer to use prior to entering the church.

Wear your face masks. We ask that you try not to use our public bathrooms, they will need to be disinfected after each use, we do not have the staff to monitor or clean the restrooms after each use.

Remain in your vehicle until the church doors are propped open. Socializing and congregating outside, in the vestibule, or aisle is discouraged.

Due to occupancy restrictions, if the maximum capacity is reached, you may return to your vehicle and view a livestreamed Mass, return to church vestibule for Communion when the center doors are propped open.

Please do not use the pews labeled with a do not enter sign. Please sit in every other pew with your same household family, otherwise keep 6 feet spacing if you are sharing a long pew.

To minimize exposure time, the Mass will be shortened, there will be no congregational singing, Hymnals, and missalettes have been removed from the pews. You are welcome to bring your own personal copy of the readings, (Magnificat, Missal, other devotional or download iBreviary on your phone) just be sure to take it with you when you leave.

When you approach for communion, remain six feet from others in the line, you may use the empty pew markers as your guide. When it is your time to receive, keep your mask on and remain six feet away from the minister while he shows you the Host and says, "The Body of Christ", after you respond, "Amen", approach the minister.

Receive the Host in your hand, then step six feet away from the minister. Remove your face covering, consume the Host and replace the face covering before returning to your pew.

The distribution of the Precious Blood is suppressed until further notice. Out of kind concern for the vulnerable and our sacred ministers, those who normally receive on the tongue are respectfully asked to consider receiving in the hand as a temporary measure knowing that the minister will be required to disinfect his hands after each communicant who receives on the tongue. Those receiving on the tongue please only approach the priest or deacon.

Those who will not receive Communion should not come forward with hands crossed for a blessing: there is a blessing for everyone at the end of Mass.

We can use the help of volunteers to sanitize surfaces before and after Mass.

God Bless you,

Fr. Mike