

Celebrating Sunday mass in St. Jude Church Covid 19 protocol Updated as of February 5, 2021

- All pews will be disinfected before (and after) each mass.
 - All missals have been removed from the pews. Parishioners are free to bring their own personal missals if they choose. Access to Sunday Mass readings can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings> to print out the Sunday Mass readings.
 - Offering baskets will be present near the entrance for parishioners to drop off the Sunday Collection offerings upon entering Church or when leaving the Church after mass. There will be no collection taken up inside the Church during mass. Outdoor Collection will be taken up for those who participate while in their cars.
 - Every other pew is marked off not to be used.
 - All who attend indoors will wear face masks and use hand sanitizer prior to entering and when leaving the church. Facemasks are to be used throughout mass. It is advisable to bring your own hand sanitizer.
 - Those who participate inside church should use far parking lot, allowing the parking lot directly in front of Church to be used by those who stay in their cars during mass.
 - Parishioners should follow any markings on floor for guidance. Also they should enter their pews from the center aisle and slide into the pew as far as they are able, while maintaining 6 feet from other non-family parishioners.
 - Families are allowed to sit together and should choose a row where they will be at least 6 feet from another parishioner/family.
 - If the church gets to the limit of 85 people, congregants will be directed to remain in or at their cars in front of the Church and listen to the mass through the audio available through outdoor speakers. On special days when higher attendance is expected, sign up in advance may be required, (Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter).
 - During the sign of peace a nod or wave is sufficient (no handshaking).
 - Communion will be distributed after Final Blessing of mass so that people can leave church while respecting social distancing more easily. For Communion use center aisle, one row at a time starting with the right side. Maintain a 6 ft distance, and immediately after receiving communion, proceed to the exit while going down the side aisle by the chapel. Parishioners in the pews on the right side should receive first, followed by those in the pews on the left side. This will help minimize potential for contact with parishioners leaving after communion with those still sitting in the pews. If an extraordinary minister of Communion is available to distribute Communion in Church, Father will distribute communion outdoors at the same time, if not Father will distribute Holy Communion in Church first and then proceed to distribute Holy Communion to those outdoors in or near their cars.
- For safety reasons all are encouraged to receive Holy Communion on the Hand. The option to receive on the tongue will be allowed but only after everyone else has received Holy Communion inside and outside of Church. Those receiving Holy Communion on the tongue should remain in their pew until the Eucharist has been distributed to those in Church and outside in their cars. Those in their cars receiving on the tongue will be given Holy Communion after the distribution of Communion to everyone else in their cars.
- Although it would be nice to see and talk to others, congregants should avoid gathering and socializing after receiving Holy Communion, and simply head straight to their cars. In silent prayer all should thank God our Father for the gift of His Son present in the Eucharist. All receiving Communion in Church should take their time before leaving the parking lot so that a sacred time may be had for those still receiving Holy Communion outdoors at their cars.