

**THE DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY MASS AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
REMAINS IN FORCE (you are not obligated to attend Mass)**

**COVID-19 is still with us...if you choose to attend Mass you do so at your own risk.
Please stay home if you are sick or high risk.
Homebound ministry is suspended until further notice.**

**The Mass will still be available for praying/viewing on the parish website,
the YouTube parish channel and Facebook.
These protocols are in place to assist us in providing the safest environment possible.
When you are not able to social distance please wear a mask
Do not expect our church to be any safer than other public spaces.**

The D.H.H.S.¹ as of June 19, 2020 issued the following guidelines:

The following people are encouraged to stay home:

- The elderly
- People with underlying medical conditions
- Family members who live with elderly people or those who are at risk
- People who have access to those at risk in nursing institutions

The following people are asked to stay home:

- People who have upper respiratory or flu-like symptoms
- People who live with someone with upper respiratory or flu-like symptoms
- People with COVID-19 or live with someone with COVID-19
- People who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19

GENERAL INFORMATION TO KNOW BEFORE ATTENDING MASS

*Some of these guidelines may push your comfort level or personal beliefs
but we would be so much obliged if you would follow them.*

- ❖ **Patience:** This is uncharted territory for us. We all will be asked to accommodate and adapt to the extra cautions and protections that will be put in place. ***These sacrifices are in the best interests of us all.***
- ❖ The Weekend Mass schedule remains the same: Saturday at 5 pm; Sunday 8 am and 10:30 am.
- ❖ Wednesday Mass at 6:00 pm: the wearing of Masks required.
- ❖ There will be weekday Masses Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 am, Thursday at 12:05 pm.
- ❖ The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered Wednesday from 5 pm to 5:30 pm;
Saturdays from 4 pm to 4:30 pm.
- ❖ Please maintain appropriate social distancing between parties. A “party” should be understood to include members of a household or family and therefore may be seated together in the house of worship, but should maintain six (6) feet of social distance from other parties.
- ❖ All those attending should use facial coverings, especially when maintaining appropriate social distancing is not possible. Please do so when in the communion line.
- ❖ **Please sanitize your area with the products provide in the blue buckets before you leave.**

PROCEDURES FOR ATTENDING MASS

- ❖ Everyone is expected to wear a mask (masks are available for you at the doors if you don’t have one).
- ❖ Continue the 6-foot distancing rule when entering into the church.
- ❖ You may enter any entrance door you would like; please use the sanitation gel before you go to the pew

¹ <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/COVID-19-Guidelines-for-the-Conduct-of-Faith-Based-Services.pdf>

- ❖ The restrooms are available for you at your own risk. Please use the restroom before you come to church.
- ❖ Pick up a bulletin at the door. It contains the worship aids (scripture, music, and mass parts).
- ❖ Use the 6-foot distancing rule; every other pew will be used. The pews will be marked to allow you to visualize the 6 foot sections. Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 10:30 am use the pews with beige masking tape. Sunday 8 am please use the pews marked with the blue masking tape.
- ❖ Please move accordingly in the pew accommodate those arriving late.
- ❖ The greeters are available answer any questions.
- ❖ There will be baskets near the doors for your offering, since we won't be passing the offering basket, or you may take advantage of the on-line giving.
- ❖ If you choose to hold hands during the Our Father, you may do so only with your family.
- ❖ The Sign of Peace will only be done with your family. You may give a symbol of peace or a wave to those around you if you choose.

PROCEDURES FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

- ❖ Please wear a mask when receiving communion. If you desire to receive communion on the tongue, please wait in order that you will be last in the communion line.
- ❖ Use the 6-foot distancing rule when making the communion line (families may go up together and thus be closer to each other).
- ❖ The side aisles will be used for returning to your pew.
- ❖ Those sitting in the north or south transepts will receive directions specific for your location when you are in church.

PROCEDURES FOR DISMISSAL

- ❖ As you leave church, please continue to practice social distancing.
- ❖ There are baskets near the entrance of the church for your offerings.
- ❖ There are bulletins available to pick up or you may choose to read it on line.
- ❖ There are waste containers provided near the doors for your use.
- ❖ Go to your vehicles immediately after Mass.
- ❖ You are discouraged from congregating in the parking lot after Mass.

Thank you for your cooperation