

SAFETY PROTOCOLS DURING COVID

What you need to know...



Regular Mass Schedule

DAILY MASS: Mon-Sat: 12 Noon*

WEEKEND MASSES: Sat. Vigil 5 PM*; Sun: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM*, 11:30 AM

Confession: Sat. 12:45-1:30pm | Adoration: Fri. 1:00-3:00pm*

Private Prayer: Mon-Fri, 10am-7pm; Praying of the Rosary: Mon-Fri, 12:30pm*

*Livestreamed: [Facebook](#) | [Website](#) | [YouTube](#)

All must follow all safety protocols, especially mask-wearing (2yrs old and older) and keeping social distance (at least 6ft. apart) at all times while being present in our facilities.

GENERAL

1. As of today, no group for any celebration of the Mass, sacraments and funerals will be larger than **25% of capacity**, as per Governor Murphy's order.
2. **The dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday and Holy Day Masses remains in effect until further notice.** Live-streaming of Mass will be continued for those unable to attend.
3. Those particularly vulnerable to the coronavirus, i.e. **those sixty (60) years of age and over, and especially those with one or more underlying medical conditions**, should follow Mass at **home** via live stream until **all** restrictions are removed.

4. One should **not** come to Notre Dame if experiencing any symptoms of illness, especially:

- A temperature of 99.9 F or above
- Cough or sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Recent loss of smell or taste
- Headache
- Chills
- New muscle aches
- Gastrointestinal upset and diarrhea
- General feeling of unwell
- If you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

If you, or someone in your household is experiencing any of these symptoms, or simply not feeling well, please stay home to protect the health of others.

ABOUT OUR FACILITIES

1. The church is open during services and private prayer **ONLY** and can be accessed only **from the main doors on Ridgedale Avenue**. However, all doors allow for exit in case of emergency.
2. Christ's Corner Gift Shop remains closed.
3. Use of meeting space for ministry purposes must be coordinated through the Parish Secretary (parishsecretary@ndcarmel.com) and all participants must follow all safety protocols.
4. There is **no** access to the Chapel, except for Music Ministry purposes.
5. All hymnals, missalettes & bibles have been removed from the church pews for the duration of the pandemic.
6. Holy water fonts and the baptismal fonts will remain empty throughout the duration of the pandemic.
7. The church is not accessible between Sunday Masses to allow cleaning before the next Mass.
8. Regularly cleaning and disinfecting commonly-touched surfaces in the church is done by volunteers after **designated** Liturgy/Mass in the church.
9. The parish office is open Monday through Friday, from 10am until 3pm.

ABOUT IN-PERSON MASS PARTICIPANTS

1. When arriving at Notre Dame, please use social distancing at all times.
2. All persons **over the age of 2, are required to wear a face mask upon exiting their vehicle and the entire time they are in the building.**
3. Hand sanitizer is distributed as you enter the church by one of our masked Greeters. We also **ask that you bring your own hand sanitizer** to use before and after you receive the Eucharist.
4. Ministers will be available to welcome you into the building for Weekend liturgies, directing you to a pew for seating, and limiting the number of persons to whom the church is accessible. Some pews remain closed to make certain that social distancing is maintained. Markings have been placed on the floor and on the pews to maintain social distancing as well.

5. All present **must practice social distancing** by keeping 6 feet from other persons. People in the same household do not have to follow the social distancing guidelines, but must keep 6 feet from all those not in their household.
6. Please **remain in your pew**, unless you need to use the restroom. Also, please assure that **children remain with their parents the entire time they are in the building**.
7. Restrooms should **only** be used in case of necessity. Only one rest room, near Christ's Corner Gift Shop, is available for use. It is supplied with cleaning materials. Please clean all surfaces after use. **Children are not to be allowed to use the restroom unattended.**
8. Throughout the duration of the pandemic, there is **no choir, nor singing by the congregation**.
9. There is no **Offertory Procession** at this time. Collection baskets are located at the table in the main entrance to the church. We **strongly encourage you to sign up for Online Giving**. You can also submit your donation on our parish website or by mailing in your envelopes to the Parish Office.
10. There will be **no physical Exchange of Peace**.
11. **Communion:** We strongly encourage you to bring hand sanitizer to use before and after the reception of Holy Communion. The Body of Christ will be placed in the hands of the communicant only, **there will be no Communion on the tongue**. **There will be no distribution of the Precious Blood. Please do not remove your mask to consume the Body while the priest is still in front of you.**
12. Please **do not** linger by the doors to the church; kindly go **directly** to your vehicle.

All of the guidelines are subject to change at any time.

Please contact the Parish Office 973-538-1358 x 100 with any questions you might have.