
AMDG

May 18th, 2020

Dear Gesu Parishioners:

The Bishops of Ohio and our Diocese of Cleveland have given permission to resume public celebration of the Eucharist beginning May 25, 2020. This letter describes how that will take place here at Gesu. Please know that we are eager to celebrate Mass as a community with you again but we are also entirely committed to ensuring the health and safety of everyone. Thus, you will notice significant changes to our church spaces and in our liturgy in compliance with diocesan and governmental guidelines.

Please keep in mind that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues until further notice. No one should attend Mass if you feel unsafe or at any health risk. This applies especially if you are elderly, have underlying medical conditions, or care for young children. As an alternative to Sundays, you might consider attending a weekday Mass. Also, Gesu will continue to have Mass accessible on our website each week.

Mass schedule starting Tuesday May 26, 2020:

Monday - Friday	7:30am
Saturday	4:30pm
Sunday	9:00am and 11:00am

The church will also be open for private devotion Monday - Friday from 11:00am to 7:00pm

Our regularly scheduled Sacrament of Reconciliation will resume on Saturday, May 30, 3:00pm - 4:00pm. It will take place in the Usher's Room rather than the confessionals. Please enter the Usher's Room via the door inside the church, not from the narthex. The space is set-up for both anonymous and face-to-face confessions.

Some restrictions apply to all:

- Take your temperature at home; if 100.4 degrees or above - stay home
- Access to the church will be limited to the marked entrances (Miramar side entrances)
- Hand sanitizer stations will be at entrances; please use them before entering church
- Social distancing (6 ft) must be maintained at all times; pews and aisles will be marked; every-other pew will be closed
- Masks must be worn at all times by anyone over the age of five (bring your own; limited disposable masks will be available)
- Follow directions of ushers for entrance, communion lines, and exit from church
- Only the family restroom will be available

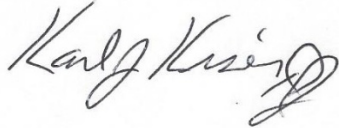
The liturgy itself will be simplified, with minimal ministers other than the presider. Following diocesan guidelines, there will be no singing at Mass, although we may use cantors from time to time. For communion, middle section pews will approach single-file up the center aisle. Side section pews will exit to aisles closest to the walls, go to the back of the church, and approach for Communion by way of the center aisle. Communion will be under the species of bread only. Communion ministers will be masked and gloved. Communicants should receive the host in hand, then step aside and lower mask to consume, then replace mask. Anyone wishing to receive on the tongue should come at the end of the line. Communion ministers will need to sanitize their fingers after each person who receives on his/her tongue.

At the conclusion of Mass, please depart via designated exits and maintain social distancing. We ask that you not congregate or socialize after Mass and not block egress of others. Please be advised that we must limit attendance to no more than 50% of capacity in order to maintain proper social distancing and your safety.

Finally, the entire church must be sanitized after each Mass. This is a requirement if we want to maintain public worship. The procedure for this is still being worked out, but we may need some volunteers to assist with this following each Mass. Please call the office, at 216-932-0617, if you are able and willing to be a "church sanitizer."

We continue to pray for each other and our families, especially those who are ill and those we have lost in these past months of pandemic. We believe our God remains with us through it all.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karl J. Kiser". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Karl J. Kiser, S.J.
Pastor