



## **MASS GUIDELINES For Parishioners**

### **St Mary Queen of the Missions**

**In an effort to celebrate Mass as a parish family while protecting the health of our parishioners, St Mary has established guidelines in accordance with the Bishop's recommendations.**

#### **Upon Arrival:**

The Main entrance of the church will be used for entering the church. The side doors will be exit only. Parishioners are asked not to congregate outside the church building and to maintain 6ft of distance between household groups.

Wearing masks during Mass will be required. Any face covering will suffice. If you do not have one, we have a limited supply and can provide one. We ask you to bring your own personal size hand sanitizer and use it as needed during Mass, and we will have some at the entrance. We ask everyone to hand sanitize on the way into Mass.

We ask that you arrive with your household in order to be seated together. Seats will be marked in groups, and households will be seated in appropriate row for their household size. Ushers will assist households in finding seats while maintaining 6 ft of distance between households.

#### **Mass:**

While some changes to the normal Sunday Mass will be evident, overall it will only seem more simple. There will be an introit or short hymn for opening procession, and at least for the first few weeks, the Gloria will be recited. The readings will be on our website, and we encourage you to locate them before Mass if you would like to use your phone to follow along during Mass. Hymnals and Missalettes have been removed for your safety. There will be no Altar Servers and no Offertory, but we will have a basket at the back of church for your envelopes.

The ushers will signal for each row to come forward for communion, but we ask that you remain 6 ft apart in line. The floor will be marked with the appropriate spacing. You are invited to remain in your row until the usher signals your row. When you are one person back from receiving, you may remove your mask to receive communion. We invite you to replace it before you re enter your pew. When receiving, we ask you to consider receiving on your hands to better allow Father to keep distance. The Prayer to Saint Michael will be recited most weeks during the recessional for Mass.

#### **After Mass:**

There will be no Social Hour after Mass. We invite you to exit the church directly while maintaining distance, and go to your car without congregating.

