

# Guidelines to Celebrating Mass Indoors

- a) Individuals who are coming to Mass are required to wear a mask as they enter the church building, Please remember to bring your own mask. Wearing gloves are also recommended but not required. Gloves must be remove when receiving the Body of Christ.
- b) There will be one way traffic. Enter the church through the front main entrance. The side doors will be used as exit doors.
- c) Entrances and exits will be marked visibly.
- d) When you are feeling sick, stay home.
- e) **COMMUNION WILL ONLY BE GIVEN IN THE HAND. Once again, the practice of giving communion in the hand is implemented temporarily for the safety and well-being of all Mass goers.**
- f) Missalettes, hymnals and other forms of worship aids will be removed from the pews.
- g) There will be one musician and one cantor at each Mass, except if choir members belong to one household.
- h) Follow the signs when coming forward for Communion and stand on signs indicating the six(6) feet social distancing.
- i) Hand sanitizers will be provided at all entrances.
- j) Those who fall in the vulnerable category, i.e. individuals age 65+ and persons with compromised health conditions, are asked to continue with the shelter-in-place ordinances instituted by the state and local authorities. This also applies for priests, deacons, and ministers who are in the same vulnerable categories.
- k) Physical distancing is to be observed during the celebration of Mass by every person present. Individuals living in the same household may remain close to one another but must observe social distancing with other individuals or other households. All ministers (priests, deacons, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, altar servers, cantors, ministers of hospitality, etc.) are expected to practice social distancing at each Mass.
- l) The pews will be visibly marked while maintaining the required 6 feet social distancing.
- m) A person who has a respiratory infection and may be exhibiting symptoms associated with the COVID-19 virus or otherwise is asked to refrain from coming to Mass. The same instruction applies particularly for priests, deacons and other ministers.
- n) If after attending Mass you come down with symptoms and/or test positive for COVID-19, please notify us so that we can take the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of other parishioners, volunteers and staff.