



Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Guidelines to Resume Mass

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.

Live stream Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Church will remain closed outside of Mass times.

Parish Office remains closed and Parish Activities suspended until further notice.

DISPENSATION: Please note that there is **no obligation to attend Sunday Mass** or holy days for any Catholic in the Archdiocese of Detroit at this time. Please remember that for the safety of all that if you are sick, have a fever or cough, have underlying health conditions, or if you have been exposed to someone who is sick (anyone in an "at-risk" category, or uncomfortable in a group setting), please **remain home**. It is also recommended that anyone older than 65 years of age (the age group most prone to contracting the virus) **remain at home** and watch Mass being Live Streamed, or on TV.

CONFESSIONS are available in the annex area of the Gathering Space on Friday mornings, from 7:30-8:15 a.m. and on Saturday afternoons from 3:00-4:30 p.m. You must wear a mask and gloves. The Confession area will be set up for social distancing. Please be conscientious of others waiting in line, as well as for the priest's health and time.

PRIVATE PRAYER is still available in the Kateri Tekakwitha Chapel 24/7. Please no more than 5 people be in the chapel at any given time, and know that social distancing will be required.

SUNDAY & DAILY MASS GUIDELINES

- Masses will be limited to 25% capacity or around 150 people per Mass (based on the configuration of our building. Seat reservation is not required (outside of Holy Week and Easter) at this time.
- The praying of the rosary prior to daily Mass will need to be refrained.

How to Reserve Your Seat(s) when applicable

- A signup link for the upcoming weekend Mass will be made available on the homepage of the Parish website: www.olvnorthville.org starting at 10:00 a.m., on Monday morning for upcoming Masses.
- The link will take you to a Signup Genius Mass Reservation page.
- Please choose the Mass that you will attend and click the total number of people in your household that will be in attendance with you.
- The "comments area" allows for you to add the names of the people to be included in the reservation.
- Only 1 reservation (or signup) per household is needed. For the courtesy of others, please be as accurate as you can be in your count. Thanks.

- When you arrive at your reserved Mass, please have with you a printed or emailed version of your reservation.
- Staff will allow entrance only to those whose names are on the Signup Genius list. Please be patient with us.
- **For those without internet capabilities, please CALL the Parish Office (248) 349-2621 and provide the same information.**

Before You Arrive for Mass

- Be sure to remember your reservation (printed or an email on your phone).
- Wash your hands.
- **Face masks are required** while in the church. Please bring your own hand sanitizer.
- Please do not bring items that contain bleach into the sanctuary as this will damage the pews.

Arrival Procedures

- Masks should be worn as soon as you exit your vehicle.
- The church doors will be opened 20 minutes before Mass.
- There will be no admittance in the church once Mass begins.
- Everyone coming to mass must enter through the Gathering Space glass doors.
The Thayer Rd. doors will not be open at this time.
- Social distancing in the Gathering Space and church will be monitored.
- Someone from our parish staff will seat.
- The cry rooms and meeting rooms are closed at this time.
- The Sacristies are open for Mass ministers only. No visiting. Thank you.
- Every pew will be marked for seating with blue tape and we will use only every other pew for social distancing. (6ft)
- You may share a pew with your household, but social distance is required between households (6ft).
- There will be no seating or standing in the Gathering Space, aisles, or cry room.
- Only one person will be allowed in each restroom at a time. Wash hands for 20 seconds before returning to your seat.
- The holy water fonts will remain empty.

Mass Procedures

- Masses will be conducted as you have seen on the Live Stream.
- There will be no altar servers, acolytes or choir.
- Parish staff will serve as ushers until further notice.
- Please keep your face mask on for the duration of Mass.
- The gifts of Bread and Wine will not be processed.
- Offertory Baskets will not be passed. You will be able to place your weekly gift in a basket in the Gathering Space before or after the Mass. We thank you for your support and encourage you, if you have not done so already, please consider online giving through "Our Sunday Visitor." A link is on our home page at www.olvnorthville.org.
- No physical contact at the sign of peace or hand holding during the Lord's Prayer.
- Communion will be distributed by priests, deacons and staff only at this time.

Communion Procedures

- Archbishop Vigneron has announced Holy Communion may be offered in the hand, or on

the tongue. Personally, as your Pastor, **I ask that for your safety, and that of the Minister, you refrain from receiving on the tongue at this time.**

- The Precious Blood (Cup) will not be offered to the congregation.
- Clergy and staff will wash their hands and use sanitizer before distributing Holy Communion.
- The Communion Ministers will come to you. They will come in a single line down the center of the main aisle, and will offer you Communion by walking through the alternating empty pews. **You need not move—we are coming to you!**
- Face masks and gloves must be worn. The Communion Ministers will not wear gloves, but will wear a mask to give Communion. It is very important that they do not touch the hands of the person receiving Communion. Wearing gloves will protect the minister and you.
- After reception in your hand please respond, “AMEN” **before removing your mask.** As the minister moves to the next person, consume the Eucharist and re-mask. If you wish to return to a sitting position after reception you are welcome to do so.

Departure Procedures

- Please do not leave Mass early or exit the church until **after the Final Blessing.**
- After the final blessing pews will be dismissed. Please do not “linger” afterwards.
- Due to the cleaning of the building that must take place between Masses we ask that all leave the building after Mass using the main Gathering Space glass doors.
- Baskets for the Offertory will be in the Gathering Space, if needed. Thank you.
- Sorry, but clergy will not be able to greet or shake hands in the Gathering Space. (We will be able to give hugs again, one day!).
- Please do not linger near vehicles in order to allow the next Mass to start on time. Thanks!
- If you would dispose of your mask and gloves in your garbage at home that will be appreciated.

Church Cleaning Procedures

- We will continue to implement cleanliness and sanitization practices, including disinfecting pews between every Mass.
- Disinfecting bathrooms, door handles and other frequently touched surfaces occur throughout the day and after each Mass.
- Parish staff will be required to wear face masks, wash hands and will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms.

Sacraments:

- Weddings and funerals will be scheduled as needed and must adhere to the above protocol.
- **Additional information is available on our website for the celebration of all sacraments: Weddings, Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmations.**