

Revised Directives for Attending Weekend Mass

We look forward to gathering for weekend Mass once again this Saturday at 5:30pm and on Sunday at 8am, 10am, and 12 Noon!

We remind you about the directives for attending weekend Masses:

- Please be advised that Cardinal Tobin continues the dispensation from our Sunday obligation to attend Mass.
- In accord with national, state, and local health directives, those who show symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to another infected person are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days. It is recommended that everyone should check their temperature at home before coming to church.
- Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are elderly are strongly encouraged to avoid the risks posed by attendance at public celebrations of the Mass.
- As Cardinal Tobin states: “If you are ill or at higher risk for illness, or if attending public Mass in the current climate brings you anxiety, please be at peace and remain at home.”
- You will need to register for Masses on Eventbrite to reserve a seat. Parishioners that have reserved a seat will present the printed ticket or their confirmation email from Eventbrite upon entrance. It is not our intention to exclude anyone, but these directives must be maintained for health and safety reasons.
- The process of downloading a ticket is relatively simple – once the event has been created, a button will be posted on the parish website and an email will be sent out to all parishioners inviting them to click on the provided link to reserve a ticket for the Mass of their choice. We will provide parishioners with a step by step guide to reserving a ticket on Eventbrite. Worship Aids for each Mass are available on the parish website: www.mostblessedsacrament.ws for parishioners to print out and bring with them to Mass.
- Arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass and line up using the cones as a guide. Maintain social distancing of 6 feet.
- Have your mask on when you exit your vehicle, at all times in the church (except when you receive Holy Communion), and until you

return to your vehicle. o Please be reasonably sure that you will be able to attend the Mass for which you registered. This way all who would like to attend a Mass may do so. Of course, there can be last minute emergencies, health issues, or other circumstances that may prevent you from attending the Mass for which you signed up.

- An usher will welcome you and direct you to your seat(s), seating individuals near the stage first, and then proceeding towards the doors of the gym.
- Families may sit together. A hospitality minister will assist you in moving the folding chairs so that you can be together. Six feet of distance must be maintained between households, even of one individual attending liturgy. A note to those who attend the Noon Mass: Since school is not in session for the summer. there is no need to stack the chairs near the entrance to the gym at the conclusion of the Mass.
- Restrooms may not be available during this time, except in case of an emergency.
- There will be no hymnals or missalettes. You are encouraged to bring your own liturgical resources for use during the celebration of Mass. You can also bring the Worship Aid that is found on our website. Our music ministry will strive to select commonly known traditional hymns or easily repeated refrains during the Mass.
- There will be no procession at the offertory. The gifts of bread and wine will be already placed near the altar.
- The collection baskets will not be passed from person to person. There will be fixed baskets at the entrances/exits of the gym that will be used for donations from the assembly.
- There must be no physical contact during the sign of peace. A simple gesture, such as a bow or a nod, is recommended.
- Holy Communion is only permitted in the hand. Distribution from the chalice is prohibited to the assembly.
- You should bring your own hand sanitizer and use it before receiving the sacred host. o When the Communion minister approaches, the communicant should make a slight bow of the head, receive the host in the hand, lift his/her mask, and consume the host.
- At the end of Mass, families and individuals should leave the church (i.e. gym) in an organized manner wearing masks and observing six feet of

distance between other households. The procedure for “dismissal” will be explained at the Mass. Once given the indication to do so, please exit the church immediately after Mass so that it can be cleaned, disinfected, and reset for the next Mass.

- Cardinal Tobin says: “As we slowly resume public Mass, it is important that we work together to allow for a safe and dignified parish environment for all. Out of love and respect for human life and health, let us act responsibly and adhere to the guidelines provided by the Archdiocese and our local parishes.”

As I have said before, all of these expectations and requirements may seem burdensome and onerous. Nevertheless, they are necessary in order to maintain a safe environment. Remember, we will get through this. We are MBS strong. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for our parish community. We look forward to seeing you!