

# COVID-19 Update—June 2020

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## **To our faithful parishioners,**

*All the faithful who are not at higher risk from COVID-19 are encouraged to return to Mass at this time. However, the obligation to attend Mass is still **SUSPENDED**. If you are among our most vulnerable due to age or underlying health conditions, please stay home and stay safe.*

*For those who are able to join us, please review the updated information listed below regarding the practices currently in place to provide for the health and safety of all our parishioners. Please keep in mind that we are protecting one another, and the church, by taking these precautions. Should an outbreak occur that is tied to our facility, that could result in the cancellation of Masses once again. We wish to avoid that situation from occurring.*

*Pray for us as we continue to pray for you!*

**Monsignor Wald, Fr. Aerts, Fr. Kuhn,  
Basilica, Faith Formation & SJA Staff**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

### **St. James Basilica**

*Saturday — 5pm*

*Sunday — 7:30am, 9:30am,  
11:30am & 4:30pm*

### **St. Mathias**

*Sunday — 8:30am*

### **St. Margaret Mary**

*Sunday — 10:30am*

### **Basilica Daily Mass**

*Mon-Fri — 12:10pm*

*Saturday — 8am*

***Seating Arrangements:*** Every other pew will be left empty. \* Members of a single household may all sit together in one pew. Otherwise, there should be no more than four people per large pew (six feet between households). If you have young children who are unable to practice physical distancing, please keep them home. \* Church capacity will be limited. If all available seating is filled when you arrive, you will not be able to attend that Mass.

***Liturgical Adjustments:*** There will be one line for the reception of Holy Communion. The faithful are encouraged to receive in the hand, as the priests are directed to sanitize their hands should any inadvertent contact be made while distributing on the tongue. All are encouraged to bring their own sanitizer for use prior to the Reception of Holy Communion. \* Collection baskets will be available as you exit the church. \* To limit the spread of respiratory droplets and sharing of hymnals, there will be no congregational singing.

***Arrival & Departure Protocols:*** When entering and exiting the church, allow adequate space between you and other parishioners. When leaving, please delay exiting your pew if there is a back-up of people at the exit. \* Socializing in the hallways/entrances of the church causes congestion, please take any conversations outdoors.

***Sanitation Measures:*** Pews will be cleaned between Masses. Contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer to help with this process. \* All the faithful should practice good hand hygiene.

***Masks/Face Coverings are strongly encouraged for all in attendance in order to protect those who are the most vulnerable among us. If you have a cough of any sort, or feel sick, you should not come to the church for any reason. Physical distancing should be maintained at all times. Contact the parish office for any pastoral needs.***