

## Mass Guidelines and Safety Protocols

Regarding the First Holy Communion Mass, please keep the following protocols in mind:

1. Due to the limitations on the number of people allowed at gatherings, we are currently limiting the number of individuals inside the church. As such we will be limiting the number of guests per student. We will be limiting those allowed inside the church to the student receiving the sacrament, the immediate family (parents and siblings), and one godparent/sponsor.
2. The Masses will be live streamed so the rest of your families and friends can join you by watching our parish Facebook and YouTube channels.
3. In order to enter the church building please bring face coverings. We also recommend you bring your own hand sanitizer for personal use.
4. The Church will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled liturgy and there will be someone at the door to sign you in and then direct you to your seats.
5. We will be practicing social physical distancing by seating your families together spread out throughout the church in pre-designated spots.
6. We ask that you please keep your face coverings on throughout all of Mass.
7. For those receiving Holy Communion, at this time our Bishop is suggesting that it be received on the hand but it is not a requirement. It is your choice how you or your child receive whether on the hand or on the tongue.
8. After the liturgy is finished, ushers will dismiss you one pew at a time to help maintain order.
9. You will then be invited to go outside where you can take pictures or continue your celebrations so that we can clean and prepare the church for the next liturgy. Weather permitting there will be a Professional Photographer in the Smyth Garden. "Photography by Misty". Misty will provide order forms and payment is due at that time.
10. Please keep in mind that if you or anyone in your family have any symptoms or do not feel safe to attend these group gatherings, we recommend you stay at home as there will be future opportunities to receive these sacraments.