

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

Dear Parishioners:

The following information is provided so that you know what to expect when returning to church for Mass. The following guidelines are more than recommendations; they are the standard practices for assembling. *There will be no exceptions.*

1. Mass attendance will be by invitation from the parish office only. Before coming parishioners should check their temperature. Parishioners are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer if possible, but hand sanitizer stations will be available.
2. To avoid the risk of contracting COVID-19 those with health issues, the elderly and the infirm are strongly encouraged to remain at home.
3. Attendees will be checked for visible signs of sickness.
4. Masks must be worn at all times. Attendees are to provide their own masks.
5. Parishioners will enter and exit at designated entrances and egresses, welcomed by ushers and shown to assigned seats (choir lofts/folding chairs are not available).
6. Seating will be according to the six-foot distance rule of social distancing. Pews are marked with caution tape or ribbon indicating where NOT to sit.
7. Missalettes and other printed material will not be available. Personal printed material may not be left behind in the pews.
8. Liturgical requirements:
 - a. There will be no collection. Envelopes are to be left in the collection box or basket.
 - b. There will be no offertory procession.
 - c. There will be no Sign of Peace
 - d. Only the priest (deacon) will offer communion.
 - e. Communion will be offered after the final blessing for Mass. Communicants are strongly encouraged to receive communion in the hand. No one is to wear gloves in distributing and receiving communion.
 - f. The ushers will guide communicants out of the pew in an orderly way and to keep with social distancing recommendations. Communicants will come up in single file and maintain the social distancing according to the markers in the aisle.
 - g. Just before receiving communion, the communicant will sanitize his/her hands. At the moment of communion, the communicant will remove his/her mask, consume the sacred species and return the mask to his/her face.
 - h. After receiving communion communicants will leave the church directly maintaining social distancing.
 - i. Masks must be worn up until the communicant receives communion and then return the mask after consuming the host.
 - j. Ushers will show those who have received Holy Communion to the proper exit. There will be no distribution of bulletins or interaction with the clergy after communion.
 - k. Parishioners are not to gather or socialize in any manner. They are to proceed directly to their vehicles.
9. The church will be sanitized after every event.