

## PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

*The Bishop allowed parishes to begin public celebration of the Mass on May 23, 2020-- each parish must follow the guidelines and restrictions set forth by the Governor and the Bishop.*

**WEEKEND MASSES ARE: (Enter thru double doors at main p/lot)**

**Saturday at 5:30pm and**

**Sunday at 8:30a and 11:30a.**

*There will not be a Spanish Mass at this time*

We will continue **Livestream Mass for the 5:30pm and the 8:30am Masses**, on our parish webpage and Facebook page.

(**Weekday Masses:** Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday at 8:30a & Thursday at 6pm  
(enter thru side commons door)

and we will also continue to livestream the weekday Masses at this time)

**(Those in vulnerable categories** i.e. older adults age 65+, people with immunocompromised health, anyone feeling ill or running a fever — are **strongly encouraged** to remain at home and not attend the public celebration of Mass, as per CDC guidelines)

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is still in place until further notice.

**(as of 05/29/2020, the current guidelines are:)**

### GUIDELINES/RESTRICTIONS for attending Mass include:

- We ask you to arrive at **LEAST 30 minutes** prior to liturgy in order that everyone can be admitted and seated; the exterior door will not be unlocked until we have our scheduled volunteer ushers in place (so door will be unlocked approx. 45 min. prior to Mass time).
- The **ONLY ENTRANCE (for weekend Masses)** will be the double doors at the main parking lot, near the Great Room.
- **Social distancing** is to be maintained outside in parking lot and as you line up to enter the building, and inside. (note: *family/households need not social distance*).
- All attending the liturgy (**age 10 and older**) **must wear face coverings** (*bring your own face covering*). (and **ANYONE** who receives communion even those younger than 10 must wear face covering)
- Prior to entering each person will be asked 3 questions: if you've had a fever in past 2 weeks; if you or anyone in house-hold has a new cough or new shortness of breath; and if you've come in contact with anyone positive for COVID19 in past 2 weeks — if so, you will not be permitted to enter.

We also must take down name/phone number of everyone who enters the building, so that if in the event someone who has attended Mass tests positive for COVID 19 then we are able to contact everyone who had attended that liturgy.

- We are limited to 50% capacity (or less\*) of the building, \*allowing for social distancing in seating. Once that is met, we cannot allow any other people to enter the building.
- **Once Mass begins**, entrance will be locked and we won't be admitting anyone else into the building.
- After you enter the building, a volunteer usher will escort you through the commons and into the

sanctuary for seating.

⇒ There will be different sections for seating of individuals, couples, family/households.

⇒ We ask for your understanding that you will not be able to “choose” your seat for liturgy; you will be seated by the usher based on the criteria set forth for seating as people enter the space.

- ◆ There cannot be worship aids or hymnals in the space.
- ◆ We cannot pass the collection baskets at the offertory; basket(s) will be available as you enter the sanctuary for you to place your donations/contributions.
  
- ◆ Choirs are suspended and the assembly is asked not to sing—in light of scientific data that singing can increase the spread of the virus. Chris Neal (and a cantor) will provide music for liturgy.
  
- ◆ Refrain from holding hands during the Our Father and we will not shake hands at the sign of peace.
  
- ◆ **COMMUNION:** Fr. Chris will distribute the Body of Christ (there cannot be any extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion). He will move to the different sections and the faithful will be instructed by the usher; maintaining social distancing in the communion line. Fr. Chris will wear a face covering during distribution of Holy Communion.

***\*The faithful are strongly encouraged to receive Communion in the hand.***

After receiving the Host, the individual will step aside a bit to the marked triangle on the floor), lower facemask and consume, then raise facemask and return to seat.

\*If someone absolutely insists that they want to receive on the tongue, you must tell the usher who is seating you - you will be directed to a seating area so that you will be coming to Communion AFTER EVERYONE else has received in the hand.

- Restrooms: only one individual in restroom at a time (*parent accompanying their child is fine*).
- **END OF MASS:** When Mass ends, the faithful will be directed by ushers for dismissal, row by row, section by section. Everyone is asked to immediately exit the building. no social gathering in the building, and go directly to your vehicles (no social gathering in parking lot or other parish properties)
- We cannot have bulletins handed out as you leave; our bulletin will continue to be typed on Friday afternoon and posted to the webpage; additional printed copies will be available at the front office foyer Monday thru Friday if you cannot access online.
- Once everyone has exited, custodian(s) will sanitize and clean all surfaces (pews, doorknobs, railings, restrooms, etc.) before we can have anyone enter for the next liturgy. So it is important when Mass has ended that everyone exit as directed in order for the spaces to be cleaned.

\*\*\*\*\* If you attend liturgy at St. Anne's and subsequently test positive for COVID 19, please notify the parish immediately so can inform the health department of all who were attending the same liturgy.\*\*\*

**The above information will be updated as we receive information from the Diocese. We will also be adjusting our guidelines as necessary as things progress in order to best meet the needs of the faithful and keep in line with the directives from the Bishop and the Governor.**

***Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation during this time!!***