

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PARISHIONERS

As we prepare to resume the public celebration of Mass this weekend, I want to give you a few important instructions as we re-enter our liturgical life.

1. **You are not obligated to come to Mass** - The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended. You are not obligated to attend Mass for any reason.
2. **Stay home if you are not feeling well** - This is common sense and applies to any and all illnesses. This also applies if you are “at risk” or just uncomfortable being in a public setting (see #1 above).
3. **Wear a mask** - You will not be admitted without a mask and are expected to wear it while in the church. This applies to everyone two years old and over. This is mandated by the state. Masks will not be provided.
4. **Bring your own hand sanitizer** - We do not have an unlimited supply of hand sanitizer. Please bring your own.
5. **Arrive early** - Seating will be limited and ushers will begin seating you 30 minutes before the start of Mass.
 - 4:30PM for the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday
 - 8:30AM for the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday
 - 10:30AM for the 11:00AM on Sunday

You will not be able to choose your own seat. Families that live together can sit together. Once we have reached capacity (25% of the building’s maximum occupancy while maintaining 6 feet of separation) you cannot be admitted (see #1 above).

6. **No Holy Communion** - Currently, we are not prepared for the distribution of Holy Communion under the current guidelines. We hope to have that in place by next weekend. For now, please bring a copy of the “Spiritual Communion” prayer we have been using for the past three months. It can be found on the website and in the bulletin.
7. **No bathrooms** - Sorry, but it is not possible for us to maintain a properly safe and sanitized bathroom during Mass. Plan accordingly. If this isn’t possible for you, see #1 above.
8. **Entering and leaving** - You are expected to enter and exit the church through the front doors only. Downstairs is off limits. I understand that we have not all seen each other in a while. However, we cannot congregate inside the church before or after Mass for social conversation. Please take your conversations outside.
9. **Be patient and be flexible** - This is a time of learning and adjustment. I understand that things are changing quickly and I also am aware that things are being done at other parishes

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that we may not be doing here. We are opening and will make progress when we are able to do so abiding by the bishop's and state's directives.

These instructions are all in compliance with the bishop's instructions for every parish. We will follow them for the health and safety of all and so that the government does not impose harsher restrictions upon us.

I look forward to seeing you at Mass this weekend. It has been a long three months. With great joy, together we will go up to the altar of God.

May God bless you all,

Father Sikorski