

Guidelines: Worship Together Safely

Archdiocese of Cincinnati

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In light of improving circumstances, a reduction in infections, and more people being vaccinated, the Bishops of Ohio have restored the general obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days effective June 5/6, 2021.

General Considerations

Those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is compromised or ill, are not obligated to attend Mass in-person on Sunday and Holy Days as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of contracting the coronavirus in a large group of people. These should observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death and resurrection. An appropriate way to do this is through viewing a broadcast of Sunday Mass.

NOTE: Mass that is broadcast through various media, including livestream, is not intended as an alternative nor does it fulfill the obligation for persons who are able to gather for a Sunday celebration and other Holy Days. They are intended for the sick, homebound, imprisoned etc. who are unable to attend Mass in person.

Specific Guidelines to be Observed (Effective June 2, 2021):

- Discreet use of hand sanitizer by ministers of Holy Communion should continue and hand sanitizer should be available at the doors of church if possible.
- No Holy Communion from the chalice by the faithful; concelebrating priests should Communicate by intinction.
- It is recommended that at least one section of seating for at least one Sunday Mass continue to be reserved for social distancing; please adjust week to week based on the preference of the faithful and pastoral judgment.

With questions or concerns, please contact the Office for Divine Worship & Sacraments, worship@catholicaoc.org, 513.263.6609.



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