



REGATHERING GUIDELINES (PHASE 3)

Thank you for returning to church! It has been a safe and prayerful experience for those who have attended Mass and other sacraments so far. The parish leaders along with the administrative staff have implemented following safety measures for the parish family!

SAFETY MEASURES

- Follow the directions of the ushers (and please stay within the marked-off pathways)
- All attendees will wear masks; extras are available at the entrances
- Maintain six feet of distance between households at all times
- Seating is marked appropriately with “**every other pew**” card in the pews
- Hand sanitizer dispensers are available near the entrances; you may also wish to bring your own sanitizer
- One family at a time in the bathroom
- After Mass, please exit the church through the marked-off pathways
- Immediately after each Mass (and other sacramental celebrations), **the church and common areas are sanitized using Diocesan-recommended procedures and cleaning agents.**

LITURGICAL CHANGES

- Missals have been removed from the pews; you are welcome to use a smart phone to access the readings for Mass if necessary; the weekly worship guide is found here.
- **Receiving communion:**
 - Communion will be distributed to you in the pew
 - Keep your mask on to receive
 - All receive Communion in the hand
- Distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended.
- The offertory procession & collection remain suspended. Please drop your tithing envelope in the collection basket in front of baptismal font as you enter the sanctuary.
- The **Sign of Peace** remains suspended (as a general guideline during phase 3), but it can be shared among one’s own households or to others by maintaining the social distance
- Holy water fonts and stoups (basins) remain empty.
- No altar servers at this point (but we are intending to introduce one altar server at each Mass adhering to recommended social distance on the altar).
- Use of music is limited at this point with a piano and cantor.
- Bulletin is available online; limited copies of printed bulletin is available at the entrances.

May Our Blessed Mother intercede on our behalf and the whole world!
Peace and all good,

Father Chinna M. Devaraj

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