

GUIDELINES/FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Will we use masks?

Yes. ***Everyone is required to wear masks.*** This important practice will reduce the chance of spreading the virus. Health care professionals state that individuals may still be able to spread the virus without showing any symptoms. Let's all be safe. Wearing a mask protects everyone.

Q. Will there be singing during Mass?

No. There will be no singing at Mass for the time being. No cantor at this time.

Q. Will we maintain social distancing, i.e., observing a 6 foot separation from each other?

Yes. Except for one's family group, we will all maintain a 6 foot space between ourselves and others. This includes entering and exiting the church, and coming forward to receive Communion.

Q. How will we enter the Church for Mass?

At this time we will limit the capacity to 90 people per Mass. Ushers will direct us to our pews. Every other pew will be used. The pews have been marked to observe six foot separations. While we all have our favorite pew, as we begin to embrace our new way of gathering, please follow the instructions of the Ushers who will be seating us to insure the best use of space and most importantly, maintain the 6 foot separation between individuals.

Q. Will there still be an offertory Collection during Mass?

Yes. When we come forward to receive Communion we will see a basket placed in the center front at the communion rails. We will place our offertory gift in this basket.

Q. Will we be able to receive Communion?

Yes. Ushers will be directing parishioners to come forward pew-by-pew.

We will follow these guidelines:

- At the direction of the Usher, we will form a single line down the center of the aisle, six feet apart from each other, starting at the front of the church.
- When we get to the front, we will place our offertory gift in one of the Collection baskets.
- Next, we will walk to one of the two volunteers, who will be standing next to one of the Collection baskets. These volunteers will be holding the hand sanitizer. They will give each person a small dose of the sanitizer. We will **all** use the hand sanitizer before receiving Communion.
- Proceed to one of the two Eucharistic Ministers (EM) to receive Communion. Eucharistic Ministers will be wearing masks and standing behind the Communion rails near the front pillars. If you are wearing gloves, please remove one of your hands from its glove to receive the host. If you are not wearing gloves, extend your two hands, one cupping the other, to receive the host. Please hold your hands as flat as possible to make it easy to place the host safely and securely in your palm.
- We will then step away to the designated place and lift our mask to receive the host.
- After receiving Communion we will return to our pews via the side aisles.

Q. How will we leave after Mass?

- At the conclusion of Mass we will be dismissed pew-by-pew starting from the back and moving forward. The Ushers will let us know when it is our turn to exit.
- It is not possible to maintain social distancing in the vestibule. Please exit all the way outside church so that everyone may exit safely, maintaining social distancing.

Q. After Mass will I see Monsignor Walton or the priest who is celebrating Mass?

Unfortunately at this time Monsignor Walton will not be in the vestibule before or after Mass. It just isn't possible for him to maintain social distancing in the confines of the vestibule. This is not easy for Father or for us. We can still call or email Father to speak with him.

Q. Will there be Missalettes and Music issue books in the Church for us?

Missalettes and music issue books have been removed from the pews. Although the transmission of CoVid-19 through surface contact is low, there is no easy or effective way to sanitize these books.

Q. May I bring my own missalette to follow the Readings and the Mass?

Yes! There are many options to follow along with the Sunday readings. You may bring a monthly book such as Magnificat, Give Us This Day, or The Word Among Us. You can use your smartphone. There are many sites online to follow the Readings. Go to the US Bishops' website at usccb.org for the Readings of each day at Mass. Check the parish website for more suggestions.

Q. Will there still be a weekly Bulletin?

Yes. Bulletins will be distributed at the end of Mass. They can not be reused so please take them home with you. The Parish's Bulletin is also posted on the Parish website under the Communications tab.

Q. How often will the church be cleaned?

On Thursday, June 4th we will be having the church professionally cleaned. After that the church will be cleaned after every Mass by volunteers.

Q. How can I help at Mass at this time?

The Parish needs volunteers! If you are under the age of 65 consider volunteering for the following ministries.

- Greeters are needed to greet parishioners when they arrive.
- Ushers are needed:
 - to direct parishioners to their seats;
 - to direct parishioners on how to process to receive Communion and
 - to help parishioners leave the church at the end of Mass.
- Cleaners are needed to assist with wiping down the pews after each Mass.

Please call the Parish Office to volunteer.

If you have some time to devote to the parish, please call Parish Office Manager Amy Sparks at 916.452-4136, ext. 2 or email Amy at shchurchoffice@gmail.com the parish office and leave your name, number and/or email and you will be contacted.

Q. If I have a question or concern to whom shall I go?

Please call the Parish Office.

If you wish to speak to Monsignor Walton or Amy Sparks please call 916.452-4136, ext. 2. You can also email Amy at shchurchoffice@gmail.com. Please leave your name, number and/or email and you will be contacted.