

REVISED PARISH COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Effective April 9, 2021

The following protocol for the mitigation of the spread of COVID-19 remain in effect in our parish.

- **We strongly encourage those attending Mass to wear masks or scarfs** over their mouths and nose inside the church building at all times to help prevent the spread of the virus. This is especially important as our Mass attendance continues to increase.
- **We continue to ask the faithful to maintain safe distancing.** We will once again allow seating *in every pew in the middle two sections* of the church, only. We will continue to allow seating in *every other pew in the outer two sections* of the church. In order to ensure social distancing, we ask that persons/family units maintain spaced *three feet apart*.
- **We will continue to provide hand sanitation stations at the entrance of the church.**
- **At Sunday Mass, we will no longer have ushers seat those coming for Mass.** We respectfully request that you adhere to the seating arrangements set forth for each section, which will be labeled. We also request that you continue to exit the church in a timely manner after Mass. We believe it is necessary to ensure safe distancing and to guarantee that the church is emptied and prepared in a timely fashion prior to the next Mass.
- **We will not be passing the collection plates during the Offertory.** The baskets will remain next to the exits as they have been for the past few months. Please consider signing up for [online giving](#) as an alternative to placing an envelope in the collection plate.
- **We continue to strongly encourage the faithful to receive Holy Communion in the hand.** We will now have 4 Communion lines to accommodate the increased attendance. For those who intend to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, we ask that you continue to line up in the narthex when your pew is dismissed for Communion. The Priest and Deacon will come to the narthex to distribute Communion after they finish in the main nave.