

## **Public Mass Requirement:**

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On Tuesday, May 20, Archbishop Hebda granted all parishes in the Archdiocese the permission to resume Masses beginning Tuesday, May 26, which we will do.

- The safety of you and all who would attend Mass at our parish is of the utmost importance.
- The bishops made it clear that parishes should only return to a limited public celebration of the Mass when the many protocols established by the Archdiocese can be met and maintained.
- **This means that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues; no one is obliged to attend.**
- We will continue to provide you with updates through our website: [stpeterfl.org](http://stpeterfl.org) (and by going to the Coronavirus Update tab), One Call Now, and media outlets. And the weekend Masses will be available for viewing online by Saturday afternoon, as has been the practice the last few months.
- But what if you decide to attend Mass at St. Peter's?
- First, all COVID-19 positive persons, those who are symptomatic, and those living with them, **must stay home.**
- **It is recommended that persons 65 years of age or older and those with preexisting health conditions stay home and avoid public gatherings, including in church.**
- All the faithful should continue to follow hygienic practices: wash hands often, avoid touching the face, cover coughs and sneezes, etc. It is also recommended to use the restroom at home before coming to church.
- You will also notice that certain doors will be designated "Entrance only" and "Exit only" to reduce social proximity. You will only be allowed to enter the building at Door 4 (Adoration Chapel Door). The

doors at the back of church will be locked from the outside and marked “Exit only”.

- Hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances to the main church.
- The Weekend Mass times have changed: **There will be no Sunday 9:30am Mass** to allow cleaning of the church and pews between Masses. The Sunday 5:30pm Mass will continue through the summer along with the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday and the 8 and 11:00am Masses on Sunday. (Repeat). Weekday Masses will remain at 8:30am followed by confessions.
- **The maximum number of persons admitted into church is limited to 30% of the total seating capacity. We kindly ask that if the church is full to please exit the building and to come to a later liturgy or watch the Mass online. Standing in the Gathering Space is not permitted at this time and there will be no “Cry Room” at the back of church.**
- Face masks are strongly urged for all assembly members, but not required. You are also welcome to bring your own hand sanitizer from home.
- All hymnals have been removed and there will be no congregational singing during Mass.
- **Holy Communion** will be distributed during Mass. The faithful can receive in the hand or on the tongue. The faithful however are not permitted to wear gloves while receiving Holy Communion in the hand, nor receive it in a paper tissue, plate, cup of any other disposable item.
- For the reception of Communion, we ask that you stand on the blue “X” on the floor to maintain social distancing while waiting to receive Holy Communion.
- **While leaving church, at the end of Mass, please respect social distancing and do not gather in the back of church. The priests will not be greeting parishioners after Mass as we usually do.**

- A limited number of bulletins will be printed each weekend, but ushers will no longer be handing them out. We highly encourage you to view the weekly bulletin online.

**Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of transition and please continue to pray for those affected by COVID-19 and an end to the pandemic.**