



HOLY MASS

IN THE CHURCH

Protocols

❖ Before You Arrive

- **If you have any symptoms of the COVID-19, have recently been around someone who has tested for COVID-19 or in a vulnerable category you are strongly encouraged to stay home.** The obligation to attend mass is still suspended (although the Divine Command to Keep Holy the Sabbath continues). We will continue to live-stream the 10am Mass on Facebook as we have been doing before.
- Bring a face covering, as there is currently a city mandate to wear a mask when you are indoors. We may have some masks available if they arrive on time and we don't run out.
- Plan to arrive at St. Andrew 15 to 30 minutes ahead of time.
- The church will be sanitized before and after each Mass.

❖ When You Arrive

- Masks are required inside the Church at all times, except when receiving Communion.
- Please approach the main doors on the north or south sides. Two lines will be forming on the north side and one on the south side. Make sure your household is at least 6' behind the household in front of you.
- As you approach the doors, you will be asked if you would mind having your temperature taken. You are not required to do so but we respectfully request that you do in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. People with temperature readings of 100.5 or greater will be asked to return home.
- A "seating coordinator" will be located in the narthex. He/She will direct you to an usher who will take you to your seat. You will likely be in a seat other than your "normal" seat. Enjoy the new view!
- Most households will be seated next to an aisle. Please keep at least 6' between your household and the household sitting next to you.
- Restrooms will be available.

❖ During Mass

- Due to potential increased exposure associated with voice projection, there will be no singing.
- The sign of peace continues to be suspended.
- No offertory basket will be passed around. However, offertory boxes will be available in the narthex.
- Communion will be distributed after Mass. This will reduce the possibility of incidental breaking of social distancing as well as facilitate the departure from the church building without creating a crowd. (Even though this is not the current custom of the Church, distribution of Communion after Mass was the norm in the Church for most of the history of the Church.)

❖ After Mass

- Communion will be distributed. Four stations will be available: two in the front and two in the back. Please follow the ushers' instructions. The flow pattern will be provided at the Mass.
- We encourage you to receive Communion in the hand but Communion on the tongue will be available.
- Please lower or remove your mask before you receive.
- An "offering" boxes will be available in the narthex should you want to make your offering after Mass.
- Communion will be available to those who watched the live stream until 12 noon in the front of the church.