



## CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES 2020

The USCCB has determined that at Christmas Eve a diocesan bishop may interpret “evening” as something earlier than 4:00pm during this time of pandemic. After consulting with the presbyteral council, Archbishop Sample has determined that there is no apparent need to change the current law that vigil Masses cannot be celebrated before the 4:00pm evening hour.

However, if due to the restrictions of the pandemic a pastor has good reason to seek an earlier celebration of Christmas Eve Mass he should apply in writing to the Archbishop via his executive assistant Rozanne Johnson ([rjohnson@archdpdx.org](mailto:rjohnson@archdpdx.org)). The pastor must give details of the circumstances which might warrant such an exception.

Priests are reminded that The Congregation of Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments has already granted the priests of the Archdiocese the faculty to celebrate three Masses on weekdays and four Masses on Sundays during the time of pandemic.

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