

St. James the Apostle Catholic School

Our Faith Community

Weeks 2 & 3 - Re-Introduction to Mass & Distance Learning for All: Aug. 24th – Sept. 4th

As we re-enter our precious Catholic school, Christ also invites us with open arms to celebrate the Eucharist and return to Mass. The most blessed sacrament is the heart of who we are. It is what makes us Catholic. St. James the Apostle Catholic School partners with our parents to teach students our faith. This begins with attending Mass. Parents are invited to attend the 8 a.m. daily Mass with their child(ren) on designated days. After viewing an instructional video, parents will sit with their child(ren) while wearing masks and follow our new Mass protocols. If a parent of a student in a particular grade is unable to take their child, then the child is encouraged to attend Mass with a friend in the same class. Other grades will participate virtually in daily Mass as it will be Live Streamed through our SJS Facebook Page. Together, we will re-enter the Church.



In-Person Parent/Child Mass Days @ 8:00 a.m.

Mon., Aug. 24th – 8th Grade

Tues., Aug. 25th – 7th Grade

Wed., Aug. 26th – 6th Grade

Thurs., Aug. 27th – 5th Grade

Fri., Aug. 28th – 4th Grade



Mon., Aug. 31st – 3rd Grade

Tues., Sept. 1st – 2nd Grade

Wed., Sept. 2nd – 1st Grade

Thurs., Sept. 3rd – Kinder

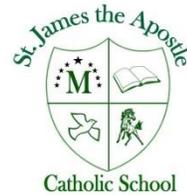
Fri., Sept. 4th – Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4



The Archdiocese Task Force for COVID-19 and civil health officials have issued their guidelines for opening churches. St. James the Apostle Catholic School will be implementing these best practices at school Masses to protect everyone's health.

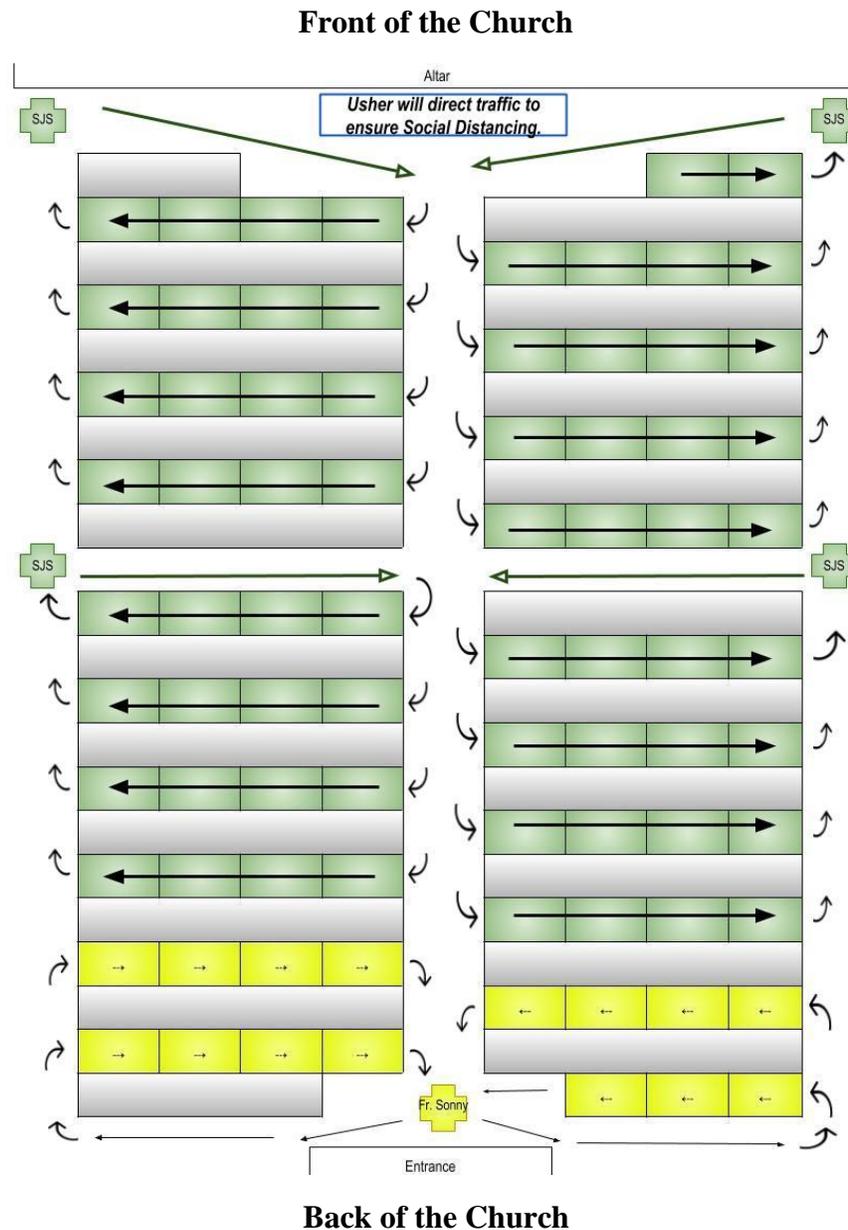
1. The church seating capacity during this period is 78 - 100 people depending on six-foot social distancing. Same household families can sit together without social distancing.
2. Please stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, chills, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, or if you have come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
3. The Archbishop strongly encourages the elderly (65 & over) and at-risk population to stay home and watch the Masses by Facebook Livestreaming or a recording of the Mass on the SJS Facebook Page.
4. Please arrive early for Mass and help us follow the guidelines, especially for the new entry and exit procedures for each Mass, seating arrangements and lining up for Holy Communion.
5. Everyone is mandated to wear a face mask when you enter the church and wear it for the duration of the Mass. This includes the priest during Communion, altar servers, choir, lectors, volunteers and ushers.
6. Sanitizers will be available for use upon entering the church. We ask that you bring your own sanitizer to use during Mass for your own safety and the safety of others around you.
7. At the Sign of Peace, the faithful are asked to greet each other with a simple head bow, or some other gesture or greeting while maintaining the required six-foot radial distance.
8. You will receive Holy Communion only in your hand. The use of hand sanitizers by parishioners before Holy Communion is highly recommended. All parishioners should line up for Communion to receive the Eucharist or a blessing from the priest.
9. The pews, chairs, common traffic areas and restrooms will be disinfected after every Mass.
10. All hymnals and missals have been removed from the church and a projected PowerPoint presentation will be provided. Bulletins and offertory baskets will be available at the designated exits.
11. Holy water fonts will remain empty.
12. Regrettably, priest and deacons will not stand at the entry areas before or after Mass.

