

## **St. Robert Bellarmine Return to Mass Protocol**

### **Considerations before coming to Mass:**

1. Bishop Johnston has dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and the Easter Duty.
2. Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days are not permitted to enter the church, in accordance with national, state and local health directives. All attendees are asked to check their temperature at home before coming to church.
3. Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are 60 or older are encouraged, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Mass.

### **Weekend Mass Times:**

- Saturday: 4:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am and 11:00 am
- A virtual Mass will continue to be made available at 4:00 pm Saturday on our Website.

### **Capacity:**

1. Including ministers (priest, sacristan, ushers, lector, ministers of Holy Communion, server, cantor, organist, etc.), Mass attendance is limited to 25% of occupancy or 100 people (this can change as city mandates change).

### **Sign-up process for weekend Masses:**

1. The purpose of the signup is to manage the number of people we can have in the church for each Mass.
2. All signup information is done online. A link will be made available via the parish website each week. We ask for a name for each household, which Mass your household will attend, how many people from your household will attend, and your email in case we need to reach you.

3. The online signup will be available on Monday each week and will end on Thursday or when the list has reached the maximum number of signups.
4. For those who have no access to the online signup and do not have someone who can help them signup, please call the Church office, 816-229-5168. Phone requests must be made by 3:00 pm on Thursday each week. Those who leave a message to sign up will receive a call back to confirm your reservation.

**Masks:**

1. All are obliged to wear masks until arriving at your pew. If you don't wear a mask, you will not be allowed entrance-no exceptions. We must adhere to Diocesan and County guidelines.
2. The Priest or Deacon will bring Holy Communion to you in your pew.
3. Masks must also be worn when leaving mass.

**Virtual liturgy guides (or print-at-home liturgy guides) and virtual bulletins:**

1. We are not allowed to hand out materials including bulletins and liturgy guides. All hymnals have been removed.
2. Virtual liturgy guides will be available online with readings and music included. These can be printed ahead of time and be brought to Mass. We also invite people to view liturgy guides with a smartphone during the Mass.
3. Bulletins will continue to be available online only at this time.

**Arriving at Mass:**

1. Everyone must enter church through the main entrance. The Chapel doors will not be open. The Church restrooms in the hallway will be available.
2. Ushers will check your name off our signup list and lead you to your seat.
3. Please arrive no later than ten minutes prior to Mass as quietly and reverently as possible.
4. At the request of civil authorities, we will maintain attendance lists for 30 days following each Mass in the event we need to notify you of possible exposure to Covid-19.

**Seating:**

1. Households should sit together and will be seated by an usher.
2. Two different households may share a pew with proper distancing in between.
3. There will be an empty pew in between each occupied pew.

**Communion procession logistics:**

1. The Priest or Deacon will bring Holy Communion to you in your pew.
2. Distribution of the Holy Eucharist from the chalice is prohibited at this time.

**Leaving Mass:**

1. The priest will give instructions for exiting the church and ushers will help direct the flow of dismissal. To avoid clusters of people, different sets of doors will be used for different pew sections to exit.
2. We must respectfully ask that people do not linger or socialize in the vestibule or outside on the sidewalk to allow proper social distancing between households during exit.
3. All priests in the diocese have been instructed to respect the social distancing requirements before and after Mass by not greeting attendees.

**Sanitizing:**

1. Hand sanitizer will be available; however, we encourage you to bring your own.
2. Pews and high traffic areas will be sanitized in between liturgies.

**Weekday Masses:**

Weekday Masses will be held as follows:

- Monday and Friday at 8:00 am
  - Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 am
  - Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm.
1. Sign In Sheets are available upon entry and must be signed.
  2. The First Saturday morning Masses will continue to be virtual at this time.

**Other liturgical considerations:**

1. The diocese prohibits us to pass a collection basket. There will be a basket available on the vestibule table to leave contributions.
2. There is no procession of the gifts.
3. There is no physical contact between different households during the sign of peace.
4. Holy water fonts have been removed.