

Dear St. Rose Parishioners,

We know many of you are longing to return to Mass, and we look forward to welcoming you back! To keep abreast of the latest news about our reopening, please sign up for Flocknote by clicking [HERE](#) and/or check the parish website regularly.

We have been working hard to prepare for your return and to set in place cleaning and safety protocols that will help to minimize the risk of spreading the coronavirus. *However, risk still exists, so you must use your own judgement in deciding whether to attend in person.*

Please remember that Archbishop Gregory's dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass **is still in effect**. If you are not feeling well, are immunocompromised due to health issues or age, or are anxious about returning safely to Mass, *please stay home!* We will continue to livestream Masses.

As we begin to reopen, we will do so in gradual steps. For now, we will offer one English Mass (10:00am) and one Spanish Mass (12:00pm) each Sunday, to allow sufficient time to clean between Masses. To facilitate appropriate social distancing, capacity will be limited to 100 attendees. Though the Mass itself is fundamentally unchanged, there will be some noticeable differences in the logistics.

Sign Up to Attend...

To attend Mass, you must sign up via ParishSoft by clicking [HERE](#).

Complete the sign up only for family members who live in your household. Extended family members and friends must complete their own sign up. We ask that you sign up to attend Mass no more than once a month, so that all who wish to come have an opportunity to do so.

Before You Leave Home...

Please plan to arrive early, allowing enough time for check-in. We strongly urge you to use the bathroom before coming to Mass; one restroom will be available *for emergency use only*. The prayers spoken at Mass are available in a PDF document, linked on our website. Please download it to your electronic device before you leave home.

Remember to bring with you the following items:

- ▶ TICKET – Everyone must have a ticket. Bring a printed copy or have it ready on your phone.
- ▶ FACE MASK – Masks are required for all attendees aged 2 and older.
- ▶ HAND SANITIZER – Please bring your own.
- ▶ CONTRIBUTION – Please bring your prepared contribution envelope. Better yet, **donate online** via the link on our website before you come to Mass by clicking [HERE](#)

As You Arrive...

We advise you to park in the upper rear parking lot, as the lower level doors will not be open. NOTE: Entrance to the Church will be via the upper level side doors (used during construction of the Gathering Space), not the main doors facing the ellipse.

As you get in line for check-in, allow 6 feet of distance from others. Please have your mask on and your ticket ready to present. They are required for entry. During check-in, your temperature will be taken using a no-touch thermometer. We cannot allow entry to anyone who has a temperature at or over 100.4 °F or who exhibits other signs of illness.

Once You Are Inside...

Use hand sanitizer upon entering. Keep your mask on. Our ushers will direct seating. Please follow their instructions. Alternate pews will be closed off to allow 6 feet of distance from others. Please be aware that you probably won't be seated in your "usual" spot. Our ushers will do their best to seat members of the same household together.

Pew racks will be empty and handouts will not be available - no missalettes, worship guides, bulletins, children's pamphlets, envelopes/pencils, etc. Music will be instrumental only - there will be no cantor or congregational singing. Please refrain from touching anyone. When greeting others, a simple nod or wave will suffice. The Sign of Peace is to be omitted. During the Our Father, do not hold hands. Collection baskets will not be passed during Mass.

If you have emergency need for the restroom, use only the restroom that is near the elevator. A path to this one available restroom will be marked with stanchions. Do not venture beyond the stanchions. Please remember to wash your hands thoroughly or use hand sanitizer.

To Receive Communion...

The flow for receiving Communion will be very different from our "normal" order and path. Ushers will direct the flow, section by section, row by row. Please carefully follow their instructions for approach, reception, and return. There will be markings on the floor to guide you.

Before leaving your pew, use your hand sanitizer. As you approach the minister to receive the Body of Christ, please keep your mask on. For now, reception will be in the hands only - not on the tongue. After the Body of Christ is placed in your hands, immediately step aside to one of the two marked squares on the floor. Lower your mask and consume the Body of Christ. Replace your mask before returning to your seat.

As You Depart...

When Mass has ended, please gather all your belongings. Do not leave anything in the pews. Ushers will direct departure, section by section, row by row. Please follow their instructions. The order of dismissal and doors used may be different than your "normal" departure.

As you leave, you may place your contribution in the collection boxes, located by the doors. To allow ample time to clean between Masses, there will be no socializing after Mass. Please go directly to your vehicle.

Thank you, and welcome back! God bless you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Agustin Mateo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "A" and "M".

Fr. Agustin Mateo