School Mass Guidelines (after full re-integration)



- Everyone must wear a mask at all times.
- Since temperature checks were taken upon school arrival for students, temperature checks before Mass for students will not occur due to redundancy.
- Temperatures of parishioners and parents will be taken at the back of the church upon entry.
- All students will enter through the same entrance, separate from the public and be seated in the front of the church.
- Students will be seated 6 feet apart in alternating rows at the front of the church.
- Students will attend Mass in cohorts.
- Parishioners and parents will have designated seating in the back of the church.
- One student will be designated to do the First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, and Prayers of the Faithful as to not have multiple people using the microphone.
- Altar servers will not be utilized at this time.
- All students will exit using the same exit, separate from the public.

View Mass Instructional Video Here: [SJS - Welcome Back to Church!](#)



Reception of Communion or a Blessing

- Everyone will come forward to receive communion or a blessing as to not cross each other. Our Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, Kinder, and 1st grade cohort will not come forward; they will receive a communal blessing from their seats.
- Students will exit the pews and travel to the outside rows. School personnel will serve as Eucharistic ministers for all of our students. Students will then travel down the center aisle back to their seat. Social distancing will be ensured by school personnel.
- All parishioners and parents will receive communion or a blessing from the priest at the back of the church by entering the center aisle in a single line while maintaining social distancing, and then return to their seats via the outside rows.
- Parishioners and parents will not cross students and school personnel.

Those viewing Mass from home are invited to say the Act of Spiritual Communion.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

School Masses

In order to remain within acceptable capacity and to allow for proper social distancing in the church, our new priest, Fr. Sonny Aryanto, has agreed to offer many school Masses. Below is a proposed schedule; exact days are subject to change. The church will be sanitized after each Mass.

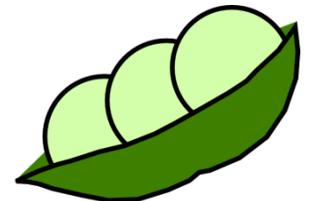
Students will attend Mass in cohort groups when we return to full-immersion on campus.

- Mondays - no school Mass
- Tuesdays @ 8 am: 4th Grade, 5th Grade
- Wednesdays @ 8 am: Pre-K 3 (later in the school year), Pre-K 4, Kinder, 1st Grade
- Thursdays @ 8 am: 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade
- Fridays @ 8 am: 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade

Growing Our Spiritual Garden Plant Three Rows of Peas:



1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul



“Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all mind, with all your strength.” - Matthew 12:30