

# MOST HOLY NAME CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Established 1857*

521 Woodland Street, Nashville, TN 37206

**August 7, 2020**

My Dear Holy Name parishioners,

On July 30, Bishop Spalding extended his dispensation which began on March 17, 2020. This dispensation from attending Sunday Masses and those on Holy Days of Obligation remains until further notice. The Bishop will adjust provisions, as deemed necessary. Accordingly, I wish to take this opportunity to update you on our current safety procedures here at the church. I also want to thank those who have returned to Mass and those who continue to celebrate the Mass with us online through live streaming.

- At Mass, proper social distancing guidelines and norms should continue to be respected. Everyone has done a wonderful job of working together this summer. Please continue to adhere to the marked pews which allows for adequate spacing, both in and between pews. Families living in the same household should also sit together whenever possible.
- Public Masses resumed on May 19 and continue to be celebrated at no more than 50% capacity. Our daily Mass schedule is **Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:00am** and **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30am**. Elderly parishioners are encouraged to attend the Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays if they feel uncomfortable attending on weekends.
- Our Sunday Mass schedule remains the same: Saturday Vigil at 5pm, Sundays at 8:00am, 10:30am and Noon. If the need for further social distancing arises, we may add another Mass or ask people to go into the auditorium to listen to the Mass.
- The Sign of Peace and distribution of the Precious Blood both remain suspended. Holy Water receptacles will also remain empty during this period.
- Hymnals have been removed from the pews and placed on the table in front of the family room. Please take one home and bring it with you when you attend Masses (1 per family).
- Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own masks to church and wear them. Additionally, please follow CDC guidelines for maintaining proper personal hygiene.


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- The church continues deep cleaning during the week. We will also take necessary steps to clean certain “high contact” items in between Masses. These include door handles, pews, and railings. Restrooms will have hand soap and paper towels. We also have a limited supply of hand sanitizer which we will make available.
- All meetings and events on church property, of 50 people or less, will begin to receive permission to resume this month following all federal, state, and local masking and social distancing guidelines. *The pastor reserves the right to maintain discretion.*
- Information regarding the options for Religious Education 2020-2021 will be coming soon from Mary Evans, Director of Religious Education.
- Please contact the **parish office** if you or someone you know is interested in signing up for **RCIA**. The office number is (615) 254-8847.
- Thinking of those who may have lost their jobs during this pandemic, we thank God for the gift of life. All the same, we thank those who have been making their contributions to Holy Name either through online giving or with your envelope and cash donations. Those who have not been doing so are encouraged to remember to help Holy Name with paying our bills. No amount is too small. Please be generous with your gift, while we continue to pray for an end to this global crisis.

Thank you again for your continued patience and cooperation. I would also like to continue to encourage the practice of praying of the rosary, with your families, as often as possible. You are again welcome to come to the church either alone or with your family to pray during the week. Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 9am-4pm. We will be more than happy to open the church for you. Just give us a call or stop by. This opportunity is particularly important for those who remain away from Masses during the dispensation period.

For further information, you may visit the diocesan website directly or via our Coronavirus Resource link on the parish website, [www.holynamenashville.com](http://www.holynamenashville.com). The Tennessee Register, our diocesan newspaper, is also a wonderful resource.

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