



Reintegration for St. Joseph Catholic Church (SJC)

What to Know

All the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until further notice.

Those Who Are Vulnerable · If you or those for whom you care are “vulnerable” to infection or the serious effects of coronavirus, please avoid gatherings of the general public.

Those who are vulnerable:

- are over the age of 65,
- have existing heart or lung conditions,
- have diabetes, and/or
- are otherwise immuno-compromised.

Those Who Feel Sick · If you feel sick in any way, are coughing, or are sneezing frequently, please avoid public gatherings, including liturgical celebrations.

Livestreamed Masses · SJC will continue to livestream Masses on the weekdays (M-F at 8:00 am; Saturday at 10:00 am; and Weekend Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm). If you are vulnerable, sick, or concerned with your safety or the safety of those whom you regularly encounter, please continue to unite prayerfully to the Mass via livestream.

In-Person Participation · Please be charitable, respectful and understanding with the Friars, parish staff, and liturgical ministers.

What to Expect

Person-Per-Gathering Limits · The Diocese requires every parish to follow person-per gathering limits set by public health authorities. Our in-person participation is 250. If the number of participants exceeds the limit, the Church will be locked for safety. Please be respectful to the porters and ushers who may have to share this information with you. Above all, exercise charity!

Social Distancing · SJC requires social distancing with due respect for the reverent enactment of the sacred rites. Kindly follow the directions of ministers, as well as posted signs and markings.

Disinfection & Ventilation · SJC continues to ensure disinfection and ventilation before and after each liturgy. The church will be closed after each Mass.

Holy Water & Hymnals · SJC has removed holy water from all fonts and hymnals/missalettes from pews.

Porters · For each liturgy, we will have at least one “porter” — a minister who keeps watch at the doors. Porters will ensure that capacity limitations and related safety practices are observed. Please be patient, understanding, and respectful in following the directions of all ministers.

Preparing

Making Plans · During this time and due to capacity limits, please do not plan to attend

liturgies at any parish at which you are not registered.

Face Coverings: You are to wear a cloth face covering or disposable face mask. Please bring your own. The Friars will wear their masks for the entrance, communion and recessional from Mass. They will not wear them at the altar due to the space for the celebration of the Mass.

Hand Hygiene: You are expected to disinfect your hands when entering the church and encouraged to do so again immediately before receiving Communion. Please bring your own hand sanitizer, which should contain at least 60% alcohol.

Entrance into the Church: Parishioners will be invited to enter into the Church through the front doors on the left side of the Church.

Celebrating

Processions · The Priests and Deacon will process in from and exit to the sacristy.

Presentation of the Gifts · The presentation of the gifts by members of the assembly will be omitted.

Collection · A collection will take place as you exit the Church. Baskets will be placed in the vestibule for your offertory envelope or donation. If available, please consider supporting your parish through online giving – we invite you to use Faith Direct. You may also drop your donation off at the parish office during the week or use the mail.

Lord's Prayer · The Diocese and SJC prohibits holding hands during the Lord's Prayer.

Sign of Peace · The Diocese requires that the invitation “Let us offer each other the sign of peace” and the exchange of peace that follows be omitted. There will be no sign of peace.

Communion: Only priests, deacons, and instituted acolytes distribute Communion.

All present who are in a state of grace may receive Communion. Those who have health concerns are not obliged. Please follow the procedures for the distribution of Communion. Please maintain social distancing in the Communion Procession.

You are encouraged to disinfect your hands immediately before receiving Communion. Please prayerfully consider temporarily receiving reverently in the hand.*

It is not permitted to receive Communion in the hand while wearing gloves. If you are wearing gloves, please remove your gloves for the reception of Communion.

Ministers are encouraged to disinfect their hands immediately after each and every communicant who receives on the tongue, even if no physical contact has occurred.

Ministers are also encouraged to disinfect their hands immediately if accidental contact is made with a communicant's hand.

Mass schedule:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm (also livestreamed)

Sunday Masses: 8:00 am; 11:00 am; 3:00 pm (Spanish); and 5:00 pm

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday at 8:00 am (also livestreamed)

Saturday Mass at 10:00 am – live stream only

* Information available in U.S. CDC, Interim Guidance for Leaders of Faith Communities (23 Mar 2020) & World Health Organization, Guidance for Faith Communities (7 Apr 2020).



Informational Facts for SJC Reintegration

Parishioners present for Mass:	250 (respecting social distancing and Diocesan protocols)
First Public Mass:	Saturday, May 30, 2020 at 5:00 pm
Mass Schedule:	Saturday, 5:00 pm Sunday, 8:00 am; 11:00 am; 3:00 pm (Spanish); 5:00 pm (Sunday Mass will also be live streamed – English and Spanish)
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday, 8:00 am (Mass will also be live streamed)
Saturday morning Mass:	Saturday, 10:00 am – live stream only
Eucharistic Adoration:	Wednesday, 8:30 am to noon
Confessions:	Wednesday, 8:40 am (also by appointment)

Preparing to attend public Mass – Please read the SJC Reintegration Plan

Masks:	Masks are required at all times, except while receiving Communion. Please bring your own mask.
Hand sanitizing:	Please bring your own sanitizer and clean your hands prior to entering the Church and prior to receiving the Eucharist.
Collection of Offertory:	Collection baskets will be placed in the vestibule.
Respect and Patience:	Be respectful and patient.
Church cleaning:	The Church will be cleaned immediately after each Mass. We will ask the assembly to depart immediately after the conclusion of Mass.
Exiting Church:	Social distancing should be maintained during exiting. Please follow directions of ministers.