

The Obligation to attend Mass continues to be lifted due to the ongoing pandemic. Therefore, if you are sick in any way, have a hacking cough, are sneezing, or have a fever **PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS who are fearful or vulnerable.** If you have underlying health issues or are age 65, and older with health risks, please do not attend Mass. If you are fearful in anyway about being in a public room like the church building, where we can't guarantee your safety as it concerns your health, please do not attend Mass.

Here are some of the things the Basilica will be doing to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus:

- We are recommending that you **wear a mask** to help dissipate any risks to others, and alleviate the fears that others have (founded or unfounded). It is an act of charity on your part as you sit in the pew with someone who may be anxious.
- Every other pew will be roped off to insure social distancing. Families are welcomed to sit together in pews, all others please keep the recommended six feet distance from your fellow parishioners. The two balconies will be open for your use if you choose.
- Markings have been placed on the side aisles where you are to stand as you line up for Holy Communion. Please remove your mask as you receive Holy Communion.
- **The doors will be open 15 minutes before Mass begins**
- Entering and exiting the building
- **Please enter the building through the John Paul II Pavilion only**
- After Mass has concluded, please exit using either of the two side doors of the church:
  - the east door that opens onto sixth street and the west door that opens to the seventh street parking lot. Only those needing use of the elevator will be able to exit by way of the JP II Pavilion
- All parishioners are asked to exit the church immediately after the Mass has concluded. Please no congregating in the back of church. The ushers will dismiss you, pew by pew, so please do not all go out at the same time.
- There will be no passing of the collection basket. Collection baskets will be placed at the exits at the conclusion of Mass where you may place your contribution.
- The parish staff will be sanitizing and cleaning the building as directed by the Archdiocese between each Mass so please do not stay in the church after Mass is concluded for private prayer or to socialize.
- There will be hand sanitizer provided, but if you can, please bring your own