

St Pius X Guide to Returning to Mass

We are doing our best to keep you safe. If you do not feel comfortable, please continue to participate via live streaming. **Archbishop Gustavo has extended dispensations indefinitely.**

Daily Mass is never crowded. Please join us during the week if you prefer.

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:00 pm (intended for those most at risk)

5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am (intended for those most at risk)

10:15 am

Noon

1:30 pm (in Spanish)

5:00 pm (will retain its teen focus)

1. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early.
2. Please wash hands before coming to church; hand sanitizer will be available.
3. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do, but I will not require masks.
4. Line up with social distancing only at the door near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel entrance.
5. An usher will seat every person. Leave a full kneeler between you and the next person/group.
6. Respect social distancing for sign of peace.
7. There will be no collection during Mass but there will be a basket out before and after Mass.
We also have DipJar for those who prefer credit cards. Each time you push your credit card into it, it bills the amount displayed. There will be a \$5 and a \$25 DipJar available.
8. When using restrooms, one family at a time.
9. We are asking people not to sing.
10. Communion will only be distributed on the hand.
11. Please do not leave until you are dismissed.
12. Bulletins will only be available on your way out after Mass.

Final notes:

Word and Communion services during the week are back Monday-Friday at 6:30am in the church.

Mass schedule is temporary until we get a sense of the needs of the parish.

Finally, please be patient with volunteers and staff. They will be doing their best to welcome everyone while following guidelines. ***We are glad to have you back at church!***

Notes for Specific Ministries

The church will be disinfected between each Mass. People may be in the church during disinfecting.

Ushers/Greeters:

1. These ministries will be combined to work as a team.
2. Please arrive 30 minutes before the Mass start time.
3. Please observe social distancing and wash hands frequently or use sanitizer that will be at stations throughout the church. If you feel more comfortable wearing gloves, please wear them and remember that viruses can live on latex/plastic. Due to allergies, we will not be requiring gloves.
4. Make sure there is at least 5' (length of kneeler) side to side between each family group or person seated.
5. Remember to be welcoming and smile, even if wearing a mask.
6. We must follow seating plan or we will lose capacity.

Eucharistic Ministers:

1. Wash your hands after entering church. You can use any sink other than priest/server sacristy as there is no room for distancing there. If you must, use sanitizer. You should not use sanitizer after the Holy Holy Holy. If you do, please assure it is alcohol based and completely off your hands before serving.
2. Check in with the sacristan when you arrive for your distribution place assignment. One minister will start in the front of a section and another will start from the last pew of that section.
3. Before communion, line up with social distancing near the credence table. At the appropriate time, walk directly to Fr. Pat who will give you communion and hand you a ciborium. You will not line up behind the altar.
4. We will be walking down the unused pews to distribute communion to the congregation where they are seated. There will be no cup at this time.
5. Only distribute in the hand.
6. Presider will purify everything.
7. Please wash hands before returning to your seat. We will not have water there to dip fingers in; God will understand and is an amazing God that will take care of any particles that might be left.

Lectors:

1. There are no known cases of the virus spreading on any paper surface; have checked Bexar County sources, NIH, WHO and a few universities. That said, if you want to bring your "Breaking Open the Word", please do. If you are not comfortable using the booklet for prayers, please call the office to have Jeri email a copy for you to print and bring to church.
2. Make sure your hands are clean before leaving your pew each time you approach the Ambo.
3. If you wish, you may sanitize hands when you return to your pew. We will have sanitizer for you at your seat.
4. Do not wear a mask while proclaiming. Speak in a normal voice and let the microphone do the rest.