



ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear St. Mark Parishioners,

Masses will be made public again on Monday, May 18. However, there are guidelines we **must follow** if we want to attend Mass. These guidelines will inconvenience us, but I ask everyone to be cooperative and patient:

-Dispensation from attending Sunday Mass still applies for anyone who yet feels unsafe coming to Mass.

-If you are ill, symptomatic, or have been around someone with the virus in the last 14 days, please stay home.

-Keep six feet distance in all directions between families.

-Occupancy will be limited. We will use the cafeteria for additional seating.

-**Face masks** must be worn while entering and leaving church, and while in line to receive Communion. They may be removed while seated in the pews and at the moment of receiving Communion.

-Ushers are to wear mask and gloves throughout Mass. If no gloves are available, frequent handwashing is required.

-Clergy and other ministers are not to greet parishioners as they enter or leave church. There is to be no congregating, nor any events, gatherings, or meetings before or after Mass.

-**All are to enter** church through either of the side vestibules or the rear gym door. **All are to exit** through the cafeteria and out the front or rear gym doors. Handicapped may enter and exit any door. Entrance doors will be propped open before Mass. Exit doors will be propped open after Mass.

-Offertory procession and the sign of peace are suspended.

-Stationary baskets will be at the doors to take up the collection. Please deposit your offering as you leave Mass.

-Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will wear face masks and sanitize hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.

-Maintain six feet distance from others while approaching to receive Holy Communion. Communion may only be received in the hand. The Precious Blood will not be distributed.

-When leaving church, families are to maintain six feet distance from each other. No congregating, gathering, or meeting after Mass.

-Ushers are not to hand out bulletins or other materials.

-Pews, door handles, and other contact areas will be wiped with disinfectant before and after each Mass.

Thank you for attending to these guidelines.

Masses will be at the usual times: Monday-Friday at 6:30am and 8am; Saturday at 8am and 5pm (this Mass will be live-streamed and recorded); Sunday at 7am, 9am, and 11am. Church will be open Mon-Sat 6am-12noon for individual prayer.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on **Tuesday, May 26**.

Confessions will be the usual times: Tuesday 8pm-9pm (starting May 26), Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm (starting May 23), or by appointment.

Call me for **Anointing of the Sick** for anyone who is seriously ill or dying.

May God's peace and blessing be with us as we make these temporary adjustments. God bless you. St. Mark, pray for us.

Fr. Hector