

RESUMING PUBLIC MASSES - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

We are so excited that we will be able to resume public Masses. Here are some important updates regarding this:

Our schedule for Masses and confessions will resume as normal on **May 26**.

- Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 4:00 PM and Sundays at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM.
- Weekday Masses: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8:10 AM and Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.
- Confessions: Tuesdays at 8:45 AM, Wednesdays at 5:30 PM and Saturdays at 3:00 PM.
- **We will continue live streaming our Masses from our website and Facebook Live.**

As we come back together for Masses, here are some things to consider:

- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be dispensed by Bishop Thomas.
- If you are at greater risk in any way (elderly, sick, have pre-existing conditions), please refrain from returning to Mass.
- If you are not feeling well, PLEASE STAY HOME. By doing so, you are considering your own good and the good of others.
- In order to ensure social distancing, we will function under a limited capacity with some pews and chairs blocked off.
- Our Church sanitation policy is exceptional as safety is our top priority. Please refrain from using the bathroom unless it is an emergency. Our drinking fountain will not be available for use.
- There will be an option to listen to our Mass on the radio from the parking lot and receive communion after Mass (see "In-Car Attendance" below)

Registering for Mass

In order to ensure social distancing, we will have a limited capacity for each Mass. If you would like to attend a weekend Mass, you will need to register yourself and anyone in your household attending with you. Each time you would like to attend Mass, you will need to register.

- A registration form will be sent out through FlockNote on the Monday prior to the weekend with a link to the Registration Form. The Registration Form will also be available on our website. Those who do not have internet access may call the parish office to register.
- Registration is based on a first come, first served basis.
- Please do not register if you registered for Mass the previous weekend. If we do not reach capacity for a Mass, a notice will be sent out through FlockNote to allow you to register for consecutive weekends.
- Once we are at capacity for a particular Mass, that Mass time will no longer be an option on the Registration Form.
- Once we are at capacity for all Masses, the Registration Form will no longer be available.
- You will be contacted by noon Saturday regarding your registration.
- Those attending Mass are **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** to wear a mask during Mass.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** For the first weekend of public Masses, only 8:00 AM Mass will be open to registration. The 4:00 PM Saturday Mass on May 30 will be First Communicants and their parents and the 11:00 AM Mass on May 31 will be Confirmands, their sponsors and their immediate families.

In-Car Attendance

For those not comfortable entering the church building, as well as those who wish to attend Mass but did not register, there is an "In-Car Attendance" option.

- Our Mass will be broadcast on a radio station available in our parking lot.
- Those in their cars may also participate by watching the live stream if they have smartphones.
- Communion will be brought out to those attending in this way after Mass has concluded.

Entering and Exiting the Church Building

- All cars need to enter through the Smith Road entrance (the Sunrise entrance will be blocked).
- If you have registered for Mass, you will be directed by a sign to park on the North side (school side) of the parking lot.
- If you would like to attend in your car, you will be directed by a sign to park on the South side of the parking lot.
- As you enter the church building, there will be markings on the floor to ensure social distancing, as well as stanchions and ropes to guide traffic.
- You will be escorted to your seat(s) by an usher.
- After Mass, ushers will release pews individually. Please utilize the markings on the floor and follow the flow of traffic similar to entering.

The Communion Procession

- Each pew will be guided by an usher when they are to process forward for communion.
- Only two sections will receive at a time.
- Bishop Thomas has **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** that Holy Communion be received on the hand. Communion cannot be received while wearing gloves.
- Please follow the markings on the floor to stay six feet from the person in front of you.
- There will be no distribution of the Precious Blood.

What else will look different at Mass?

- Hymnals have been removed from all pews. The music and responses may be viewed on the screens in church. A worship aid for those at home to print off will still be provided via Facebook and our website.
- There will be no entrance, offertory (gifts) and recessional processions.
- The Sign of Peace and the holding of hands during the Our Father has been suspended.
- As per the directives, there is to be no collection taken up during Mass. We will have collection baskets available near the interior doors of the Church. We deeply appreciate your continued financial support during this time.

Thank you for your assistance with these measures. We will keep you updated with any additions or changes that may arise. Let us continue to walk in trust and charity as we reconnect with one another.

