

Precautionary Measures for Mass

We ask that all parishioners help us do our best to maintain a safe environment by following physical distancing of at least 6 feet and using good hygiene measures, including thorough hand washing, sanitizing and wearing of face coverings while inside the Church. As a reminder, anyone who is sick, caring for a sick person, or vulnerable continues to be dispensed from their obligation to attend Mass.

In accordance with the Diocese of Phoenix, seating capacity will remain at 25% or 130 people per Mass. All four weekend Masses follow our regular schedule on Saturdays at 5pm, and Sundays at 9am, 11am and 5pm. The Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9am Masses are live-streamed and have Communion offered following each Mass. For those unable to attend Mass in person, please join us via our parish YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNxWJ4wvmIMJlu9kN3A9I-g/featured?sub_confirmation=1.

Please note: Masses on Sunday at 11am and 5pm will not be live-streamed and will not have Communion offered. All weekday Masses will be live-streamed on the parish YouTube channel at 8:15am. Communion will be available outside each morning for ½ hour following weekday Masses.

The following are a few reminders and expectations for those who come to Mass:

- The church doors are kept opened during Mass to improve air circulation.
- We have removed the Holy Water font by the church door to avoid contamination.
- Confessions are in the Confessional and Conference Room inside the Church at their normally scheduled times: 3:30-4:30pm. Please keep the Confessional door open during Confession for air circulation.
- You may greet others by waving hands but shaking of hands at any time during Mass is discouraged, including the Sign of Peace.
- Singing during Mass is limited to Entrance, Communion and Closing Songs only. This is to minimize the possibility of spreading the virus during singing as well as to limit the length of Mass.
- The length of weekend Masses is limited to 30-40 minutes to limit public exposure time.
- The number of chairs inside the church is limited to only 130 seats (approximately 25% of the seating capacity) and spread out six feet apart to maintain a safe physical distance. We ask that you do not move chairs around, except for family members who may sit together.
- Face coverings are required. Face masks are provided at the doors of the Church for those who need one.
- Hand sanitizer is provided by the doors. We ask that you use it as you enter and exit the church, and after using the restrooms.

- All ministers are instructed to maintain the highest level of hygiene by washing their hands properly and using hand sanitizer before they serve or touch any vessels.
- The priests and Eucharistic Ministers wear facemasks while distributing Holy Communion.
- Holy Communion is offered under the species of bread alone. We receive the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of Christ in its totality, under the species of bread alone. Receiving both species is a fuller “sign” not a fuller reality.
- We encourage everyone to receive Communion on the hand. Anyone wishing to receive Communion on the tongue will go to the end of the Communion line and receive only from the priest. The priest will sanitize his hands if he touches the tongue of a recipient.
- The collection basket is available at the back of the church. We appreciate your continued support of our parish as you place your offertory envelope in the basket before or after Mass.
- The Priests and Deacon will greet you at the end of Mass as usual, but please remember, they are not shaking hands.

Thank you for your prayers and support during this time. Please continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and for all those affected by it.