



Most Holy Trinity Church is “gently” re-opening for public Mass starting the weekend of June 13/14!

The archdiocese provided us with nine pages of directives to guide our re-opening during the COVID-19 pandemic. After much consideration and thoughtful planning, we are now well-prepared to welcome you back!

Here’s what you NEED to know:

- Persons over the age of 65 and those with pre-existing health conditions should stay home. **The obligation to attend Mass continues to be suspended as long as the pandemic continues.**
- COVID-19 positive persons, those symptomatic, and those living with them, must stay home.
- **The Mass schedule will be slightly different.** Weekend Masses will be Saturday at 5 p.m., and Sunday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- We must only have a 25% capacity in church. In order to do this, we strongly suggest that **families attend Mass based on the first letter of your last name.** This schedule will be rotated each week. For the week of June 13/14:
 - Last names A-H: Saturday at 5 p.m.
 - Last names J-R: Sunday at 9 a.m.
 - Last names S-Z: Sunday at 11 a.m.
- Enter through the **main entrance only.** Other entrances will be locked.
- **Wear a mask** while in church (ages 2 and up), and **use hand sanitizer** when you enter and before receiving communion. Hand sanitizer is provided, however you may bring your own.
- **An usher will show you where to sit. Keep a distance of six feet between households.**
- **Holy Communion will be distributed AFTER Mass in the rear of church.** Remain in your pew; an usher will let you know when it is your turn. Stand on the yellow crosses as you wait. *On the back of this sheet are instructions for receiving communion.*
- **Do not light a vigil candle.** Instead, call the office at 507-744-2823 to request one to be lit.

Here’s what we WANT you to know:

- Your health (and Father John’s) is **primary.**
- The church will be disinfected after each Mass. Disinfecting wipes are available if you need one.
- The **restrooms will not be available**, so consider using the restroom before you come to church.
- The **collection “basket”** is now a wooden box, and is located in the back pew on the right.
- **Holy water fonts will be empty.** There will also be no missalettes, hymnals, children’s books, etc.
- There will be **no singing**, since singing expels more particles. However there will be instrumental music ... and humming is okay!
- **Saturday Mass will continue to be recorded** and posted on our website by Sunday at 9 a.m.
- As much as you want to greet those that you have not seen for weeks, **please keep the six-foot social distance requirement inside AND outside.** Wave, give a two-fingered “peace” sign, or wiggle your eyebrows above your mask!
- This may all sound really tough and nit-picky, but they are necessary protocols that we must follow in order to safely welcome our parish family back into church. Archbishop Hebda clarified that **it is out of charity and love for others that we follow these guidelines, even though we may not be fearful ourselves.**

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We welcome you back to worship at Most Holy Trinity Church!