



ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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June 23, 2020

Dear St. Mark Parishioners,

On June 22, the Archdiocese moved into Phase II of public Mass. The main change in this phase is:

-Communicants who wish to receive **Holy Communion on the tongue** may now do so **from the Mass celebrant only** (i.e., the priest).

Previous guidelines still apply:

-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. In the case of physical hardship, you may enter and exit any door.

-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.

-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 daily with disinfectant.

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. During the summer, church will be open Mon-Sat 6am-12noon for individual prayer.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on Tuesday, 9am-9pm. **Confessions** are on Tuesday 8pm-9pm, Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm, or by appointment. Call me for **Anointing of the Sick** for anyone seriously ill or dying.

God bless you. St. Mark, pray for us.

Fr. Hecktor