

FAQs

Q: *Will all the Masses be at the normal times?*

A: Yes. Starting Saturday, May 9th, the regular Mass schedule resumes, besides a new Spanish Mass will be celebrated on Saturdays at 8:00 pm. To see our full Mass schedule, please visit our website.

Q: *Will you still live stream the Masses?*

A: Yes. Live stream will be available for Sunday Mass at Saturday English Mass 6:00 pm and Spanish Mass 8:00 pm. On weekly daily Masses at 9:00 am Tuesday and Thursday in English, Wednesday and Friday Spanish on our website, Facebook and through the YouTube channel "St Mark the Evangelist / San Marcos el Evangelista". Later on you can watch the recorded Mass.

Q: *What do we do if the church has reached its capacity when we arrive for Mass?*

A: When we reach capacity of, the doors will be closed and locked. Those who didn't get in as planned, may wait for the next Mass or participate via Internet in your car. Communion will be brought out and distributed in the Church's porch.

Q: *Will people who attend Mass need to wear face masks?*

A: Yes. It is mandatory, to enter the Church you need a mask covering your nose and mouth. *If you are sick, coughing, have a fever, we ask you to please stay at home.*

Q: *Do we have the dispensation to not attend Mass?*

A: Yes. Cardinal DiNardo has granted dispensation for anyone not comfortable coming to Mass yet. And we are asking anyone over 65. Anyone who has health risks, compromised immune systems, or just not comfortable in big groups yet to please STAY HOME AND STAY SAFE. We love you and we don't want to see you get sick or subject you to extra anxiety. You always can participate in Mass via the Internet.

Q: *If I was scheduled to serve as Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or as a Lector, do I have to attend Mass?*

A: No. Scheduling made before the pandemic is not valid anymore. Right now Holy Communion will be distributed only by priest and deacons. I talked with the coordinators of Lectors English and Spanish, there are going to call to see who is fit and available; if you are 65 years old, or older, have health issues or are not ready to attend yet, please stay home. If we have one Lector per Mass it is OK, if we do not have any Lector it is OK, deacon can be the Lector and the priest read the gospel. We need to be flexible in the current pandemic situation.

Q: *What will be the safety precautions taken by the Church?*

A: We are limiting seating to every other row. People are using a mask all time. After each Mass, we will have volunteers wipe down the pews with disinfectant so it can be ready and clean for the next Mass. We will also wipe down all the door handles and clean the bathrooms after each Mass.

Q: *What about receiving communion? Will that be safe?*

A: We are following the guidelines from the government and the Archdiocese to be as cautious as possible. We will not be distributing the Precious Blood for the foreseeable future. Also, we will limit the ministers of communion to just the priest and deacon who will clean their hands right before giving communion and wearing a mask while distributing communion. Communion will take longer, but we are doing it to stay as safe as possible. At the moment Holy Communion will be distributed only in the hand. Coming forth to receive Holy Communion will be done by sections of the church, first left hand of the altar by the choir, then the left central section, then right central section, then the right side of the church, and finally Small Hall.

At the end of Mass we will ask you to leave one pew at a time starting in the back, in-order to keep social distancing guidelines. We also request you not stay in the church or parking lot and socialize and please go directly to your vehicle.

Q: *Will you take a collection?*

A: Yes. although we will not pass the collection baskets. The baskets for first and second collection will be on a table in the church's lobby and in the back of the Large Hall you can give your offering when entering or leaving Church.