

COVID-19 Worship Guidelines Update Effective June 15, 2021

St. Bonaventure Catholic Community

In light of the color tier system being lifted by the State of California, the following changes are being implemented in line with guidance from our diocese. Although most of the state's legal mandates are being lifted, we must continue to adhere to recommendations from the CDC, local health officials, and the Diocese of Oakland for the safety of our people.

- 1. Check your Condition:** If you have any COVID-19 symptoms or feel sick in any way (coughing, sneezing, runny nose, or fever), are at a higher risk of illness, or afraid of becoming sick, please stay home.
- 2. Obligation:** The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and receive Holy Communion is currently still dispensed for all Catholics in the Diocese of Oakland. This dispensation will be lifted on August 15 and from that date on, the normative obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will be in effect.
- 3. Face Masks:** If you have been vaccinated you do not need to wear a mask indoors. However, non-vaccinated persons, including minors, must wear masks indoors. If a Mass or other liturgical celebration is outdoors no one needs to wear a mask.
- 4. Social Distancing & Capacity:** There is no longer a government-restriction on capacity for indoor services. Every pew is now available for seating. Registration is no longer required for indoor Masses. All entrances and exits may now be used.
- 5. Preparation of the Gifts & Collection:** Gift bearers will continue to be suspended for now. We will resume passing the basket for the collection.
- 6. The Lord's Prayer & Sign of Peace:** Physical contact should still be avoided, except for among family members.
- 7. Holy Communion:** The reception of Holy Communion will take place during the usual time of the Mass. The assembly will resume coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Only the Body of Christ will be distributed.

Other Gatherings and Ministry Meetings

We have only received guidance regarding worship and are awaiting further direction regarding other gatherings, meetings, ministries, receptions, etc. Once that information has been received and reviewed, it will be communicated.

Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information and schedule.