

# St. Michael Parish

## Guidelines for Attending Mass during a Pandemic

*Aloha Friends and Parishioners,*

*The following are our parish guidelines for attending mass during a pandemic. Due to the difficult times that we are living in, it is important that we each do our part to keep our parish and community safe. Although it may not be the most ideal way to attend mass, but it is what we can do at this time to make mass available to our parish family.*

*Mahalo in advance for your commitment to our parish and to keep this community safe during this pandemic*

*Fr. Ernesto A. Juarez Jr.  
Parish Administrator*

### Limited Attendance:

For the health and safety of all our parishioners we have limited the capacity of our churches to less than 50% of our normal capacity. To ensure we maintain limited number of attendees to each mass we have decided to implement a ticketing process. You may go to EventBrite to reserve a ticket for mass. The process is free and does not require any financial information to reserve a ticket. Tickets are first come first serve basis.

Things to consider before reserving a ticket:

- If you are sick please stay home. Remember that the obligation to attend Sunday masses are still dispensed.
- If you are someone who is at high risk or live with someone who is at high risk of contracting the disease we encourage you to stay home.
- Families should reserve tickets for each member of their immediate household who will be attending mass.

### Rules for Attending Mass

- Must have ticket for admittance into the church.
- Must have a face mask in order to enter the church. (Face masks should remain on throughout the duration of the Mass.)
- Please wash or sanitize hands before entering the church.
- Must maintain social distancing while inside the church. (Families are a small exception to the rule while seated, but must keep your distance during distribution of communion unless carrying or leading a child).
- If there is music during mass singing a long with the cantor is highly discouraged.
- During the exchange of peace a simple bow of the head and/or "Peace be with you" is sufficient.

### Distribution of Communion

- Remain seated in your pew until the usher has directed you to proceed to communion.
- When in line to receive communion please keep a 6 foot distance from the person in front of you.
- Communion should be received in the hand. Reception by mouth is strongly discouraged for the safety and well-being of all.
- In order to maintain safe social distancing at the end of mass please remain in your pew until the ushers have dismissed you.