

RE-OPENING

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With restrictions and limitations, under the guidance of Bishop Michael Barber and Contra Costa County Health, St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church plans to reopen for public worship on Friday, February 12, 2021.

Those who are sick, elderly, immune-compromised, or otherwise at risk for COVID-19 should not attend Mass in person. Sunday Mass will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook at 8:30 am & 11 am, for those unable to attend Mass in person. Until further notice, Bishop Barber continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days. For Holy Communion or Anointing to the Sick, please call the office (925) 228-2230 Ext 1 or email: sylvial@stcmzt.org for an appointment.

Please carefully read the following:

Part I: Before the Mass

Reserve Your Ticket - Mandatory

To ensure that we do not exceed the 100-person capacity in the Church and that no one is denied entry at the door, each person attending Sunday Mass will need to **reserve a free ticket**. Visit the parish website www.stcmzt.org or our Facebook page to link to the Eventbrite reservations. If you are unable to access online registration, please call the Parish office at (925) 228-2230 Ext 1004 no later than 12:00 PM on Friday to ensure a reservation for Sunday. All reservations will be granted access into the church first. Entrance may be denied without a reservation.

- All on-line reservations for the Sunday Holy Mass must be made by Saturday before 7 PM.
- No weekend phone requests will be honored.

There will be three Masses (8:30 AM Indoor Mass, 11:00 PM Outdoor Mass - parking lot, 1 PM Indoor Spanish Mass) 100 people per Mass (including Clergy and liturgical ministers).

Gather Worship Aids

There will not be missalettes or hymnals available in the Church. The weekly Bulletin will have the worship aid for the Sunday Mass upon arrival, after proper sanitizing of hands. Please take them home when you leave.

Wear a Face Covering

Guided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), those over the age of three years old must wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth.

Part II: Arriving at Church

Arrive Early

Please arrive 20 to 30 minutes early to allow for parking and safe entrance into the Church. The church doors will close at the beginning of Mass (approximately 3-5 minutes prior), **no one will be allowed to enter after**.

Parking

- For the indoor Masses, parking will **NOT** be available in the lower yard (between the Church and School) only on neighboring streets.
- For the outdoor Mass, parking for participants who wish to remain in their cars will be provided in the upper parking lot. Those who sit in the chairs provided are asked to park on the neighboring streets and walk in through the pedestrian entrance.

Keep Moving

- Please promptly go to and from the Church, as we must not gather on the streets or parking lots.

Entrance and Exit

- **Entrance:** The main doors that face Mellus Street. Entry into the Church will be marked for social distancing. This will be the entrance for all indoor Masses.
- **Handicap Access:** For anyone needing handicap ramp access, please notify an usher, and access will be given.
- **Exits:** All Mass attendees will exit out of the side doors of the Church. Please wait for the direction of the ushers to exit, as instructed.

Check-In

- There will be two volunteers per Mass at the front of the Church to welcome and check registration for attendees. These volunteers will assign a designated seat for the usher to seat each attendee.

Part III: Inside the Church

Holy Water

- The water fonts will be empty for safety. There are holy water hands free dispensers at the entrance of the church.

Church Bathroom

- For Emergency needs, the bathroom in the Church vestibule will be available during the indoor Mass. Please note: the bathroom is cleaned and sanitized weekly, not after or in between individual use. The outside Hall/School bathrooms will not be available.

Seat Assignments

- To ensure proper social distancing, Ushers will escort parishioners to reserved seats. Members of one household may sit together in one pew.

6-Foot Distance

- While seated, standing, and walking, people who are not in the same household must remain 6 feet apart.

Part IV: During the Mass

All Masses

- One hundred people can be in attendance, including the Clergy and liturgical ministers.
- An offertory collection will take place during the Mass.

Sign of Peace

- The handshake as the Sign of Peace has been replaced with a bow of the head.

Holy Communion

- The Ushers will direct the people for Holy Communion.
- You will be directed to **exit the outside aisle** and after receiving Communion, return to your seat down the middle aisle. Please be seated or kneel after Holy Communion.
- All are encouraged to sanitize hands before receiving Communion for their own well being and that of the priests and deacons.
- Ushers will provide spray sanitizer to the faithful as they prepare for Communion and exit the pews.
- The Precious Blood will not be available.
- You are strongly encouraged to receive Communion in Hand. If you must receive on the tongue, please allow the priest or Deacon to sanitize his hands after each person receives our Lord.

Part V: After the Mass

Dismissal

- Ushers will dismiss all Mass attendees to exit out of the side doors of the Church. Please wait for the direction of the ushers to exit, as instructed.