

Dear Immaculate Heart of Mary Family:

Remember you are DISPENSED from the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass and if you are 65 years of age or older or have a chronic health issues you should stay home.

Below are the guidelines that **MUST be followed!** When attending public Mass at IHM, there will be no exceptions. I am releasing these before, I inform you of how to book a ticket and the new weekday Mass times.

1. Stay in your vehicle until you see either Deacon or myself at the door to the Allen Hall (usually about 15 minutes before Mass is to start). With **SOCIAL DISTANCING** and **MASK ON** you may begin to enter the building. You **MUST** wear your mask the entire time, you cannot remove it.
2. Liquid Hand Sanitizer will be sprayed into your hands.
3. Move to your assigned seat using the center aisle (there is blue tape on the floor designating the aisle and seating area). Once you find your seat do not move from that spot. **DO NOT** move the chair they are spaced according to the State guidelines. You may bring a cushion to sit on (metal chairs are not comfortable) but make sure you take it with you.
4. **DO NOT** go and visit with others stay in your seat.
5. There is to be no holding hands with others during the Our Father and shaking hands at the sign of peace, you may nod to each other.
6. At Communion time, stay in your assigned seat, Deacon and I will come to you. When receiving in the hand **PLEASE EXTEND YOUR HANDS**, do not grab the host from us. Without touching you, we will drop it into your hands. Once we have moved away from you, you may lower your mask and place the host in your mouth then returning your mask to the proper position.
During this pandemic we are asking that you receive only on in the hand. If you must receive on the tongue, you will be given communion **AFTER MASS IS OVER** as our hands have to be purified after each and every person.
7. Once Mass has ended you must exit using **Social Distancing**, please stay at least 6 feet from the person in front of you. Go straight to your vehicle, there is to be no visiting in the parking lot.

I know these guidelines are harsh, but this is the only way we can stay safe during this time. Soon the guidelines for booking a seat will be released but please make sure you can follow these guidelines before that process can begin. If you have any question please email me at frrick@ihmarychurch.org or call 318-640-9446, ext. 3, do not contact Tara.

Fr. Rick