

Guidelines and procedures for attending Mass beginning May 25, 2020



St. Columban is excited to welcome you back to church!
Some friendly reminders:

- the faithful continue to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Mass until further notice.
- those who wish to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion can do so by attending Mass during the week.
- those who are at-risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to stay home and watch our recorded Masses.

Mass guidelines

Weekend Mass times: Saturday @ 4:30 p.m. and Sunday @ 8:00, 9:45 and 11:30 a.m.

Recorded Mass will be on our website on Saturdays around 6:30 p.m.

Daily Mass times: Monday @ 12:30 p.m., Tuesday @ 9:00 a.m., Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.,
Thursday @ 9:00 a.m.

Capacity of church with the new guidelines: 300, Parish Hall: 200 for a Mass total of 500

- Everyone is encouraged to bring and wear a mask.
- When you arrive, please go directly to the section that accommodates your family size (details to come in the next e-news). We have maintained a 6' social distance in creating the seating in church and the Hall.
- Pews will be skipped so that there will be an empty row behind each row of seated individuals. The skipped pews will be clearly blocked off.
- **Once maximum capacity is reached in church, you will be directed to the Parish Hall for seating until the Hall is full.**
- Doors will be propped open to minimize touch.
- Please do not congregate in the Gathering Space before or after Mass.

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Mass guidelines continued

- In compliance with state regulations, there will be no holding of hands at the Our Father, no offertory procession and no physical sign of peace. Communion on the tongue has been suspended and the font continues to remain dry.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word will not take place as proper social distancing is not possible.
- No hymnals will be used. We encourage you to download the Catholic Daily Readings app on your phone to view the readings.
- You may pick up a worship aid in the Gathering Space from an usher who will have sanitized hands. After Mass please place your worship aid in the bins in the Gathering Space on your way out, as we will be recycling them.
- We ask that proper social distancing be recognized during Communion. The floors are marked with tape to help you.
- Those who are unable to abide by our social distancing requirements will be asked to continue to watch Mass at home on our website.

CLEANING PROCESSES:

- Hand sanitizer for parishioner use will be available at the entrances.
- Bulletins will be handed out by ushers after Mass. They will have used hand sanitizers prior to handing them out.
- Eucharistic Ministers will continue to use hand sanitizer before they distribute.
- The church and Parish Hall will be sanitized between Masses as well as the restrooms and door handles.
- Please do not plan to arrive at church too early as we have to clean pews and surfaces between Masses and we need time to prepare for the next Mass.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation through these difficult and challenging times. We are excited to be returning to Mass, but need to follow the required protocol. We look forward to seeing you!

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