

COVID-19 UPDATE



The AOD Department of Communications released **Updated COVID-19 Guidelines for Parishes and Schools** in the Archdiocese of Detroit on **Tuesday, August 17, 2021**. Included in the guidelines were the following **liturgical protocols**:

- The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages Mass-goers, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face coverings and to practice social distancing to reduce exposure to COVID-19
- Each pastor/In Solidum team should evaluate their location in the Archdiocese and implement the following protocols:
 - Establish an area where social distancing is observed
 - Strongly encourage masking and social distancing
 - Hang signage indicating that masking and social distancing are encouraged
 - Evaluate space for the choir and strongly recommend that those who are unvaccinated do not participate in the choir at this time
 - Retain sanitization/face covering surrounding the distribution of Holy Communion
- The faithful are reminded that particular dispensations from the obligation to participate in Holy Mass remain in effect for people who are ill or who find themselves in other specific circumstances. More information is available at www.aod.org/emergencyresponse.



All mass-goers age 2 and older are asked to wear face coverings to reduce exposure of other mass-goers to Covid-19. We expect there will be both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons wearing masks.

Socially distant seating will be available in the pews of the Evergreen section (across from the choir seating), in the chairs in the St. Eugene chapel area, at the back of the church.

We will continue to have hand sanitizer and a limited number of masks (please bring your own mask and

hand sanitizer if you are able) available. Our medical grade air purifiers will continue to run during the masses.

Those distributing Holy Communion will wear masks while distributing communion with sanitized hands. At this time, we are unable to offer the Precious Blood during Holy Communion.