



June 18, 2021

Dear Parishioner:

The past 15 months of COVID precautions have been difficult, but there have been some hidden blessings. One of those blessings has been the opportunity to offer you Holy Communion outdoors. Thanks to the efforts of our Clergy, candidates for Permanent Diaconate, and especially dedicated volunteers Dan and Jody Dobson and Larry Clark, this ministry has been a joy in developing relationships with so many of you.

Recent instructions from the Diocese have now opened things up for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to take Communion to the homebound and sick, and so it is time to discontinue this drive-up ministry. June 27, 2021, will be the final Sunday for drive-up Communion.

However, we are committed to making Holy Communion available to as many as possible. Please see the options below. Help us know how to best help you have access to the Holy Eucharist.

Here are some options:

- Have Holy Communion brought to you at home sometime during the week by a trained Extraordinary Minister. If you are uncomfortable allowing people into your home, arrangements can be made to meet outside your house to receive Holy Communion.
- A member of your family could be trained to bring Communion to you at home.
- Return to Mass in person. The Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass continues to be designated as specifically for those at risk, and distancing and masks are still required at that Mass. Also, each week's bulletin will show the Mass attendance numbers at each Mass the previous weekend, so you can avoid the most crowded Mass times.
- Those at risk (and their caregivers) still have a dispensation from Sunday Mass. But consider coming to a far-less-crowded weekday Mass each week.
- If you need the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office so a priest knows of your need.
- Individual circumstances may warrant another option. Please call us, and we will help explore other possibilities.
- To arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to you, please contact the Parish Office at 317.846.3475 or Gachia Hoefler at 317.966.7637, or email [olmcsecretary@olmc1.org](mailto:olmcsecretary@olmc1.org).

Scheduling Holy Communion may take some time, so please bear with us as we ramp this ministry up to full steam. Until then, may Our Lord hold you in the palm of His hand and bless you.

*St. Joseph and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us!*

Gachia Hoefler,  
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