

NEW GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS

We kindly ask that in your charity, to follow closely the leadership of Father Paul and do not work against his efforts to keep us all safe as we gather to celebrate Mass.

Let's be aware of the blessing it is to celebrate the Sacraments in public once again. Let us thank God for the gift of his son Jesus Christ. Don't forget that Christians around the world are violently persecuted for manifesting their faith in Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- **Masks**-We kindly ask that you wear a mask while inside the church or when gathering outside the church. If you do not have a mask, one will be available for you upon entering the church.
- **Hand Sanitizer**- Hand sanitizer will also be available at every entrance.
- **Missalettes**- Bring from home or take one to keep at the entrance. We will not be sharing missalettes during this time. Please take the one you use home and bring it with you each time you come to Mass.
- **Social Distancing**-We will make every effort to seat every family or individual six feet apart in the pews. We will only be allowing 50% capacity in the church at all times. Pews will be marked off to show where seating is allowed. An extra Mass has been added at 4:00 pm on Saturdays at Sacred Heart, to help with this matter.
- **Offering**-At this time we will not be passing a basket at the offertory time. There are now donation boxes available at all entrances. Please place your offering in one of these boxes either when entering or exiting the church. Online offering is also available. See the parish website at shsjparishes.com for links to all online giving.
- **Holy Communion**-Please keep six feet apart when coming forward to receive Communion. Communion will be distributed in the hand only and the Blood of Christ will not be available at this time. Father and the Extraordinary Minister will be wearing a mask at Communion.
- **The dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation** remains in effect through June 30th. Those who have an active or ongoing illness, those 65 years of age or older, those with a compromised immune system and those living with them are strongly encouraged to remain at home at this time and refrain from attending Mass. We will continue to live stream Mass on Facebook at 4:00 pm on Saturdays and 8:00 am on Sundays.
- **Weekday 8:00 am Masses** will be particularly for those 65 years of age or older. If you are a member of this vulnerable age group and wish to attend Mass, we strongly encourage taking advantage of these special Masses, even if you are in good health.