

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

May 27th, 2020 Bishop Hanefeldt gave us permission to celebrate Masses the weekend of May 30-31.
The regular schedule will be followed: 5 pm Saturday, 8 am and 10:30 am on Sunday.
Week days: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 12:05 pm; Wednesday at 6 pm
He asks us to be cautious and follow the reopening procedures.

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. You may go to a weekday mass instead of a weekend as it is most likely there will be less people attending. Or attend the 5 pm mass on Saturdays the first of the weekend. Protocols will be in place to assist us in providing the safest environment possible. However, do not expect our church to be any safer than other public spaces.

We ask the following please not attend mass:

1. Those people who have a fever or have upper respiratory flu-like symptoms.
2. People with COVID-19 or live with someone who has COVID-19
6. People who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

We encourage the following to not attend mass.

3. People with underlying medical conditions
4. People who live with elderly people or those who are at-risk
5. People who have access to those at-risk in nursing institutions, hospitals, assisted living facilities

GENERAL INFORMATION TO KNOW BEFORE ATTENDING MASS

The Governor has directed everyone to keep the 6-foot distance rule 200 or so for Prince of Peace.

Families please stay in family groups.

- ✠ **Patience:** This is uncharted territory for us. We all will be asked to accommodate and adapt to the extra precautions that will be put in place. These sacrifices are in the best interests of us all and to be followed as a matter of Christian charity.
- ✠ The Mass schedule remains the same: Saturday at 5 pm; Sunday 8 am and 10:30 am.
- ✠ There will be a Wednesday Mass at 5:30 pm for those who are unable to attend on Sunday. ✠ There will be weekday Masses Tue, Thurs, and Friday at 12:05 pm.

PROCEDURES FOR ATTENDING MASS

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

- ✠ Everyone is strongly encouraged to wear a mask (masks are available for you at the doors if you don't have one). All liturgical ministers will be required to wear masks.
- ✠ Use the 6-foot distancing rule.
- ✠ Use the west doors to enter the church. For those who don't mind walking, we encourage you to park on the east side of the church and walk to the west doors. (This allows us not to have to sanitize the stairwells after every Mass).
- ✠ The restrooms are available for you at your own risk. We ask that only person or one adult and child at a time. Please use the restroom before you come to church.
- ✠ Please use sanitizing gel when you first enter the church. You are encouraged to bring your own gel and tissue to church for use in the pews.
- ✠ 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. Blue taped pews reserved for Saturday at 5 pm and Sunday at 8 am. Brown taped pews reserved for Sunday at 10:30 am
- ✠ Do not sit in the roped off sections. This makes it more convenient to keep pews sanitized.
- ✠ We will need volunteers to assist in sanitizing pews after mass. Equipment will be easily accessible you may assist by cleaning your pew.
- ✠ There will be an usher/greeter by the baptismal font to field questions or to guide you.
- ✠ There will be baskets near the doors for your offering; 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

- ✝ Instructions will be given at Mass.
- ✝ There will be an usher to guide you.
- ✝ Use the 6-foot distancing rule (families may go up together and thus be closer to each other).
- ✝ You are strongly encouraged communicates to receive on the hand. Please wear your mask and keep your hand flat like a throne for the Lord. Then step to one side, remove your mask, and receive the body of Christ.
- ✝ If you chose to receive communion on the tongue you are asked to wait until the end of the communion has been given to the rest of the congregation. You may go up as a family unit. Those giving communion must purify their hands after you family receives communion.
- ✝ Several times in his directives, the Bishop encourages those attending Mass to wear masks.
- ✝ Those sitting in the north or south transepts will receive directions specific for your location when you are in church.

PROCEDURES FOR DISMISSAL

- ✝ If you would like to place your offering in the basket, please do so as you leave church.
- ✝ There are bulletins available to pick up or you may choose to read it on line.
- ✝ Throw away your worship aid/song sheet and disposable mask in the waste container provided near the doors.
- ✝ Go to your vehicles immediately after Mass. We discourage congregating or socializing in the parking lot after Mass.

Final notes

- ✝ Confessions will be offered when possible or you may make an appointment with Fr. Paul
- ✝ Be prepared for adaptations of these instructions as we continue to work through the process.
- ✝ Your prayers and patience are much appreciated.