

Welcome back to the public celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! Please be patient while we all adjust to our new guidelines that will help keep us all safe and healthy. These guidelines are also subject to change as the situation warrants.

· **Stay home if you are part of a vulnerable population, ill, anxious or have underlying health conditions.** Bishop Parkes has dispensed all Catholics in the Diocese of St. Petersburg from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.

· **Maintain six feet of physical distance** from others who are not from the same household while in the church or on church property.

· **Please only use the main entrance or the handicapped entrance.** A hospitality minister will open the door, so you do not have to touch it. Pews will be marked off to maintain appropriate physical distancing. Hospitality ministers will direct people to open seats. Please follow directions.

· Please be patient as we restrict attendance at Mass in church to no more than a 50% capacity. If you arrive after we reach capacity a hospitality minister will ask you to come back to Mass on another day or perhaps join the over-flow (available for the 4 PM Vigil and the 10:30 Sunday mass) in the PLC Hall where communion will be brought to you by a Eucharistic Minister and mass will be streamed on a screen.

· When you arrive at a pew, please fill in the MIDDLE seats first to avoid having people climb over you as they arrive later. If a hospitality minister asks you to move to the middle, please follow directions.

· **Use a face mask or face covering. Masks are not optional. We wear masks during this pandemic to help protect people around us.**

· **Refrain from physical contact**, such as holding hands during the Our Father or the sign of peace.

· Due to difficulty in accessing hand sanitizer for bulk usage, we ask the parishioners to strongly consider bringing their own personal supply of hand sanitizer with them to mass and use it before and after receiving Communion.

· **During communion, we ask that you keep a 6-foot distance in the communion line. Please stand on the mark and move forward as the space is vacated. Holy Communion will only be distributed on the hand to protect the priest, eucharistic ministers and your fellow parishioners. Replace your mask after receiving communion. Communion will only be distributed under one species.**

· There will be an Offertory Collection box located by the Paschal Candle in front of the ambo, at the back of the church by the main entrance, and in the East Wing. Prayerfully consider placing your offertory envelopes in this box as you enter church or as you leave mass. You may also give via your bank if you use online banking or through the diocesan website at: <https://www.dosp.org/stewardship/supporting-your-parish/>. This link and directions are also available through the Our Lady of Grace website, FaceBook and in the bulletin.

· As we exit the church, please remember to keep an appropriate amount of space between people. We know we have not seen each other in a while, and it is tempting to linger and socialize but try to do so outside or in more open areas to maintain physical distancing. Please follow the directions of the hospitality ministers as they usher you out.

· **If you can wipe down the area you were seated in, please do so.** The church will also sanitize the areas in between masses. To ensure that we can do this efficiently between masses, **volunteers** who can stay and help Moses and Vinny after mass would be very welcome. If you feel that you can do this, please contact the office staff, and let them know.

· **Please refrain from using the restrooms unless it is an absolute emergency.**

Remember that this is new to everyone and we are all trying to keep each other safe and healthy so that we may continue enjoying community and celebrating together. Extend grace and patience to each other, including to the lay ministers and your fellow parishioners. Be mindful and considerate of all those around you. Welcome back!