

Resuming Public Mass at St. Brigid: What to Expect

**Daily Mass will resume on May 18. Sunday Mass will resume May 23-24.
We will return to the regular schedule of Masses, confessions, and Adoration.**

Participating in Mass

- The dispensation from the Sunday obligation continues. A person may with a clear conscience not attend Mass because of any concern over health risk, and a person absolutely must not attend Mass if feeling at all unwell. It is recommended to take your temperature before leaving home, and to stay at home if your temperature is higher than 100.7 F.
- We will continue live-streaming the Sunday Masses. The church will have limited seating capacity, but we will also open the Activity Center with a live-stream broadcast of Mass. If you wish to listen to Mass outside or in the parking lot on a radio, we will be transmitting the Mass live on 87.7 FM.
- We will be removing hymnals from the pews. A worship aid with the Sunday readings and text of any hymns used will be available on the parish website (stbridgetahlequah.com) and may be printed off for use. There are also numerous smartphone apps which have the Sunday and daily readings available.

Distancing Requirements

- Always try to maintain 6 ft of distance between households. This applies to entering and exiting, the Communion procession, and seating. Every other pew has been roped off, and open pews are marked in 2 ft segments to help judge distance. *Rule of thumb: Keep three blocks of space between households.*
- Do not hold hands during the Our Father, and there will be no exchange of the Sign of Peace among the congregation.
- Do not congregate in the foyer. Any visiting should take place outside, 6 ft apart.

Receiving Communion

- We strongly urge parishioners to receive Communion in the hand as the easiest way to avoid close contact with the minister. However, Communion on the tongue is not prohibited. Remember to keep 6 ft of distance between households even in the Communion line, and sanitize hands before receiving Communion.
- Communion will be brought by a minister to the Activity Center for those watching the live-stream there. For those listening on FM radio, come to the sidewalk in front of the church or Activity Center if you wish to receive.

Offertory

- There will be no passing of baskets or offertory procession. Baskets for offertory contributions will be found at the entrance to the church and Activity Center.
- Contributions may still be mailed to the parish office (807 Crafton, Tahlequah, OK 74464), or made online at dioceseoftulsa.org. Click on the Stewardship tab in the menu and select "Donate to a Specific Parish."

Sanitary Practices

- The use of face masks is strongly encouraged but not required.
- We urge parishioners to use their own personal bottles of hand sanitizer, but we will also have sanitizer available at the entrances and at the end of each open pew.
- Pews will be sanitized in preparation for each Mass. If you would like to volunteer to assist on the cleaning crews, please contact the parish office. We will provide protective equipment and cleaning supplies.

For full details of the guidelines being implemented throughout Catholic parishes in Oklahoma, please visit the Diocese of Tulsa & Eastern Oklahoma's website at dioceseoftulsa.org.

God bless you and keep you safe and healthy!