



ST. CLARE
OF MONTEFALCO
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Returning to Weekday Mass

Protocol for Attendance for the Celebration Of Weekday Mass at St. Clare

Arrival and Entrance

- Face coverings/masks are to be worn by the faithful (over the age of two) in and around the church.
- Physical distancing will be practiced in the church and on the church property.
- **ONLY** the Austin Portico doors will be open for all to enter and exit the church. In case of emergency all doors will be available for exiting
- Seating will be limited to the **front 2 central sections**; pews will be marked where seating is available. Please space yourself appropriately distant (minimum of 6 feet) from other attendees. Families may sit together.
- Family Room will be used for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It will not be available for children, we apologize for this inconvenience.

Music

- Our red hymnals have been removed from the pews; we will use songs that are familiar for all of us.

Liturgy of the Word

- There will be one lector.

Offertory

- There will be no offertory procession, the host and wine will be on the altar.
- The invitation to exchange the Sign of Peace is suspended.

Holy Communion

- There will be no Precious Blood distribution.
- Lector and Sacristan will line up at the step of the altar 6' apart to receive Holy Communion
- Remove any masks and gloves as you approach the priest/minister
- Follow the marking on the floor in your line to receive Holy Communion that ensures proper distancing.
- The reverence and the verbal exchange should take place 6' from the minister in this format: Bow – "The Body of Christ" – "Amen" – then step forward to receive.
- Although everyone has a right to receive Holy Communion on the tongue –**we strongly encourage all to receive** Holy Communion on your hand. Receiving Holy Communion on the tongue could cause concern about spreading droplets to the fingers of the minister via breath. Those who require reception of Holy Communion on the tongue should wait until all other attendees have received and when invited by the celebrant come forward to receive the Eucharist.
- Low gluten hosts will be available at each Mass during regular distribution of Holy Communion. Personal Pyx will not be used for gluten free host.
- Pyx will not be placed on the altar during the service.
- If you are taking Holy Communion to the homebound you should present the open pyx to the priest or EME when you come to receive the sacrament. Indicate the number of host you need.

Dismissal and Recessional

- **ONLY** the Austin Portico doors should be used to exit the building.
- Before you leave the church, please use the cleaning supplies to clean the area where you sat and had contact with the pews. Remember to dispose of waste properly.
- Please be mindful of the 6' physical distancing as you leave the church and in the parking lot.
- Only the celebrant(s) and sacristan should enter the sacristy

