

Opening our Church

We are very happy to welcome you back to church and to participating at Mass.

We want to share some important announcements and instructions about opening the church for public Mass and the guidelines for the celebration of Mass.

1. First off, we want everyone to feel safe and protected. We respect every person's decision to come to church or remain at home. It is very important to say that if you are a person who is in an at-risk situation, namely, those who are elderly or have pre-existing medical conditions, we encourage you not to return to church until the conditions of the COVID pandemic have abated. If you are sick or have symptoms, we **insist** you remain at home so as to keep yourselves and others safe. The dispensation for attending Sunday Mass will continue to be in effect for the foreseeable future. The 10 a.m. Sunday Mass will continue to be live streamed on Facebook and the parish website.
2. Those who wish to attend Mass, must call the Parish Center during the week to arrange for a place to be reserved for you. This will enable us to maximize the number of spaces that can be allowed due to social distancing requirements. We encourage you to call early because of the limited amount of space available. The Parish Office will be available to receive phone calls Monday-through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If your plans change, we ask you to contact the Parish Center so that another person might be able to take your place.
3. Please arrive at church at least 10 minutes before Mass begins. Actual seating those who arrive for Mass will begin 20 minutes before the Mass time. The schedule for Mass is 4 p.m. Saturday; 8:30 and 10 a.m. Sunday (English) and 12 noon Sunday (Latin).
4. To comply with Peabody health ordinances, masks must be worn and social distancing must be maintained at all times. Children under the age of 2 are exempt from wearing masks. For children ages 3-5, the wearing of masks is at the discretion of parents.
5. Hand sanitizers will be available before and after Mass at each exit, and before the reception of Holy Communion. We also encourage you to bring your own personal hand sanitizer.
6. Please refrain from bringing unnecessary items with you to church.
7. Due to extensive cleaning and sanitizing requirements for the church, the daily Mass will continue to be live streamed at 12 noon, Monday through Friday. There will be no morning public Mass during the week.
8. Out-door Adoration from the parking lot will continue daily (Monday through Friday) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Adoration on Saturday will be 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
9. The Sacrament of Confession will be available on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The priest will be available for confession at the back door of the church (near the sacristy). In order to observe social distancing, you can approach the priest for confession by way of your car.
10. Specific guidelines will be given at Mass for those who wish to receive Holy Communion.