

GENERAL SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR MASS

In order to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 Virus, the following procedures have been implemented in order for parishioners to return safely to public Mass. If you are not feeling well or at high risk, you are encouraged to stay home. Dispensation for your Sunday obligation remains in effect for those who are not comfortable or at higher risk.

HYGIENE – Everyone is encouraged to apply hand sanitizer upon entering the church. There will be dispensers available in the vestibule, Foley Center, and all restrooms. Please cover your coughs and sneezes. Tissues will be available.

MISSALS/MUSIC – The missals have been removed from the church. The Mass readings, responses, and music lyrics have been printed on a single paper. These will be distributed by ushers as you enter the church. Please place your copy in the recycle bins provided as you exit.

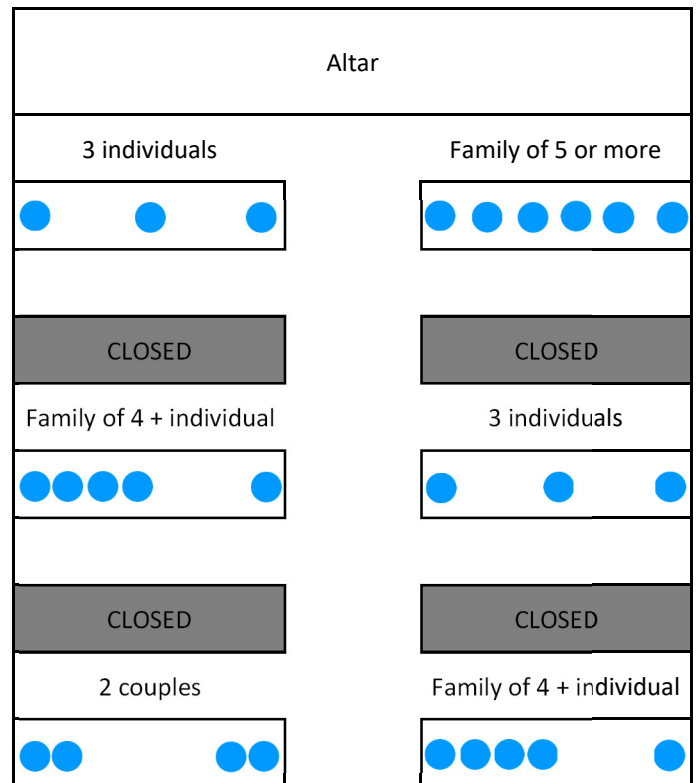
WITHOUT EXCEPTION EVERYONE IS TO BE SEATED BY AN USHER **IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE SANCTUARY SPACE**

While waiting for an usher to seat you/your family please be sure to leave the appropriate 6' distance from others.

Every other pew has been closed in order to maintain a safe distance.

As a general rule each pew should have only 1 person per kneeler with the following exceptions:

- 2 couples per pew seated at opposite ends of pew
- Family up to 4 + 1 individual with the family comprising half of pew leaving at least 6' of space between the family and individual
- Family of 5 or more utilizing an entire pew
- The cry room is to be reserved for a larger family with one or more small children (4 & under). Cry room is on a first come basis.
- Upstairs pews are longer. Exceptions can be made for families of up to 6 with an individual at the other end. All other rules apply for the upstairs pews.



When the sanctuary has reached capacity, parishioners will be directed to the Foley Center where Mass will be livestreamed. Chairs have been separated by 6'. Families and couples may add chairs from surplus in order to sit together. The Foley Center is an extension of the church and should be treated with the same respect during Mass.

COLLECTION - No touch collection, ushers will bring the basket to you.

COMMUNION - During communion, you are to remain seated/kneeling. *An Extraordinary Minister of Communion will come to you.* If you do not wish to receive, simply cross your arms. Communion will be distributed in the form of the host only. If you choose to wear a face mask, please lower in order to avoid any accidents. Gloves, if worn, must be removed before receiving.

EXITING THE CHURCH - In order to prevent congestion in the vestibule all are asked to remain seated at the conclusion of Mass. Ushers will empty pews in an orderly and safe manner. Please do not convene in the vestibule.

EXITING THE FOLEY CENTER - All are encouraged to use the multiple exit doors in an orderly and respectful manner, maintaining the proper distance between individuals. Please do not convene inside the building.